

# **RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN PHYSICAL THERAPY**

**NOVEMBER 10, 2004**

## **MINUTES OF MEETING**

**The Open Session of the Board of Physical Therapy was called to order at 8:30 am on the above date in Room 104, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Open Meeting law, so called, and other applicable provisions of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, as amended. A quorum was established.**

### **Board Members in attendance:**

**Robin Dolan**

**Janice Moretti**

**Carl DiRobbio, MD**

**Laurie Scripsack**

**Renee C Van Couyghen**

### **Board members not in attendance:**

**Kim Crealey-Rouillier**

**Staff members in attendance:**

**Donna Dickerman**

**Minutes of the meeting held September 29, 2004 were reviewed. Janice Moretti entered a motion to accept the Open minutes as presented. Robin Dolan seconded the motion with unanimous agreement from remaining members.**

**Members reviewed a FCCPT credential evaluation for Louise Anderson completed in 2002. FCCPT's advisory union stated Ms. Anderson met all content areas except for coursework in Chemistry. Upon complete review of the evaluation, members agreed Ms. Anderson would not be required to complete chemistry courses as a condition for licensure. This motion was entered by Robin Dolan, seconded by Janice Moretti, with unanimous agreement from remaining members.**

**The Board reviewed a request from the Athletic Trainer Board, asking for the Board's interpretation of physical therapy regulations relating to provision of emergency care and ability to make on-field decisions regarding return to play of athletic contestants. The Board agreed its**

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**scope of practice permits physical therapists to provide said care. This is evidenced in Section 1.10 of the licensing rules and regulations, which defines, in part, the practice of physical therapy as “...the examination, treatment and instruction of human beings to detect, assess, prevent, correct, alleviate and limit physical disability, physical dysfunction, and pain from injury, disease...”**

**Upon a motion by Kim Rouillier, seconded by Carl DiRobbio, MD, with agreement from remaining members, the Board entered Executive Session pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5 (a)(1)(4) of the RI General Laws to review the Executive Minutes. Robin Dolan entered a motion to approve said minutes and to that the minutes be sealed. Janice Moretti seconded the motion with unanimous agreement from remaining members.**

**The meeting adjourned at 9:40 am. The next meeting is scheduled for January 12, 2005.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Donna Dickerman**

**Board Administrator**

**Health Professionals Regulation**