

RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN PHYSICAL THERAPY

JANUARY 12, 2005

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

Carol Sepe

Carl DiRobbio, MD

Laurie Scripsack

Renee C Van Couyghen

Kim Crealey Rouillier

Staff members in attendance:

Donna Dickerman

New member, Carol Sepe, was welcomed and oriented to Board activities/responsibilities. Ms. Sepe was appointed to the position previously held by Janice Moretti. Minutes of the meeting held November 10, 2004 were reviewed. Robin Dolan entered a motion to accept the Open minutes as presented. Laurie Scripsack seconded the motion with unanimous agreement from remaining members.

Physical therapist applicant, Eva Thompson, failed the national certification exam three times. Pursuant to Section 5.3.1 of the regulations, Ms. Thompson met with the Board to discuss requirements for re-examination. Ms. Thompson completed school and prepared to take the exam in New Jersey in 2001. However, Ms. Thompson was unable to take the exam in New Jersey as she relocated to Georgia and experienced major family health problems. Ms. Thompson failed the exam twice in Georgia during this period. Ms. Thompson moved to Rhode Island and attempted and failed the exam a third time. Ms. Thompson stated her exam preparation has included studying her school notes and textbooks. She stated she has problems w/standardized test taking and allocating exam time to complete an entire exam. Board members suggestions: Ms. Thompson may benefit from participation in group study, study courses which offer mock exams (to help individuals organize studying

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methods). Ms. Thompson was informed that Community College of RI offers these study guides and tools, as well as the University of Rhode Island. Sylvan Learning Center also offers courses in reading comprehension for test taking. The FSBPT offers applicants to review “retired” test questions. Board members advised Ms. Thompson she needs collaboration w/other students and may need to audit some courses, as her degree is now four years old. Ms. Thompson hopes to be able to sit for the exam in approximately six months and will notify the Board when she completes the suggested remedial requirements.

The Board reviewed the following PT/PTA applications, which have been licensed or pending licensure upon receipt of certain credentials/documents:

**Physical Therapists: Athena Eliopoulos Kate Oliveira Terri LaSalle
JohnWarrington Lakshmi Mandava Beth Maracoux**

Physical Therapist Assistants: Jose Zarraga Lisa Maury

The meeting adjourned at 10:00: am. The next meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2005.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Dickerman

Board Administrator

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