

RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN PHYSICAL THERAPY

September 13, 2007

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

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:

Carol Sepe

Renee C Van Couyghen

Laurie Scripsack

Donald Levine

Kim Crealey-Rouillier

Board members not in attendance: Staff members in attendance:

Carl DiRobbio, MD Donna Dickerman

Minutes of the meeting held July 25, 2007 were reviewed. On a motion by Renee Van Couyghen, seconded by Carol Sepe, it was unanimously voted to accept the Open minutes as presented.

Members reviewed a request from a massage therapist/personal trainer asking if her use of computerized MedX lumbar and cervical machines would be a violation of the physical therapy licensure law. The Board unanimously agreed the use of said machines is not solely within the scope of practice of physical therapy.

Member initially addressed the subject of acceptance of CLEP examinations for foreign-educated applicants. The Board will continue this discussion at its next meeting.

Members discussed the need to revise the regulations as a result of the addition of continuing education requirements to the law during the 2007 legislative session. Initial discussion involved the need for a list of agencies qualified to approve continuing education.

Adjournment to Executive Session

On a motion by Carol Sepe, seconded by Kim Crealey-Rouillier, it was unanimously voted the Board adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5 (a)(1)(4) of the RI General Laws, as Amended, in that confidential, as Amended, in that confidential issues of fitness for licensure and investigative cases will be discussed. Complaints PT#1-2007 and PT#2-2007 were addressed.

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Return to Open Session

The Open Session was called back to order. On motion of Carol Sepe, seconded by Donald Levine, it was unanimously voted too keep confidential all matters discussed in Executive Session and to seal those minutes inasmuch as fitness for licensure and ongoing disciplinary matters were addressed. Board's final action: PT#1-2007 – board made a finding of unprofessional conduct and proposed a reprimand and coursework.

Adjournment

On a motion by Laurie Scripsack, seconded by Renee Van Couyghen, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Dickerman

Board Administrator

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