

Minutes of the June 8, 2015 Board of Physical Therapy Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Scott Edwards, Chairperson called the meeting of the Board of Physical Therapy to order on Monday, June 8, 2015 at 9:15 a.m. in the Lower Level B Conference Room, Nebraska State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. The meeting was duly publicized by distribution of the Notice of Meeting and Agenda at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting and posting the agenda at the entrance of the Department of Health and Human Services Division of Public Health at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting.

Mr. Edwards announced that this is a public meeting and the Open Meetings Law is posted.

The following Board members and Department Staff were present at the meeting: Scott Edwards, Tom Victor, Natalie Harms, Rene' Tiedt, Program Manager, Jacye LaFayette-Dymacek, Health Licensing Coordinator, Ed Vierk, Assistant Attorney General, and Suzanna Glover-Ettrich, Department Legal Counsel.

Ms. Harms moved, seconded by Mr. Edwards to adopt the revised agenda. Voting aye: Edwards, Harms, and Victor. Voting nay: None. Absent: Reiman. Motion carried.

Ms. Harms moved, seconded by Mr. Victor to approve the minutes as presented. Voting aye: Edwards, Harms, and Victor. Voting nay: None. Absent: Reiman. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Ms. Harms moved, seconded by Mr. Victor to go into closed session at 9:17 a.m. to hear discussions regarding confidential information and to protect the reputation of individuals named or referenced in such discussions. Voting aye: Edwards, Harms, and Victor. Voting nay: None. Absent: Reiman. Motion carried.

OPEN SESSION

Ms. Harms moved, seconded by Mr. Victor to return to open session at 11:23 a.m. Voting aye: Edwards, Harms, and Victor. Voting nay: None. Absent: Reiman. Motion carried.

DECISIONS

Ms. Harms moved, seconded by Mr. Victor to offer a two-year probationary license to Thomas Cantrell based on Mr. Cantrell's history of diagnoses of Alcohol Use Disorder, Cannabis Use Disorder, Cocaine Use Disorder, Other Hallucinogen Use Disorder, History of Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder, and History of Polysubstance Abuse. Voting aye: Edwards, Harms, and Victor. Voting nay: None. Absent: Reiman. Motion carried.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE

After discussion, the Board declined to render an opinion regarding whether a Physical Therapist can take a verbal order from a physician and relay it to a nurse and/or record it in the patient's file as it is not truly a Physical Therapy scope of practice question, but instead a Nursing scope of practice question.

After discussion, the Board reaffirmed the 2010 opinion regarding whether a Physical Therapist can perform a medication review in a home health setting.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Tiedt provided information regarding the new low score limit for the National Physical Therapy Exam which will take effect January 1, 2016.

Ms. Tiedt provided information sent from Professional Boundaries, Inc. regarding remedial courses offered by their company that are designed specifically for disciplined health professionals, including physical therapists.

Ms. Tiedt shared that the presentation on services and continuing education provided by DHHS Division of Developmental Disabilities was cancelled by the presenter. No information was provided to the Department regarding rescheduling.

Ms. Tiedt shared a request to clarify wording on the Conviction Guidelines document used by Department Staff regarding steps to be taken when reviewing an application that includes criminal history.

Ms. Tiedt provided the Board with a copy of the Computer Based Testing Report. This report was provided for informational purposes only.

Ms. LaFayette-Dymacek shared information regarding updates to the Citrix program.

Ms. Tiedt presented the Department's Application Processing Report since February 9, 2015. This report was provided for informational purposes only.

Mr. Edwards will be the 2015 Voting Delegate at the annual meeting of the Federation of State Boards for Physical Therapy.

Ms. Tiedt provided a brief recap of the topics covered during the meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 28, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

*****signature available upon request*****

Tom Victor, Secretary

Prepared by: Jacye LaFayette-Dymacek, Health Licensing Coordinator