

**Iowa Board of Physical and Occupational Therapy
Board Meeting
March 18, 2011**

**Lucas State Office Building
5th Floor Board Room 526
Des Moines IA 50319**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairperson, Denise Behrends by a roll call vote:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Denise Behrends, OT; Jennifer Furness, OT; Todd Bradley, PT; Helen McNurlen

MEMBERS ABSENT

Byron Bork, PT; Dr. Erin Hytrek, PT

STAFF PRESENT:

Judy Manning, board executive; Barb Huey, bureau chief; September Lau, AAG; Karla Hoover, licensure specialist

PUBLIC PRESENT/COMMENT

No public comment

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Todd and seconded by Helen to approve the minutes of December 17, 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Todd and seconded by Jennifer to approve the minutes of January 13, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Todd and seconded by Helen to approve the minutes of January 28, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Board Executive-Manning

Helen will complete 9 years on the board on April 30th and has completed the maximum number of terms that a board member can serve. Byron Bork will complete his first term on April 30th but was not reappointed to serve another term. New board members that will begin their first term on May 1st are Bradley Earp, PT, Morry Blankespoor, public member and Jackie Fleming, public member. Judy thanked Helen and Byron for their service on the board.

Effective January 1, 2012 the fee to take the NPTE will be raised from \$370 to \$400.

Bureau Chief-Huey

The Administrative rules process now requires preclearance from the Governor's Office prior to rules being noticed. Administrative rules being filed also must include a job impact statement.

For out of state travel office staff now need to complete a justification to receive approval to travel. Board members are not required to submit a justification for out of state travel. Barb thanked Helen for her service on the Board.

AAG-Lau

No report.

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

It was the consensus of the Board to notice changes to 4.3(5) as follows: Board meetings shall be governed in accordance with Iowa Code chapter 21, ~~and the board's proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, Revised.~~

NEW BUSINESS

- Senate File 364 was discussed and the board will remain neutral on this legislation.
- NPTE Security Plan - In order to address security concerns and protect the integrity of the National Physical Therapy Exam (NPTE) while complying with the recent order entered in Georgia, the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) will cease continuous on demand testing and begin fixed-date testing for all physical therapy candidates for the NPTE. Continuous testing will be available for PT graduates until June 30, 2011. Beginning July 1, 2011 all PT NPTE candidates will be able to schedule their test on one of the following three dates in 2011: September 7, October 26 and December 5. PTA's will still be able to take the exam on a continuous on demand basis. Temporary Licensure was discussed for PT's but it was determined that the Board does not have Code authority for temporary licensure. Possible application status as currently is in rule for OT's was discussed. It will be difficult for students graduating as they may have to wait 3-4 months before they can work. If an applicant fails the NPTE it may take 6 months for a license to be issued.
- Review Iowa Code Chapter 148A and 148B
A committee was appointed to review the Occupational Therapy Law, the Physical Therapy Law, and the administrative rules that govern both professions. The committee will meet prior to the next board meeting. Denise and Jenifer will review the OT law and rules and make recommendations to the full board. A meeting time has not been determined for the PT review.

OLD BUSINESS

- PT to PTA Maximum Delegation – Denise Behrends
An e-mail was sent to Iowa Physical Therapy Association members asking them to comment on the current PT/PTA ratio for supervision. Comments will be sent to the Board office for discussion at the June meeting.

COMPLAINTS

Jennifer made a motion to go into closed session in accordance with Iowa Code section 21.5(1)"d", to review confidential materials and to discuss disciplinary matters. Todd seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Denise Behrends, aye; Jennifer Furness, aye; Todd Bradley, aye; Helen McNurlen, aye.

The board went into closed session at 9:44 a.m. A motion was made by Jenifer to return to open session at 9:57 a.m. and seconded by Helen. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Denise and seconded by Helen to accept the settlement agreement and final order signed by the licensee for case 09-014. Passed unanimously.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

June 17, 2011

September 16, 2011

December 16, 2011

ADJOURNMENT

Jenifer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 a.m. and seconded by Helen. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Iowa Board of Physical and Occupational Therapy