

BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

DATE: May 10, 2019

TIME: 9:00 a.m. Central Time

LOCATION: Poplar Room
665 Mainstream Drive
Ground Floor, Iris Conference Room
Nashville, TN 37243

MEMBERS PRESENT: LeAnn Foster Childress
David C. Harris, PTA
David C. Finch, PT
Kelly O'Connor

MEMBERS(S) ABSENT: Ronald Barredo

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Sobowale, Unit Director
Mary V. Webb, Board Manager
John Tidwell, HRB Director
Lara Gill, Assistant General Counsel

GUESTS: Dr. Alan Meade- TPTA Representative
Nidhita Sharma
Palak Gandhi

1. Call to Order

Mary V. Webb conducted a roll call. With a quorum being present, Mr. Harris called the meeting to order at 9:04 A.M.

2. Minutes

A motion was made by LeAnn Childress, seconded by Kelly O'Connor, to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2019, board meeting with change to member present name and name change for attendee of upcoming conference. The motion carried.

3. Office of General Counsel Report

A. Legal Report

Lara Gill, Assistant General Counsel, presented the Office of General Counsel report. Ms. Gill reported the PT Rules Task Force has completed its rule revisions and were presented for informational purposes at the Annual TPTA meeting. Ms. Gill reported there are currently no pending appeals and no civil suits. As of April 30, 2019, Office of General Counsel had 3 open cases. One (1) case is against PTs, and two (2) cases against PTAs.

No contested cases or consent orders to report.

Ms. Gill presented an agreed order for Christopher Pierce. Mr. Pierce has agreed to surrender his license, not to practice Physical Therapy in the State of Tennessee, and not to re-apply for licensure in Tennessee. Disciplinary action will be provided to FSBPT. Mr. Finch made a motion to approve the agreed order as written. Ms. Childress seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No orders of compliance or order of modification.

4. Office of Investigations

Lori Leonard, disciplinary coordinator for all non-nursing boards, presented the investigative and disciplinary report as follows: Ms. Leonard is currently monitoring two (2) licenses under reprimand or board order, eight (8) licensees on probation, three (3) under suspension, and one (1) revocation. Currently monitored Physical Therapist Assistants, one (1) board order, nine (9) are on probation, five (5) are under suspension, three (3) revocations. So far in 2019, for Physical Therapists there have been ten (10) cases opened, of those cases two (2) were for falsification of records, two (2) were practicing without a license, two (2) for unprofessional conduct, one (1) for violation of an order, one (1) for practicing with a lapsed license, one (1) for practice beyond scope, one (1) is outside of investigation scope. Closed 2 complaints both were sent to OGC for formal discipline.

Currently there are twenty-six (26) open cases under investigations. For Physical Therapist Assistants so far in 2019, investigations has received four (4) new complaints, one (1) for falsification of records, one (1) for fraud or false billing, one (1) for malpractice or negligence, one (1) for violation of an order. Two (2) complaints have been closed and sent to OGC for formal discipline. Currently have eight (8) complaints open under investigation or review.

5. Reports and/or request from the Division of Health Licensure and Regulations

Noranda French, representative from the Fiscal Office, presented the financial report for mid-fiscal year 2019 (as of December 31, 2018):

Salaries and Wages:	\$37,438.12
Benefits:	\$14,461.90
Travel:	\$3717.47
Communications:	\$3,290.16
Professional Services and Dues:	\$8,329.29
Supplies:	\$397.43
Grants:	\$8,480.58
Training:	\$298.00
State Professional Services:	\$6,105.47
Revenue for mid-year 2018:	\$199,187.00
Revenue projection for 2019:	\$398,375.46
Potential current net:	\$92,925.70

6. Applicant Interviews/File Reviews

A. Provisional License Foreign Trained Applicants

1. Shah Hetali- Foreign trained PT requesting provisional license

Applicant was not present. After file review and discussion, Mr. Finch made a motion to approve provisional license with 480 supervised hours under a Tennessee licensed PT to be completed in 48 weeks. Ms. O'Connor seconded. The motion carried

2. Jenny Ang- Foreign trained PT requesting provisional license to be waived

Applicant was not present. After file review and discussion, Mr. Finch made a motion to deny request for provisional license waiver and approve a provisional license with 480 supervised hours under a Tennessee licensed PT to be completed in 48 weeks. Ms. Childress seconded. The motion carried.

3. Akash Pattanie- Foreign trained PT requesting provisional license as a PTA

Applicant was not present. After file review and discussion, Mr. Finch made a motion to approve PTA provisional license with 480 supervised hours under a Tennessee licensed PT to be completed in 48 weeks. Ms. O'Connor seconded. The motion carried.

4. Palak Gandhi Foreign trained PT requesting provisional license as a PTA

Applicant was present. After file review and discussion, Mr. Finch made a motion to approve PTA provisional license with 480 supervised hours under a Tennessee

licensed PT to be completed in 48 weeks. Ms. O'Connor seconded. The motion carried.

5. Parth Vasavada- Foreign trained PT requesting provisional license as a PTA

Applicant was not present. Ms. O'Connor After file review and discussion, Mr. Finch made a motion to approve PTA provisional license with 480 supervised hours under a Tennessee licensed PT to be completed in 48 weeks. Ms. Childress seconded. Ms. O'Connor abstained. The motion carried.

6. Aaron Taylor Joseph- Foreign trained PT requesting provisional license

Applicant was not present. After file review and discussion, Ms. Childress made a motion to approve PT provisional license with 480 supervised hours under a Tennessee licensed PT to be completed in 48 weeks. Ms. O'Connor seconded. The motion carried.

B. Provisional Temporary to Full License

- 1. Nidhita Sharma-** Applicant was present. After file review. Ms. Childress made a motion to approve upgrade of provisional to full license. Ms. O'Connor seconded. The motion carried.

C. Applicant Interviews

1. Kelly Parkhurst- Provisional license for reinstatement of retired license

Applicant was present. After file review and discussion, Ms. Childress made a motion to approve PT provisional license with 480 supervised hours under a Tennessee licensed PT to be completed in 48 weeks. Mr. Finch seconded. The motion carried.

2. Misha Shaddis- Discipline with Alabama Board of Physical Therapy

Applicant was present by phone. After file review and discussion, Mr. Finch made a motion to approve PT license with no conditions. Ms. O'Connor seconded. The motion carried.

3. LeVesta Shawn Carney- Past criminal conviction(s)

Applicant was present. After file review and discussion, Mr. Finch made a motion to approve PT license with no conditions. Ms. O'Connor seconded. The motion carried.

4. Casey Carter- Past criminal conviction(s)

Applicant was present by phone. After file review and discussion. Mr. Finch made a motion to approve reinstatement with a referral to TnPAP for evaluation and completion of any TNPAP recommendations. Ms. O'Connor seconded. The motion carried.

7. Receive Report from Tennessee Professional Assistance Program(TnPAP)

Teresa Phillips, representative with TnPAP presented a report for the dates July 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019. During this time, three (3) Physical Therapists and four (4) Physical Therapist Assistants were being monitored. For PTs, one (1) was a Regulatory Board order and two (2) were Non-Regulatory Board ordered. For PTAs, two (2) were Regulatory Board ordered and two (2) were Non-Regulatory Board ordered. There were two (2) PTA referrals during this time, one (1) by an employer for failed drug screen, and one (1) by the board for arrest history. During this time there were two (2) agreements signed. There was also one (1) PT discharged, and two (2) PTAs discharged all due to monitoring complete.

8. Ratification of Initial Determinations

A motion was made by Ms. Childress, to approve the newly licensed PTs and PTAs for new, reinstated and closed files for the time period of January 25, 2019- May 18, 2019. Ms. O'Connor seconded. The motion carried.

Compact Physical Therapist

Amaya Daniel Josue
Betts Sheri Lynn
Bumpous Renie
Court Ashley J
Davis Amanda Zimmerman
Delgado Ray
Ennis Kristie Orecchio
Fransen Paul John
Honeysucker Victoria Michelle
Schmidt Chenoa Rae
Smith Matthew Warren
Smith Selena Patrich
Williams Ivy Lauren

Compact Physical Therapist Assistant

Abesamis Mark Raymond
Baker Baylee Suzana Marie
Claborn Rachel Dean
Easton Deborah Kaye
Harris Latoya Newson
Phillips Jennifer Mae
Plummer Kit
Ryan Stephanie Marie
Souza Theresa Delores

Physical Therapists

Alaina Ahmed Alaina
Allen Cheyenne
Allen Robert Michael
Allen Tyler
Altman Lindsay
Anfosso Kellie Sue
Baker Gracie
Baumgardner Jay
Bell Robert Morris Dr
Blackburn Max
Bremseth Joshua Ralph
Buckner Maisie Drew
Carr Russell
Childers Nolan
Coats Nathan Robert
Collins Sandra
Dorton Torey
Edwards John Kevin
Eslinger Calisse Trunnell
Fahn Lisa
Fokumlah Nellie Febe Etombi Dr.
Fonseca Nicolette
Gibson Kelly
Goosey Christina
Grieshaber Emily
Haan Robert
Haines Mitchell
Harmon Taylor Nichole
Haworth Debra Eloise

Hendricks Blaine
Hulsey Marc Daniel
Hutchins Austin
Inzillo Anthony Paul
Ivy Melissa Grace
Jones Joseph Francis
Keck Taylor Brielle
Kempa Rebecca
Keyes Erin Elizabeth
Lamason Wendel Charles
Lambert Nicholas
Lamie Kirsten
Lewis Kammie Alexandra Ms.
Livingston Theron Ross
Logan Anna Bolton
Mathews Natalie
Mendizabal Roy Dr.
Morris Andrew Caleb
Mull James Bryan
Murray Cory W. Dr.
Musser Kristopher
Neihoff Alex
Nolar Lindsey- Last minute addition to ratification list.
Nicholson Katlin
Owen Jasmyne
Partin Kaitlyn Marie
Percy Ethan Aaron Mr.
Peck Elizabeth J
Pennington Justin S
Phillips Linsey
Pinkston Maven
Ricafronte Sarah Flora Gutierrez
Roberts Justin
Ryan Kaitlin Alexander
Seale Brandon Drew
Smith Chelsea Lyn
Southerlan Ashley
Spitzer Melissa
Steinberg Sandy Hall Mr.
Sundgren Brittany
Swisher Karen Kramer
Tate Sarah
Tulley Zach

Waggoner Mackenzie
Wallace Alyson A Mrs
Warf Tara
Watts Heather Ann
Webb Grayson Menne Dr.
Williams Michaela Lynn
Wilton Matthew Richard
Wolf-King Kimberly Sara Dr.

Physical Therapist Assistants

Bumgardner Amber
Collins Leah Delynn Mrs.
Conditt Dalton
Cook Adam
Cook Christina Noel
Court Christianne Karen
Ms
Craig Rebecca June
Davis Devin
Fain Sean Mr.
Fisher Kelsey S. Mrs.
Fleming Kayla Malyn
Forrester Cheyenne
Hernandez Deanna
Hewett Jimmie
Hillebrand Kaitlyn Mrs.
Jackson Heather Renee
Knott John Mr.
Knox Robert Conner
Mcdonnell Brittni
Miller Alexis Rose
Musgrave Andrea
Penny Donald
Perrett Joshua
Presley Jamie
Revis Lauren Nicole
Roberts Corwin
Seaton Anna Seaton
Swaim Brittany Elaine
Tabor Maryellen
Webb Brittany PTA
Weinberg Paige Elizabeth

Wiles Allison Kate Miss
Williams Crystal Hope
Wyatt Jonathon

Reinstatements

Carter Holly Gibson, PT
Fleming Amanda, PT
Butcher Stephen K, PT
Edelen Jessica Ann, PTA
Gregory Jon Allen, PTA

Closed Applications

Alalade Ololade Maryanne – PT
Christakos Kyle Robert – PT
Daigle Richard David – PT
Headrick Jessica Paige – PT
Qattea Yaman Ahmad – PT
Turner Jessica Gentry – PT
Vlassov Julia – PT
Wiese Kaela Marie – PT

Brewer William Michael - PTA
Hale Samantha Jo - PTA
Jack Jennifer Leigh - PTA
Laflamme Heather Anne - PTA
Neese Cheya Areana - PTA
Rose Robert D - PTA
Smaw Chassidy S - PTA
Wade Kelsey Makayla - PTA
Woodlee Kaci Taylor - PTA

9. Administrator's Report

Mary V. Webb, Board Manager, presented the Administrator's report as follows:
Total active licensees as of May 8, 2019:

PT Active Licensees – 5809
PTA Active Licensees – 3819
PT Compact - 21
PTA Compact - 22

Licensing activities from January 25, 2019 through May 8, 2019:

PT

New applications received – 152
New licenses issued – 96
Reinstated – 5
Number of renewals – 760
Number of renewals on line – 601
Number of Provisional License- 1
Number of licensees who retired - 28
Licensees Expired - 76
Closed Files - 7
New PT Compact- 13

PTA

New applications received - 192
New licenses issued – 35
Reinstated - 2
Number of renewals - 491
Number of renewals on line – 373
Number of Provisional License- 0
Number of licensees who retired – 14
Licensees Expired – 40
Closed Files - 9
New PTA Compact- 10

For PTs, the number of renewals online during this period constituted a usage rate of 79%. For PTAs the number of online renewals constituted a usage rate of 76%.

Michael Sobowale, Board Director, presented a report to the board on the PT compact. As of his report, there are currently 29 states participating in licensure or have regulations in place to begin participating. The two (2) newest states to be added are Nebraska and Arizona in April 2019. Mr. Sobowale reports there are currently fifteen (15) states that are actively issuing PT compact licenses. These states include Oregon, North Dakota, Utah, Arizona, Colorado, Nebraska, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Iowa, Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, and New Hampshire.

Mr. Sobowale presented a semi-annual report from CE broker for compliance. Mr. Finch made a recommendation to have the board send out quarterly notices to licensees reminding them of the upcoming mandatory use of CE broker beginning in July 1, 2020. Dr. Alan Mead, representative from TPTA, stated that at their spring meeting a CE broker representative was present to discuss usage and help remind licensees.

10. Action Regarding Correspondence

A. TnPTA Ethics and Jurisprudence Course Yearly Approval

After review of changes and updates made to courses and speaking with TPTA member. Ms. Childress made a motion to approve. Ms. O'Connor seconded. The motion carried.

11. Action regarding Legislation

Dr. Alan Mead with TnPTA discussed House Bill 150 and Senate Bill 194. These bills are being introduced as an alternative medicine for the prescription of opioids. These bills are being introduced as part of the state plan to combat opioid addictions.

Ms. Gill stated that under the rules for Chronic Pain Guidelines, alternative modalities for treating pain involve physical therapy.

12. Rulemaking, Amendments, and Policies

No new rules or amendments for current approval. Ms. Gill gave an explanation of the rule change process.

13. New/Old Business

A. Discuss exam eligibility procedures

The board members and staff discussed the current exam eligibility practice of accepting one list of graduating students as a letter of didactic instead of needing a separate letter for each student. It was determined that the current practice would remain in place while the discussion is tabled for the August 9, 2019 board meeting.

B. PT Rules Task Force

The board chose to table this discussion until the August 9, 2019 board meeting. This will allow board members to further review the changes. The administrative office will email changes to board members for review.

Dr. Alan Meade, representative of TnPTA, requested the board to address the acceptance of animal rehabilitation continuing education for licensed PTs and PTAs at the August 9, 2019 board meeting. Legal Counsel Lara Gill, advised the board not to discuss or take a stand on this issue.

13. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ms. O'Connor, and seconded by Ms. Childress, to adjourn the meeting at 11: 39 A.M. The motion carried.

David Harris, PT, Chair

Date

These minutes were ratified by the Board at the August 9, 2019 meeting