BOARD OF PHYSICAL & OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
MEETING MINUTES
December 17, 2010

A meeting of the Iowa Board of Physical and Occupational Therapy was held on December 17, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. in the Lucas State Office Building, Professional Licensure Room, Des Moines, Iowa.

HEARING
A hearing was held in case 10-006 (Paul Pursley) prior to the board meeting. Byron Bork recused himself from the hearing.

CALL TO ORDER
The meeting of the Iowa Board of Physical and Occupational Therapy was called to order by Denise Behrends at 09:45 a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Denise Behrends, Helen McNurlen, Byron Bork, Todd Bradley, and Erin Hytrek.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT
Jenifer Furness

STAFF PRESENT: Judy Manning, board administrator; Barb Huey, bureau chief; Tony Alden; and September Lau, AAG

GUESTS PRESENT:
Blake Hardy, Iowa Physical Therapy Association and Eric Nemmers, Iowa Medical Society

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Minutes of the September 24, 2010 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Bradley to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded by Hytrek. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Blake Hardy reported that the Iowa PT Association received a letter from a PT patient regarding a complaint they filed with the Iowa Board of Medicine against a physician regarding the physician restricting their freedom to choose where they go for PT services. Mr. Hardy wants the Iowa Board of Medicine's decision to not publicly discipline the physician to be a matter of public record.

REPORTS
ADMINISTRATOR
The Bureau is moving forward with putting in place a new licensure database system (AMANDA). The project should take a couple of years to complete. When the project is complete applicants will be able to apply for licensure online. The project should also simplify the discipline process. Judy explained to the Board that due to a change to Iowa Code Chapter 147 the licensure boards are no longer required to mail renewal notices via regular mail. Chapters 200.9(1) and 206.12(1) will be changed in the future to remove this requirement.

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES
Bork made a motion to adopt ARC 9156B changes to chapters 203 and 207 – Continuing Education. McNurlen seconded the motion. Passed Unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS
Use of Dexamethasone Iontophoresis by PT – Who can prescribe? The Board explained that Iowa Code Chapter 148A.5 restricts an Iowa licensed Physical Therapist from administering or prescribing any drug or medicine used in materia medica. Only those professionals with prescriptive authority can prescribe Iontophoresis. The Board discussed this issue with Eric Nemmers from the Iowa Medical Society and Mr. Nemmers suggested that the Iowa Medical Society and the Iowa Physical Therapy Association work together to legislatively change Chapter 148A.5 to allow PT's to administer Iontophoresis as this is current accepted practice across the state.

Petition for Waiver – Catherine Spalding
The Board did not receive requested information to support this Petition for Waiver. The Petition was not considered since the information was not received.

OLD BUSINESS
PT to PTA Maximum Delegation – Denise Behrends – No new reports.

COMPLAINTS
A motion to go into closed session at 10:30 a.m. was made by Bradley, seconded by Bork, and passed unanimously. Roll call vote: Behrends: aye, Bork: aye, Bradley: aye, Hytrek: aye, McNurlen: aye.

A motion was made and seconded to return to open session at 11:04 a.m.

Case 10-015: Motion to Close by Behrends. Seconded by Bork. Passed unanimously.

Case 10-016: Motion to Close with a Cease and Desist by Bradley. Seconded by Hytrek. Passed unanimously.

Case 09-014: Motion to file Statement of Charges as presented by Bork. Seconded by McNurlen. Passed unanimously.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

March 18, 2011	June 17, 2011
September 16, 2011	December 16, 2011

ADJOURNMENT
Bradley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Hytrek. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Iowa Board of Physical and Occupational Therapy