

RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN PHYSICAL THERAPY

July 15, 2009

The Open Session of the Board of Physical Therapy was called to order at 8:40 a.m. on the above date in Room 104 of the Health Department, 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:

Kim Crealey-Rouillier, Donald Levine, Laurie Scripsack, Carol Sepe, Renee Van Couyghen

Board Member not in attendance:

Carl DiRobbio, MD

Staff Members in attendance:

Gregory Madoian, Esq. and Maureen Slowik

Open Minutes of the meeting held on May 12, 2009 were reviewed. On a motion by Renee Van Couyghen, seconded by Kim Crealey-Rouillier, it was unanimously voted to accept the Open Minutes as presented.

A new Code of Ethics for PTs and PTAs has been adopted by the House of Delegates for the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA). We hope to have this information by our September 15, 2009 meeting for our review. We may need to revise our Rules and Regulations. We will need to decide how this information is to be

disseminated to our licensees. One suggestion made is that we could include this information on the renewal postcards for the 2010 renewal cycle.

Kim Crealey-Rouillier reported that she continues to work with applicant Gonzalo Gonzalez to assist him in preparing for the PTA exam. He has been provided with textbooks and a practice test as part of this preparation.

Concerns were raised in regards to the CEU process especially in regards to allowing department in-service sessions as the sole way to receive the required CEU hours. The Board had previously decided that student in-services would not be considered for the CEU requirement needed for license renewal. We may need to change the Rules and Regulations so that they specifically state how many department in-service hours we will be allowed. Copies of the Rules and Regulations for social work, pharmacy, nursing and occupational therapy will be reviewed at September 15, 2009 meeting to see how other Boards handle department in-services.

Adjournment to Executive Session

On a motion by Carol Sepe, seconded by Renee Van Couyghen, it was unanimously voted to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-45-5(a)(1)(4) of the RI General Laws, as amended, in that confidential issues of fitness for licensure and investigative cases will be discussed.

Adjournment of Executive Session and Return to Open Session

On a motion of Kim Crealey-Rouillier, seconded by Laurie Scripsack, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the Executive Session and to keep all matters discussed therein confidential, pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-45-5(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws as amended. The Executive Session was adjourned and returned to Open Session.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Maureen Slowik, Board Administrator
Health Professionals Regulation**