



Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy,
and Athletic Trainers Board

Physical Therapy Section
March 4, 2010
9:30 a.m.

Members Present

Raymond Bilecky, Chair
Thomas Caldwell (left @2:00 pm)
Sam Coppoletti
Dale Deubler
Mary Kay Eastman
Karen Holtgreffe
James Lee
Marilyn Mount, Secretary
Kimberly Payne

Guests

Shane Yates, OPTA
Carolyn Towner, OPTA
Katie Rogers, OPTA
Abigail Cummins
Mary Hutyera
Luke Kuchta
Jeff Lehner
Amy Mergenthaler
Kara Root
Jason Stallons
Anna Wines

Legal Counsel

Yvonne Tertel, Assistant Attorney General (Absent)

Staff Present

Diane Moore, Executive Assistant
Jeffrey Rosa, Executive Director
Andrew Snouffer, Investigator
Lisa Ratinaud, Enforcement Division Supervisor

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Section Chair, Raymond Bilecky, at 9:34 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

Action: Mary Kay Eastman moved that the January 14, 2010 meeting minutes be approved as submitted. Marilyn Mount seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Action: Thomas Caldwell moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters. Raymond Bilecky seconded the motion.

Raymond Bilecky called the Roll:

Roll Call

Raymond Bilecky	Yes
Thomas Caldwell	Yes
Sam Coppoletti	Yes
Dale Deubler	Yes
Mary Kay Eastman	Yes
Karen Holtgreffe	Yes
James Lee	Yes
Marilyn Mount	Yes
Kimberly Payne	Yes

The section went into executive session at 9:38 am and came out at 9:55 am. There was no action taken.

Open Forum

The Section welcomed the physical therapy students from Ohio University.

Administrative Reports

Licensure Applications

Action: Dale Deubler moved that the Physical Therapy Section ratify, as submitted, the individuals approved by the Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board to sit for the National Physical Therapy Examination for physical therapists and physical therapist assistants from January 14, 2010 through March 4, 2010, taking into account those individuals subject to discipline, surrender, or non-renewal. Ms. Deubler further moved that the following persons be licensed as physical therapists/physical therapist assistants pending passage of the National Physical Therapy Examination and Ohio laws and rules examination. Thomas Caldwell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Physical Therapist – Examination

Cohen, Elyse	Confer, Chantelle	Elton, Michelle
Hickey, Kathryn	Hinkel, Amanda	Lortz, Greg
Pilekic, Ante	Roederer, Trent	Rohit, Pooja
Rolfes, Betsy	Virtudazo, Emmy Lou	Weaver, Erin

Physical Therapist Assistant – Examination

Altmayer, Heidi	Berzins, Karrie	Besselman, Charolette
Bock, Bethany	Boda, Erica	Brothag, Amber
Cornell, Michael	Cusano, Melissa	Davidson, Amy
Demain, John	Diehl, Whitney	Evans, David
Fedele, Paul	Flowers, Amanda	Green, Jeni
Lacy, Elizabeth	Lemmon, Jack	Lillis, Erin
Lopez, Joshua	Lowe, Racheal	Martin, Jessica
Martin, Kristy	Mikolaj, Mark	Morford, Leitha
Mullet, Misty	Nellis, Mark	Parker, Melisa
Petrick, Carrie	Platko, Mellonie	Reichel, Jason
Seibert, Nicholas	Sparks, Mariann	Sternthal, Stephen
Swango, Andrew	Wilkes, Rebecca	Zahn, Kara
Zahn, Kara	Zwieryznski, Kelli	

Action: Dale Deubler moved that the Physical Therapy Section ratify, as submitted, the physical therapist and physical therapist assistant licenses issued by endorsement and reinstatement by the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board from January 14, 2010 through March 4, 2010, taking into account those licenses subject to discipline, surrender, or non-renewal. Thomas Caldwell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Physical Therapist – Endorsement

Barth, Desiree	Brandel, Theresa	Cudiamat, Jurgen
Epstein, Bradley	Goettee, Christopher	Goettee, Heather
Goldstein, Jared	Kraker, Diane	McKenna, Laura
Puch, Andrew	Strauss, Jessika	Valdez, Annie
Wagner, Andrew	Wagner, Matthew	Young, Corey

Physical Therapist Assistant – Endorsement

Barber, Kari	Blythe, Lauren	McCraic, Amy
Stanley, Shannon	Zagaroli, Jeffrey	

Physical Therapist Reinstatement

Carlin, Ann	Clausen, Thomas	Franco, Lisa
Lawrence, Kevin	Meagrow, Jason	Molyett, Robert
Monigold, Gary	Orecchio, Christopher	Pargeon, Kathleen
Wegener, Laura	Welsheimer, John	

Physical Therapist Assistant – Reinstatement

Brown, Lorianne

Dale Deubler informed the Section that Paula Pugh complied with all terms and conditions and was released from her limited licensure agreement.

Request for Waiver of English Equivalency Examinations for Licensure
Physical Therapist Applicant for Licensure by Endorsement

Dale Deubler recommended that the Section grant a waiver of the TOEFL requirement for application file #4700941 based on the documentation provided. **Action:** Thomas Caldwell moved to grant a waiver of the TOEFL requirement for application file #4700941 based on the documentation provided. Marilyn Mount seconded the motion. Dale Deubler abstained from voting. The motion carried. The Section granted a waiver of the TOEFL requirement for Lea Schuldiner.

Waiver of Licensure Requirements

Physical Therapist Assistant Applicant for Licensure by Reinstatement

Dale Deubler recommended that the Section grant a six month extension to complete 12 hours of continuing education but deny the request to waive the Ohio Jurisprudence Examination for reinstatement application file #4207468. **Action:** Thomas Caldwell moved that the Section grant a six month extension to complete the 12 hours of continuing education required for the reinstatement process and further moved that the Section deny the request to waive the Ohio Jurisprudence Examination for reinstatement application file #4207468 based on the documentation provided. Marilyn Mount seconded the motion. Dale Deubler abstained. The motion carried. The Section granted a six month extension to complete the continuing education requirements for reinstatement but denied the request to waive the Ohio Jurisprudence Examination for Raymont Bolander.

Case Review Liaison Report

Thomas Caldwell reported that the Enforcement Division closed four and opened ten cases since the January 14, 2010 meeting. There are sixteen cases currently open. There are ten disciplinary consent agreements, two adjudication orders, and one non-disciplinary agreement being monitored.

Thomas Caldwell informed the Section that Andrea Leigh Solomon complied with all terms and conditions and was released from her disciplinary consent agreement.

Thomas Caldwell discussed the concept of identifying a pool of expert witnesses and/or peer reviewers in various practice settings to serve as expert witnesses and/or reviewers of documentation in cases where substandard practice is alleged. The Section agreed that there is need for this service. The Section will conduct further research on the strategy for the selection process, agreement terms, and possible rates.

Thomas Caldwell requested that the Executive Director provide feedback on what Ohio boards have a grace period following renewal under which licensees practicing after the expiration date are not disciplined.

Enforcement Actions

Thomas Caldwell recommended that a notice of opportunity for a hearing be issued for case PT-FY10-013 for failure to report treatment in lieu of conviction on their 2009 licensure renewal application. **Action:** James Lee moved that a notice of opportunity for a hearing be issued for case PT-FY10-013 for failure to report treatment in lieu of conviction on their 2009 licensure renewal application. Dale Deubler seconded the motion. Thomas Caldwell and Kimberly Payne abstained from voting. The motion carried.

Thomas Caldwell recommended that a notice of opportunity for a hearing be issued for case PT-FY10-024 for practicing physical therapy on an expired license. **Action:** James Lee moved that a notice of opportunity for a hearing be issued for case PT-FY10-024 for practicing physical therapy on an expired license. Sam Coppoletti seconded the motion. Thomas Caldwell and Kimberly Payne abstained from voting. The motion carried.

Thomas Caldwell recommended that a notice of opportunity for a hearing be issued for case PT-FY10-025 for practicing physical therapy on an expired license. **Action:** James Lee moved that a notice of opportunity for a hearing be issued for case PT-FY10-025 for practicing physical therapy on an expired license. Marilyn Mount seconded the motion. Thomas Caldwell and Kimberly Payne abstained from voting. The motion carried.

Thomas Caldwell recommended that a notice of opportunity for a hearing be issued for case PT-FY10-026 for practicing physical therapy on an expired license. **Action:** James Lee moved that a notice of opportunity for a hearing be issued for case PT-FY10-026 for practicing physical therapy on an expired license. Marilyn Mount seconded the motion. Thomas Caldwell and Kimberly Payne abstained from voting. The motion carried.

Thomas Caldwell recommended that a notice of opportunity for a hearing be issued for case PT-FY10-027 for practicing physical therapy on an expired license. **Action:** James Lee moved that a notice of opportunity for a hearing be issued for case PT-FY10-027 for practicing physical therapy on an expired license. Marilyn Mount seconded the motion. Thomas Caldwell and Kimberly Payne abstained from voting. The motion carried.

Thomas Caldwell recommended that a notice of opportunity for a hearing be issued for case PT-FY10-020 for failure to report a previous disciplinary action taken in another state on their 2010 licensure renewal application. **Action:** James Lee moved that a notice of opportunity for a hearing be issued for case PT-FY10-020 for failure to report a previous disciplinary action taken in another state on their 2010 licensure renewal application. Marilyn Mount seconded the motion. Thomas Caldwell and Kimberly Payne abstained from voting. The motion carried.

Correspondence

The Section reviewed the correspondence received by the Board and instructed the staff to send responses. The letters and responses are on file with the Board.

1. **Pat Meyer:** Ms. Meyer asked the Section questions regarding whether a physical therapist assistant can perform pre-employment lift tests with proper training.
2. **Carol Smith:** Ms. Smith asked the Section questions regarding whether a family physician can supervise a physical therapist assistant, and whether a physical therapist is necessary to open a physical therapy facility under a physician's LLC and whether a therapy facility has to be located under the same roof and tax id as the physician
3. **Dawn Bookshar:** Ms. Bookshar asked the Section if a transfer of care is needed if the therapist is on vacation, PRN plan of care, and signing multiple daily notes on one page.
4. **Tanya Wright:** Ms. Wright asked the Section questions regarding documentation and co-signing a physical therapist assistant's note that is documented on the same page as another disciplines' note.
5. **Michele Riechman:** Dr. Riechman asked the Section questions regarding whether a formal evaluation is required for each client participating in a group wellness program.
6. **Stacey Digiulio:** Ms. Digiulio asked the Section a question regarding accepting referrals from physician assistants
7. **Duany De la Cruz:** Mr. De la Cruz asked the Section if a physical therapist assistant may perform and bill for home situation training.
8. **Tammy Fox:** Ms. Fox asked the Section if physical therapists may perform the Start of Care with OASIS C in home care.
9. **Ryan Scafuro:** Mr. Scafuro asked the Section questions regarding whether a physical therapist assistant can perform back screens and functional movement screens.
10. **Jennifer Segner:** Ms. Segner asked the Section questions regarding whether there are any legal requirements that a physical therapist needs to consider when overseeing the plan of care for cerebral palsy clients under a conductive education program.
11. **Sherri Collier:** Ms. Collier asked the Section questions regarding the role of a school-based physical therapist and support for child with progressive illness.
12. **Lori Einberger:** Ms. Einberger asked the Section questions regarding whether a physical therapist can perform medication teaching on admission in homecare.
13. **Megan Sharts-Wells:** Dr. Sharts-Wells asked the Section questions regarding whether it is appropriate for a company to delegate a skilled task to unlicensed personnel if the physical therapist is not actively involved in the therapeutic exercise.

14. **Reba Withrow:** Ms. Withrow asked the Section questions regarding requirements for physical therapy provided in groups and the use of unlicensed personnel.
15. **Bill Reinbolt:** Mr. Reinbolt asked the Section questions regarding whether a physical therapist assistant can provide wellness/ergonomics training.
16. **Laura Thompson:** Ms. Thompson asked the Section questions regarding whether it is acceptable for a physical therapist who is a rehabilitation director or clinical coordinator (registered nurse), to sign a printout of an electronic telephone order for physical therapy, by writing the receiving therapist's name and then signing the director or coordinator's name as the transcriber.
17. **Vickie Flatter:** Ms. Flatter asked the Section if a physical therapist assistant can deliver lymphedema therapy in a home health setting.
18. **Karen Alex:** Ms. Alex asked the Section if a physical therapist assistant can perform a home assessment.
19. **Mindy Zimmerman:** Ms. Zimmerman asked the Section whether a physician order is required for a physical therapist to check a client's oxygen level in a home health setting.
20. **Amanda Bamfield:** Ms. Bamfield asked the Section if a physical therapist assistant can supervise multiple other licensed personnel while treating other clients at the same segmented time.
21. **Jeanne Eshelman:** Ms. Eshelman asked the Section questions regarding the physical therapist assistant's role in wound care treatment and documentation.

OT/PT Joint Correspondence

- JB1. **Shari Smith:** Ms. Smith asked the Sections for clarification on the use of unlicensed personnel in occupational and physical therapy practice
- JB2. **Mary Kay Prall:** Ms. Prall asked the Sections specific questions regarding the level of assessment an occupational and physical therapist can perform when completing the OASIS form for a Medicare/Medicaid client.
- JB3. **Johanna Forgac:** Ms. Forgac asked the Sections if an occupational and physical therapist can modify a physician order.
- JB4. **Paula Melson:** Ms. Melson asked the Sections for clarification on the practice guidelines regarding the use of musculoskeletal ultrasound imaging by an occupational or physical therapist.
- JB5. **Tim McIntire:** Mr. McIntire asked the Sections for clarification on the physical therapist assistant and occupational therapy assistant involvement in home assessments.
- JB6. **Liz Maus:** Ms. Maus asked the Sections whether a formal progress summary is required under the occupational and physical therapy practice acts and asked if there is a specific time requirement to perform a re-evaluation.

AT/PT Joint Correspondence

- JB1. **Cara Ogren:** Dr. Ogren asked the Sections if there are any chemicals that should not be in an athletic training kit.

Old Business

Retreat Planning

The Physical Therapy Section Retreat is scheduled for April 6, 2010. The retreat location and start time will be announced as soon as the information becomes available. The Section identified the following retreat topics: all school-based issues, disciplinary action guidelines, expert reviewer for specialties area of practice, rules on screenings by physical therapists and physical therapist assistants in various settings, evaluation of the customer satisfaction survey and feedback, continuing education approval by the Section, the role of personnel in conductive education settings, and timeliness of physical therapy evaluations.

Ohio Department of Education Related Service Provider Caseloads Update

Mary Kay Eastman informed the Section that she, Jeffrey Rosa and Mary Stover will present to the Ohio Association of Pupil Services Administrators in May 2010 to discuss the related service provider issues.

Review FAQ – Inpatient Rehabilitation

The Section reviewed the draft response regarding inpatient rehabilitation. The Section requested that this response be added to the Section’s Frequently Asked Questions on the Board website.

New Business

Telerehabilitation Survey

Raymond Bilecky informed the Section that Mount Saint Mary’s College in Los Angeles, CA is conducting a survey to discover opinions from regulatory boards regarding telerehabilitation in physical therapy practice. Mr. Bilecky will respond on behalf of the Board. As Mr. Bilecky noted, Ohio Physical Therapy Practice Act is silent on the use of telerehabilitation in physical therapy practice.

Ohio Physical Therapy Association (OPTA) Report

Shane Yates introduced OPTA’s new Director of State Affairs, Katie Rogers. Mr. Yates informed the Section of upcoming OPTA events, which include the spring leadership conference, OPTA advocacy day, and an advanced clinical instructor course offering.

Federation of State Boards for Physical Therapy (FSBPT) Report

Raymond Bilecky reported that FSBPT is still working on the continuing competence issues with APTA. Mr. Bilecky further reported that FSBPT has requested topics and presenters for the October 2010 annual meeting. Jeffrey Rosa reported that FSBPT limited to 2 the number of board members from each jurisdiction that can attend the board member orientation. To date, James Lee and Sam Coppoletti have been accepted to attend the orientation workshop. Based on historic information from Federation staff, it is likely that additional members from the Section will be permitted to attend.

Items for Next Meeting

- Review Disciplinary Guidelines

Next Meeting Date

The next regular meeting date of the Physical Therapy Section is scheduled for Thursday, May 13, 2010.

Adjournment

Dale Deubler moved that the meeting be adjourned. Sam Coppoletti seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Moore

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