

The Connecticut State Board of Examiners for **Physical Therapists** held a meeting on March 1, 2000 at the University of Connecticut Health Center in Farmington, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Christine Kasinkas, M.S., P.T., Chairperson
Joan Grey, P.T.
Joseph Gugliotti
Eileen M. Ilberman
Krystyna Piotrowska-Nyerick, M.D.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Michael Purcaro, Office of Health Communications
Department of Public Health

Chairperson Christine Kasinkas called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM.

MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the December 1, 1999 meeting. Joan Grey moved and Christine Kasinkas seconded that these minutes be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

MEETING TIME

The Board discussed scheduling the meetings to begin at a later time. Eileen Ilberman moved and Joan Grey seconded that the starting time for all meetings will remain at 4:30 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

RESIGNATION – EILEEN M. ILBERMAN

Due to personal reasons Eileen Ilberman will be resigning from the Board as of June 1, 2000. The Board thanked Eileen Ilberman for her years of service as a Consumer Member to the Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists. Ms. Ilberman was appointed to the Board on January 19, 1996. We are very fortunate to have members willing to volunteer their time for the regulation of the profession of physical therapy.

EXAMINATION REVIEW FOR PES

The Board discussed sending a representative to the PES Examination Review. Christine Kasinkas offered to attend if this is not a conflict of interest with respect to her position as a faculty member at the Quinnipiac College in the School of Physical Therapy.

GUILD FOR STRUCTURAL INTEGRATION

Eric McWilliams called Board Member Eileen Ilberman regarding “accreditation” of his school. He was referred back to the State Department of Public Health.

ADJOURNMENT

Eileen Ilberman moved and Joan Grey seconded that this meeting be adjourned at 5:30 PM. The motion passed unanimously. The next scheduled meeting is May 17th at 4:30 PM at the University of Connecticut Health Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Kasinkas
CT State Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists

The Connecticut State Board of Examiners for **Physical Therapists** held a meeting on May 17, 2000 at the University of Connecticut Health Center in Farmington, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Christine Kasinskas, MS, PT, Chairperson
Joan Grey, PT
Krystyna Piotrowska-Nyerick, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Joseph Gugliotti

ALSO PRESENT: Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health
Michael Purcaro, Department of Public Health

Chairperson Christine Kasinskas called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the March 1, 2000 meeting. Ms. Grey moved and Ms. Kasinskas seconded that these minutes be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

RESIGNATION OF EILEEN ILBERMAN

A letter of resignation from Ms. Ilberman was read by Ms. Kasinskas. The Board expresses thanks to Ms. Ilberman for all her hard work on behalf of the Board.

PES EXAMINATION

Ms. Kasinskas went to New Orleans, Louisiana as the Connecticut delegate to review the PES examination. Ms. Kasinskas reported that the examination questions appear to be relevant and the examination requires the Physical Therapy licensure candidate to integrate important information.

CONSENT ORDER - SHARON WEISELFISH-GIAMMATTEO

The Board voted to accept the Consent order as presented. Concerns were raised regarding cover sheet of the Consent Order, that describes craniosacral therapy and myofascial release, which is "outside the scope of practice for physical therapy". Ms. Grey moved and Dr. Piotrowska-Nyerick seconded, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. The Consent Order was signed by Ms. Kasinskas

ADJOURNMENT

The motion passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The next scheduled meeting is September 13, 2000 at 4:30 PM, at the University of Connecticut Health Center, Farmington, Connecticut.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Kasinskas, MS, PT
Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists

The Connecticut State Board of Examiners for **Physical Therapists** held a meeting on September 27, 2000 at the University of Connecticut Health Center in Farmington, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Christine Kasinskas, MS, PT, Chairperson
Joan Grey, PT
Krystyna Piotrowska-Nyerick, MD
Joseph Gugliotti

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Glen Gitterman, Allied Health Rehabilitation
Tanya Feliciano, Assistant Attorney General

Chairperson Christine Kasinskas called the meeting to order at 4:35 PM.

MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the May 17, 2000 meeting. Ms. Grey moved and Dr. Piotrowska-Nyerick seconded that these minutes be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

REQUEST FOR A DECLARATORY RULING

Mr. Glen Gitterman, Allied Health Rehabilitation was present to discuss his question of whether his physical therapist license would be at risk if he worked in a wellness center. Mr. Gitterman answered the questions of the Board members concerning his request. Mr. Gitterman has waived the requirement that the Board act on his request for a Declaratory ruling within sixty-days.

Tanya Feliciano, Assistant Attorney General, explained to the Board the options available with regard to requests for a Declaratory Ruling. The options are do nothing, issue a ruling now, or initiate a Declaratory Ruling proceeding that would include a public hearing.

Ms. Grey moved to initiate a Declaratory Ruling Proceeding and schedule a hearing to evaluate testimony and the issues. Dr. Piotrowska-Nyerick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

RESIGNATION OF JOSEPH GUGLIOTTI

Mr. Gugliotti has become busier and has been given more responsibilities at St. Mary's Hospital. He no longer can make a commitment to the Board and will be resigning. The Board thanked Joe for his input and hard work.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Grey moved and Mr. Gugliotti seconded that this meeting be adjourned. The next scheduled meeting is November 15, 2000 at 4:30 p.m., at the University of Connecticut Health Center, Farmington, Connecticut.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Kasinskas, MS, PT
Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists

The Connecticut State Board of Examiners for **Physical Therapists** held a meeting on November 15, 2000 at the University of Connecticut Health Center in Farmington, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Christine Kasinskas, MS, PT, Chairperson
Joan Grey, PT
Krystyna Piotrowska-Nyerick, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Donna Brewer, Director, Public Health Hearing Office
Tanya Feliciano, Assistant Attorney General

Chairperson Christine Kasinskas called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the September 27, 2000 meeting. Ms. Grey moved and Dr. Piotrowska-Nyerick seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed unanimously.

DECLARATORY RULING

Tanya Feliciano, Assistant Attorney General was present to explain the mechanics of the Declaratory Ruling process. The Board chose the following dates for the public hearing in this matter:

January 18, 2001

January 23, 2001

January 30, 2001

The hearing will be held at the Department of Public Health, Hartford, Connecticut beginning at 10:00 a.m.

MEETING DATES FOR 2001

The following meeting dates will be scheduled for the year 2001:

January 18, 2001 9:30 a.m. at the Department of Public Health, Hartford, Connecticut

May 9, 2001 4:30 p.m. at the UCONN Health Center, Farmington, Connecticut

September 12, 2001 4:30 p.m. at the UCONN Health Center, Farmington, Connecticut

November 14, 2001 4:30 p.m. at the UCONN Health Center, Farmington, Connecticut

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Grey moved and Dr. Piotrowska-Nyerick seconded that this meeting be adjourned. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting is January 18, 2001 at 9:30 a.m., at the Department of Public Health, Hartford, Connecticut.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Kasinskas, MS, PT
Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists

The Connecticut State Board of Examiners for **Physical Therapists** held a meeting on January 18, 2001 at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Christine Kasinskas, MS, PT, Chairperson
Joan Grey, PT

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Krystyna Piotrowska-Nyerick, MD

ALSO PRESENT: Debra Tomassone, Public Health Services Manager
Tanya Feliciano, Assistant Attorney General

Chairperson Christine Kasinskas called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

ANNUAL MEETING - THE FEDERATION OF STATE BOARDS OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

Debra Tomassone, Public Health Services Manager informed the Board that the annual meeting of The Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy is scheduled for April 20-23, 2001 in Scottsdale, Arizona and that the Fall Educational Meeting is scheduled for September 7-9, 2001 in Baltimore, Maryland. Board members are urged to attend either one of these meetings. Joan Gray will represent the Board at the Annual Meeting.

MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the November 15, 2000 meeting. Ms. Grey moved and Ms. Kasinskas - seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Kasinskas moved and Ms. Grey seconded that this meeting be adjourned. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

The next scheduled meeting is May 9, 2001 at 4:30 p.m., at the University of Connecticut, Farmington, Connecticut.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Kasinskas, MS, PT
Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists

The Connecticut State Board of Examiners for **Physical Therapists** held a meeting on May 9, 2001 at the University of Connecticut Health Center in Farmington, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Christine Kasinskas, MS, PT, Chairperson
Joan Grey, PT
Krystyna Piotrowska-Nyerick, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Stanley Peck, Director, Legal Office, Department of Public Health

Chairperson Christine Kasinskas called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the January 18, 2001 meeting. Ms. Grey moved and Ms. Kasinskas seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed unanimously.

LEGAL OFFICE

Stanley Peck, Director, Legal Office, Department of Public Health presented a Cease and Desist Consent Order in the matter of Gurmohan Brar - Petition No. 2001-0112-000-003. Dr. Piotrowska-Nyerick made a motion, and Ms. Grey seconded, that this Cease and Desist Consent Order be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

FEDERATION OF STATE BOARDS OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

Ms. Grey updated the Board on the April 2001 meeting of the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy and the issues and actions taken at the meeting. An issue discussed at the Federation meeting was for more uniform standards to qualify foreign-trained physical therapists for licensure.

ADJOURNMENT

Being that there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting is September 12, 2001 at 4:30 p.m., at the University of Connecticut, Farmington, Connecticut.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Kasinskas, MS, PT
Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists

The Connecticut State Board of Examiners for **Physical Therapists** held a meeting on September 12, 2001 at the University of Connecticut Health Center in Farmington, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Christine Kasinskas, MS, PT, Chairperson
Joan Grey, PT
Krystyna Piotrowska-Nyerick, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Stephen Miltimore, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health

Chairperson Christine Kasinskas called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the May 9, 2001 meeting. It was the unanimous of the Board that the minutes be approved as written.

LEGAL OFFICE

A. Stephen Miltimore, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Cease and Desist Consent Order in the matter of Marylee Cameron - Petition No. 2000-0925-000-106. Dr. Piotrowska-Nyerick made a motion, and Ms. Grey seconded, that this Cease and Desist Consent Order be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Stephen Miltimore, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Cease and Desist Consent Order in the matter of Miroslaw Mazek - Petition No. 2000-1102-000-123. Ms. Grey made a motion, and Dr. Piotrowska-Nyerick seconded, that this Cease and Desist Consent Order be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Being that there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting is November 14, 2001 at 4:30 p.m., at the University of Connecticut, Farmington, Connecticut.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Kasinskas, MS, PT
Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists

The Connecticut State Board of Examiners for **Physical Therapists** held a meeting on November 14, 2001 at the University of Connecticut Health Center in Farmington, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Christine Kasinskas, MS, PT, Chairperson
Joan Grey, PT
Krystyna Piotrowska-Nyerick, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Jennifer Filippone, Public Health Services Manager
Stephen Carragher, Health Program Supervisor
Stephen Miltimore, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health

Chairperson Christine Kasinskas called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the September 12, 2001 meeting. It was the unanimous of the Board that the minutes be approved as written.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Physical Therapy Educational Programs

Jennifer Filippone, Public Health Services Manager, Department of Public Health, described the licensure verification feature of the Department of Public Health Web Site. Currently, only licensing information can be obtained. The site will be eventually updated to include any disciplinary action against a licensee.

Ms. Filippone also spoke about the issue of credentialing new master's level physical therapist curriculums. Also discussed was the issue of how to credential foreign trained physical therapists. Ms. Grey reminded us that currently the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy is currently working on a system to credential foreign trained physical therapists. It was decided that Ms. Grey would contact the New England representative for the Federation to a status update on the process. Ms Grey hopes to have information for discussion at the next meeting. The Board will invite Stephen Carragher, Health Program Supervisor, Department of Public Health to the May 2002 meeting to discuss this information.

B. Meeting Dates For 2002

The following meeting dates will be scheduled for the year 2002:

February 20, 2002	4:30 p.m. at the UCONN Health Center, Farmington, Connecticut
May 15, 2002	4:30 p.m. at the UCONN Health Center, Farmington, Connecticut
September 18, 2002	4:30 p.m. at the UCONN Health Center, Farmington, Connecticut
November 13, 2002	4:30 p.m. at the UCONN Health Center, Farmington, Connecticut

LEGAL OFFICE

A. Stephen Miltimore, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Cease and Desist Consent Order in the matter of Lennis Gonzalez, RPT - Petition No. 2000-0925-014-003. Dr. Piotrowska-Nyerick made a motion, and Ms. Grey seconded, that this Cease and Desist Consent Order be approved. The motion passed unanimously. The Consent Order was signed by Ms. Kasinskas

ADJOURNMENT

Being that there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting is February 20, 2002 at 4:30 p.m., at the University of Connecticut, Farmington, Connecticut.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Kasinskas, MS, PT
Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists

The Connecticut State Board of Examiners for **Physical Therapists** held a meeting on February 20, 2002 at the University of Connecticut Health Center in Farmington, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Christine Kasinskas, MS, PT, Chairperson
Joan Grey, PT
Krystyna Piotrowska-Nyerick, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health

Chairperson Christine Kasinskas called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the November 14, 2001 meeting. It was the unanimous of the Board that the minutes be approved as written.

LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

A. Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Cease and Desist Consent Order in the matter of Urvelt Cayo - Petition No. 2001-0608-000-057. It was the unanimous of the Board that this Cease and Desist Consent Order be approved. The Cease and Desist Consent Order was signed by Ms. Kasinskas.

B. Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Modification of Consent Order in the matter of Leonard Vigliatore, RPT - Petition No. 2001-0608-000-057. This Consent Order was discussed. The feeling of the Board was that issues of "reasonable skill and safety" would not be adequately addressed by 16 hours of course work in "boundary issues." The Board was also concerned as to where such course work would be found. It was the unanimous of the Board to table this matter and request that an Assistant Attorney General be present at the next meeting to advise the Board. Because the next scheduled meeting would occur after the current Consent Order expires and Mr. Vigliatore would no longer be bound under the current order, the Board proposed to meet either on March 14, 2002 or March 21, 2002, dependent on the availability of the Assistant Attorney General.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Grey presented information on the Foreign Credentialing Commission on Physical Therapy (FCCPT). Currently 44 states are using this commission to evaluate the credentials of foreign-trained therapists who desire to obtain a physical therapy license in the United States. Ms. Grey submitted information for the Board members to review and discuss at the next meeting as to whether Connecticut should use the FCCPT.

ADJOURNMENT

Being that there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will either be March 14, 2002 or March 21, 2002 at 4:30 p.m., at the University of Connecticut, Farmington, Connecticut.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Kasinskas, MS, PT
Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists

The Connecticut State Board of Examiners for **Physical Therapists** held a meeting on March 21, 2002 at the University of Connecticut Health Center in Farmington, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Christine Kasinskas, MS, PT, Chairperson
Joan Grey, PT

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Krystyna Piotrowska-Nyerick, MD

ALSO PRESENT: Paul Lahey, Assistant Attorney General
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health

Chairperson Christine Kasinskas called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Modification of Consent Order in the matter of Leonard Vigliatore, RPT - Petition No. 2001-0608-000-057. Assistant Attorney General Paul Lahey was present to advise the Board.

The is concerned about a December 22, 2000 statement made by Mr. Vigliatore's supervisor that Mr. Vigliatore was not practicing with reasonable skill and safety. The Board is further concerned that the Department of Public Health did not communicate this information to the Board until February 20, 2002. Why wasn't this brought to the Board's attention before? The Board is now presented with a modification of Consent Order with very little time to act. The present Consent Order expires on May 2, 2002.

Based on its review of the current information the Board feels that respondent should be suspended from practice until a hearing can be convened. Attorney Scoville advised the Board that it has no authority to do this. Attorney Scoville advised the Board that its options were either to approve the modification of the Consent Order or to reject modification in which event the current Consent Order would expire and there would be no supervision of respondent.

The Board asked the following questions:

- 1) Who was respondent's supervisor?
- 2) Where did the unskillful and unsafe practice occur?
- 3) Description of the incident
- 4) Information from subsequent reports.

Attorney Scoville advised the Board it could not have this information.

It is the unanimous decision of the Board, including Board member Krystyna Piotrowska-Nyerick, MD who was contacted by telephone, that the Modification of Consent Order be rejected. The Board strongly suggests to the Department of Public Health that Mr. Vigliatore's physical therapy license be suspended until a hearing before the Board can be convened.

During this meeting, the Board entered executive session to obtain advice from the Assistant Attorney General.

Being that there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30p.m.

The next scheduled meeting will be May 15, 2002 at the University of Connecticut, Farmington, Connecticut.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Kasinskas, MS, PT
Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists

The Connecticut State Board of Examiners for **Physical Therapists** held a meeting on May 15, 2002, at the University of Connecticut Health Center in Farmington, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Christine Kasinskas, MS, PT, Chairperson
Joan Grey, PT
Krystyna Piotrowska-Nyerick, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Richard J. Lynch, Assistant Attorney General
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health
Kevin Collins, Esq.
Jennifer Filippone, Public Health Services Manager (*via telephone*)

Chairperson Christine Kasinskas called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health and Attorney Kevin Collins were present concerning the Consent Order in the matter of Leonard Vigliatore, RPT - Petition No. 2001-0608-000-057. Assistant Attorney General Richard J. Lynch was present to advise the Board.

Attorneys Antonetti and Collins answered questions regarding the events leading up to the new proposed Consent Order. Mr. Vigliatore was working for a practice in Greenwich, Connecticut. His supervisor was Carlon Colker, MD. There were two incidents related to patient interactions that were brought to the attention of the Department of Public Health. They were investigated. Mr. Vigliatore now works for Health Extenders in Norwich, Connecticut. His supervisor is Igal Staw, MD. Mr. Vigliatore has been with this practice since March 2001 and has received satisfactory reports. The Consent Order that is currently in effect expires on September 15, 2002. The proposed Consent Order being brought by Attorney Antonetti would require two additional years of supervision and the provision that Mr. Vigliatore take a course on ethics and boundaries. Mr. Vigliatore has already taken a home study course on ethics for massage therapists and body workers. The Board entered executive session from 5:00 p.m. to 5:20 p.m. to receive legal advice.

The Board discussed the information presented. Some of the thoughts that were shared by all members included:

1. Mr. Vigliatore should not have been supervised by an M.D., but by a physical therapist.
2. The Board should have been made aware of the regular reports filed by Mr. Vigliatore's supervisors.
3. The Board is concerned that supervision and an ethics course for Mr. Vigliatore is not sufficient.
4. The Board rejects the Modification of Consent Order and strongly suggests a hearing.

The Board voted and unanimously approved the above points.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Foreign Credentialing Commission on Physical Therapy (FCCPT).

Ms. Kasinskas received a phone call from Jennifer Filippone, Public Health Services Manager, Department of Public Health. Ms. Filippone was unable to attend this meeting. Ms. Filippone reported that the Department of Public Health does not object to the use of the Foreign Credentialing Commission on Physical Therapy (FCCPT) to evaluate the credentials of foreign-trained therapists. Ms. Filippone stated that either the FCCPT or a credentialing service in Florida could be used. The Board feels that since over 40 states currently use the FCCPT, that in the interest of uniformity, Connecticut should also use the FCCPT exclusively.

The Board voted and unanimously approved the recommendation that the Department of Public Health use the FCCPT.

B. Licensure and Examination statistics.

Jennifer Filippone, Public Health Services Manager, Department of Public Health offered to fax information concerning physical therapy licensure, unfortunately it was not received. The Board requests that the information be sent to the Board for review for the next meeting. The Board also has questions regarding the licensure process, which they would like to discuss at the next meeting.

The Board is eager to obtain information from the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy and will plan to invite the regional representative, Eileen Bach, to the next meeting scheduled for September 18, 2002.

MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the February 20, 2002 and March 21, 2002 meetings. It was the unanimous decision of the Board that the minutes be approved as written.

ADJOURNMENT

Being that there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Kasinskas, MS, PT
Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Christine Kasinskas, MS, PT, Chairperson
Joan Grey, PT
Krystyna Piotrowska-Nyerick, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Stephen Carragher, Health Program Supervisor
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health
Eileen Bach, Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy
Kathy Biggs

Chairperson Christine Kasinskas called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the May 15, 2002 meeting. It was the unanimous decision of the Board that the minutes be approved as written.

OLD BUSINESS

Licensure and Examinations

Stephen Carragher, Health Program Supervisor, Department of Public Health presented licensure statistics for 1999, 2000 and 2002. The Board expressed its desire to have a regular update on licensing activities, specifically the number of applicants taking the examination, number of United States and foreign trained students, percentages of groups passing the examination, and the examination pass rates of the various physical therapy schools.

The Board also expressed an interest in changing the credentialing service that is currently used to verify the credentials of foreign applicants. The Foreign Credentialing Commission on Physical Therapy (FCCPT) is now providing credentialing services in 46 states. This service may provide some consistency in reviewing applicants from state to state. Also, this service would have the capability of letting applicants know in which area they are deficient to allow for remediation. Eileen Bach, Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy explained how the (FCCPT) works. Mr. Carragher will review this information for the Department of Public Health. The Board will discuss this further at the November meeting.

LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a cease and desist Consent Order in the matter of Matthew Pastir - Petition No. 2001-0511-000-045. The Board has several concerns in this situation.

1. The incident in this matter occurred in 1998, was reported to the Department of Public Health in May 2001 but not brought to the Board until today. The Board is concerned that this matter was not acted on in a more timely fashion.
2. The Board is very concerned as to who was supervising Mr. Pastir. Was a physical therapist supervising him to do a procedure that should not have been done? If a licensed physical therapist was involved, what action is being taken regarding the licensee?
3. The cover sheet that accompanied the cease and desist order was misleading. It stated that Mr. Pastir was a Physical Therapy Assistant when he is not.
4. It was the unanimous decision of the Board that this Cease and Desist Order be approved.

The Board would like to discuss these concerns with the Department of Public Health.

The Board is also concerned about the following issues.

1. Matters that affect public safety are very slow to reach the attention of the Board.
2. The Board approves Consent Orders but never receives any feedback from the Department of Public Health as to whether the Orders are being complied with.

In a previous matter involving Leonard Vigliatore, RPT it was reported to the Department of Public Health that he was not practicing with reasonable skill and safety, yet the Board was never informed of this fact but was asked to extend his Consent Order, which was nearing expiration.

The Board would like to review the supervisor reports that are required when a physical therapist is placed on probation.

3. If a physical therapist is to be supervised during a probationary period, it is imperative that the supervisor be a physical therapist.
4. If coursework is needed to remediate a deficit, the Board should be consulted as to the adequacy and appropriateness of the coursework..

The Board would like to discuss all these concerns with Kathleen Boulware of the Department of Public Health.

ADJOURNMENT

Being that there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Kasinskas, MS, PT
Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists

The Connecticut State Board of Examiners for **Physical Therapists** held a meeting on November 13, 2002 at the University of Connecticut Health Center in Farmington, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Christine Kasinskas, MS, PT, Chairperson
Joan Grey, PT
Krystyna Piotrowska-Nyerick, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Stephen Carragher, Health Program Supervisor

Chairperson Christine Kasinskas called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the September 18, 2002 meeting. It was the unanimous decision of the Board that the minutes be approved as written.

OLD BUSINESS

Licensure and Examinations

Stephen Carragher provided the Board with the results of licensure exams for the United States and Connecticut for 2000, 2001, and 2002. He will update the Board quarterly on licensure results.

Mr. Carragher was unable to obtain licensure results for foreign trained individuals, but will continue to pursue obtaining this information. He has investigated licensure credentialing via Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT)/The Foreign Credentialing Commission on Physical Therapy (FCCPT). Connecticut will begin to use this service as well as International Credentialing Associates, Inc. (ICA). Currently, there is one individual who ICA deemed as lacking enough credits. Mr. Carragher will refer him to FCCPT and will let the Board know how the 2 credentialing services compare.

The Board would prefer to use only FCCPT and will await conversation with Mr. Carragher about the above-mentioned individual.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion with the Department of Public Health regarding complaint investigations.

The Department of Public Health representative was not present for this topic. This will be deferred to a future meeting.

MEETING DATES FOR 2003

The following meeting dates will be scheduled for the year 2003:

February 19, 2003	4:30 p.m. at the UCONN Health Center, Farmington, Connecticut
May 14, 2003	4:30 p.m. at the UCONN Health Center, Farmington, Connecticut
September 10, 2003	4:30 p.m. at the UCONN Health Center, Farmington, Connecticut
November 12, 2003	4:30 p.m. at the UCONN Health Center, Farmington, Connecticut

If additional issues arise that require the Board's attention, additional meetings will be scheduled..

ADJOURNMENT

Being that there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Kasinskas, MS, PT
Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists

The Connecticut State Board of Examiners for **Physical Therapists** held a meeting on February 19, 2003 at the University of Connecticut Health Center in Farmington, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Christine Kasinskas, MS, PT, Chairperson
Joan Grey, PT
Krystyna Piotrowska-Nyerick, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Kathleen Boulware, Supervising Nurse Consultant
Donna Brewer, Esq., Director, Public Health Hearing Office

Chairperson Christine Kasinskas called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the November 13, 2002 meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously without changes.

OLD BUSINESS

Licensure and Examinations

Stephen Carragher, Health Program Supervisor, Department of Public Health was scheduled to report on credentialing issues. He was not present at this meeting, so we will defer this topic until the next meeting.

The Board would prefer to use only The Foreign Credentialing Commission on Physical Therapy (FCCPT)
The Board will await conversation with Mr. Carragher.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Memorandum of Decision

Leonard Vigliatore, RPT - Petition No. 2001-0104-014-001

It was the unanimous decision of the Board to adopt the Memorandum of Decision in this matter as written. Ms. Kasinskas signed the Order.

B. Discussion with the Department of Public Health regarding complaint investigations.

Kathleen Boulware, Supervising Nurse Consultant, Department of Public Health spoke to the Board about the manner in which complaints against Physical Therapists are investigated and handled.

Regarding the complaint against Leonard Vigliatore, the Board members expressed their concerns regarding the timing of the handling of the complaint, his supervision by a physician during the period which he was under a consent order, and the Board's general inability to obtain further information or obtain a summary suspension until the case was heard.

Ms. Boulware explained the circumstances as to why the case was handled as it had been. Ms. Boulware encouraged the Board members to call her directly if there is ever a concern.

ADJOURNMENT

Being that there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Kasinskas, MS, PT
Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists

The Connecticut State Board of Examiners for **Physical Therapists** held a meeting on May 14, 2003 at the University of Connecticut Health Center in Farmington, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Christine Kasinskas, MS, PT, Chairperson
Joan Grey, PT
Krystyna Piotrowska-Nyerick, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Stephen Carragher, Health Program Supervisor, DPH
Maite Barainca, Assistant Attorney General
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, DPH

Chairperson Christine Kasinskas called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

MINUTES

The minutes of February 19, 2003 were reviewed and approved with the change to remove the phrase “ about the above mentioned individual” under Old Business.

OLD BUSINESS

Licensure and Examinations

Stephen Carragher, Health Program Supervisor, Department of Public Health was present to discuss the issue of credentialing foreign-trained applicants.

The Board expressed its recommendation that the Department of Public Health utilize The Foreign Credentialing Commission on Physical Therapy (FCCPT) as the credentialing body for licensure, and that applicants prior to today, be allowed to utilize International Credentialing Associates, Inc. (ICA) credentials that they previously had paid for.

Ms. Grey made a motion, seconded by Dr. Piotrowska-Nyerick that the FCCPT be used exclusively as the credentialing body for Connecticut physical therapist licensure applicants. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board requested quarterly statistics candidate performance on the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapists (FSBPT) National Physical Therapist Examination (NPTE). Mr. Carragher will email the results quarterly to Ms. Kasinskas who will share them at the meeting. Mr. Carragher instructed the Board members to call if they have any questions.

NEW BUSINESS

Leonard Vigliatore, RPT - Petition No. 2001-0104-014-001

Appeal of Memorandum of Decision

Assistant Attorney General Maitre Barainca brought the Board up to date regarding the appeal of Memorandum of Decision in the matter of Leonard Vigliatore. She explained the legal process to the Board. Presently Mr. Vigliatore is not practicing physical therapy in Connecticut. She will email Ms. Kasinskas regarding the progress of the appeal, who will share the information with the Board.

LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

Joyce Karkel, PT - Petition No. 2001-0816-014-003

Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Joyce Karkel, PT. Ms. Karkel was present with her attorney. Ms. Grey made a motion, seconded by Dr. Piotrowska-Nyerick, to accept the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board commented that the remedial course work that Ms. Karkel completes should be carefully scrutinized so that it meets the intent of the consent order.

ADJOURNMENT

Being that there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Kasinskas, MS, PT
Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists

The Connecticut State Board of Examiners for **Physical Therapists** held a meeting on September 22, 2003 at the University of Connecticut Health Center in Farmington, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Christine Kasinskas, MS, PT, Chairperson
Joan Grey, PT
Krystyna Piotrowska-Nyerick, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Chairperson Christine Kasinskas called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

MINUTES

The minutes of May 14, 2003 were reviewed and approved without any change.

NEW BUSINESS

The quarterly PES statistics were reviewed and discussed.

The Annual Meeting of the Federation was discussed. Initially Joan Grey was to attend, but now she is unable because of personal reasons. She will call Eileen Bach, our Federation representative to discuss.

Issue of continuing education requirement for physical therapists was discussed. The Board would like to know how that requirement will be regulated. Ms. Kasinskas will ask Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison if there is a person who could talk to the Board about this requirement.

The meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 12, 2003 will be rescheduled to Monday, November 10, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. at University of Connecticut Rehabilitation Department.

ADJOURNMENT

Being that there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Kasinskas, MS, PT
Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists

The Connecticut State Board of Examiners for **Physical Therapists** held a meeting on November 10, 2003 at the University of Connecticut Health Center in Farmington, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Christine Kasinskas, MS, PT, Chairperson
Joan Grey, PT
Krystyna Piotrowska-Nyerick, MD
Mary Lou Sanders, RN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT Stephen Carragher, Health Program Supervisor, DPH

Chairperson Christine Kasinskas called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Mary Lou Sanders was welcomed to her first meeting as Board member. She is a registered nurse with many years of experience in many different settings.

MINUTES

The minutes of September 22, 2003 were reviewed and approved without any change.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. The quarterly PES statistics were reviewed and discussed.
- B. The new statute on continuing education requirements for Physical Therapists was reviewed and explained to the Board by Mr. Carragher.
- continuing education shall be in areas related to the individual's practice.
 - this requirement is waived for new licensees.
 - there is a waiver for a specific period of time for medical disability or illness.
 - the requirement for the 20 hours of continuing education will commence when the new license is renewed.
- B. The Board expressed concern that physical therapists in Connecticut be made aware of the new requirements. The DPH does not have the financial or manpower resources to notify everyone. It is the Department's view that it is the responsibility of the licensee to know the laws. The Board wondered if the CAPTA would take the responsibility to notify all licensed Physical Therapists. Chris will contact Kathy Biggs, President of the CAPTA, to explore this possibility.

MEETING DATES FOR 2004

The following meeting dates will be scheduled for 2004:

February 18, 2004	4:30 p.m. at the UConn Health Center, Farmington, Connecticut
May 12, 2004	4:30 p.m. at the UConn Health Center, Farmington, Connecticut
September 22, 2004	4:30 p.m. at the UConn Health Center, Farmington, Connecticut
November 10, 2004	4:30 p.m. at the UConn Health Center, Farmington, Connecticut

ADJOURNMENT

Being that there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Kasinskas, MS, PT
Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists

The Connecticut State Board of Examiners for **Physical Therapists** held a meeting on February 18, 2004 at the University of Connecticut Health Center in Farmington, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Christine Kasinskas, MS, PT, Chairperson
Joan Grey, PT
Krystyna Piotrowska-Nyerick, MD
Mary Lou Sanders, RN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT Stephen Carragher, Health Program Supervisor, DPH
Diana Lejardi, Licensing Examination Assistant

Chairperson Christine Kasinskas called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

MINUTES

The minutes of November 10, 2003 were reviewed and approved without any change.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The quarterly physical therapist licensure examination statistics were reviewed and discussed.
2. The new statute on continuing education requirements for physical therapists was discussed. Mr. Carragher reported that each license renewal that goes out now has a notice in it announcing the change in requirement for continuing education.
3. Christine Kasinskas reported that she had contacted Kathy Biggs, President of the Connecticut Chapter of American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) as well as the Central Office of Connecticut Physical Therapy Association (CPTA) expressing the Board's concern regarding notification to all licensed physical therapists in Connecticut. Ms. Biggs informed her today that the CPTA will be notifying all licensed physical therapists in the CPTA newsletter going out later in February.
4. Reinstatement Request – John Novak
Diana Lejardi, Licensing Examination Assistant presented a reinstatement application of John Novak. Following discussion the Board vote d in favor of recommending reinstatement of Mr. Novak's license. There three votes in favor of reinstatement and one opposed.
5. Reinstatement Request – Andrea Wasserman
Diana Lejardi, Licensing Examination Assistant presented a reinstatement application of Andrea Wasserman. Following discussion the Board vote d in favor of recommending reinstatement of Mr. Wasserman's license. There two votes in favor of reinstatement, one opposed and one abstention.

ADJOURNMENT

Being that there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for May 12, 2004 at 4:30 p.m. at the University of Connecticut Health Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Kasinskas, MS, PT
Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists

The Connecticut State Board of Examiners for **Physical Therapists** held a meeting on May 12, 2004 at the University of Connecticut Health Center in Farmington, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Joan Grey, PT
Krystyna Piotrowska-Nyerick, MD
Mary Lou Sanders, RN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Christine Kasinskas, MS, PT, Chairperson

Ms. Grey called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

MINUTES

The minutes of November 10, 2003 were reviewed and approved without any change.

NEW BUSINESS

The quarterly PES statistics were reviewed and discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

Being that there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Grey, PT
Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists

The Connecticut State Board of Examiners for **Physical Therapists** held a meeting on September 27, 2004 at the University of Connecticut Health Center in Farmington, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Christine Kasinskas, MS, PT, Chairperson
Joan Grey, PT
Krystyna Piotrowska-Nyerick, MD
Mary Lou Sanders, RN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT Diana Lejardi, Licensing Examination Assistant
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, DPH
Jeffrey Pingpank, Esq.

Chairperson Christine Kasinskas called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

MINUTES

The minutes of May 12, 2004 were not reviewed.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The quarterly PES statistics were reviewed and discussed.
2. Reinstatement request for Elizabeth Kassel was discussed and approved unanimously as recommended by Department of Public Health.
3. Joan Grey reported on the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy Annual Meeting from which she just returned. She reported on the workshop that she attended that focused on practitioners who were sex offenders and had learned that a forensic neuropsychological evaluation is often helpful for evaluating a case.
4. The Board considered the fact that the list of Physical Therapy consultants who assist the Department of Public Health with investigations has not been updated in a long while. The Board members will plan to bring new names to the next Board meeting.
5. The date of the next meeting was discussed. Due to conflicts in Board Members' schedules, it was decided to change the date of the next meeting from November 10, 2004 to November 15, 2004.

LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

Staff Attorney Leslie Scoville, Department of Public Health presented consent order in the matter of Pamela LeClair, PT, Petition No. 2003-0514-014-003. Attorney Jeffrey Pingpank was present on behalf of Ms. LeClair.

The Consent order was discussed by Board and unanimously rejected. The Board made a recommendation clarifying of how eight (8) hours of required course work will be utilized.

ADJOURNMENT

Being that there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2004 at 4:30 p.m. at the University of Connecticut Health Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Kasinskas, MS, PT
Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists

The Connecticut State Board of Examiners for **Physical Therapists** held a meeting on November 15, 2004 at the University of Connecticut Health Center in Farmington, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Christine Kasinskas, MS, PT, Chairperson
Krystyna Piotrowska-Nyerick, MD
Mary Lou Sanders, RN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT Joan Grey, PT

ALSO PRESENT Roberta Swafford, Staff Attorney, DPH
Jeffrey Pingpank, Esq.

Chairperson Christine Kasinskas called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

MINUTES

The minutes of the May 12, 2004 and September 27, 2004 meetings were reviewed and approved.

LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

Staff Attorney Roberta Swafford, Department of Public Health presented a revised consent order in the matter of Pamela LeClair, PT, Petition No. 2003-0514-014-003. The Board reviewed this matter at its September 27, 2004 meeting. Attorney Jeffrey Pingpank was present on behalf of Ms. LeClair. The Consent order was discussed by Board and unanimously approved. Ms. Kasinskas signed the Order.

MEETING DATES FOR 2005

The following meeting dates will be scheduled for 2005:

February 16, 2005	4:30 p.m. at the UConn Health Center, Farmington, Connecticut
May 25, 2005	4:30 p.m. at the UConn Health Center, Farmington, Connecticut
September 21, 2005	4:30 p.m. at the UConn Health Center, Farmington, Connecticut
November 16, 2005	4:30 p.m. at the UConn Health Center, Farmington, Connecticut

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

The Board Members noted and discussed the legal action that the American Physical Therapy Association has brought against Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) regarding the Physical Therapy Licensing Exam.

ADJOURNMENT

Being that there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2005 at 4:30 p.m. at the University of Connecticut Health Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Kasinskas, MS, PT
Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists

The Connecticut State Board of Examiners for **Physical Therapists** held a meeting on February 16, 2005 at the University of Connecticut Health Center in Farmington, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Christine Kasinkas, MS, PT, Chairperson
Joan Grey, PT
Krystyna Piotrowska-Nyerick, MD
Mary Lou Sanders, RN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT None

Chairperson Christine Kasinkas called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

MINUTES

The minutes of November 15, 2004 meeting were reviewed and approved.

EXAMINATION STATISTICS

Statistics for licensing exam were reviewed and discussed.

ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION

Ms. Sanders discussed new legislation affecting the Board that is currently being considered.

ADJOURNMENT

Being that there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for May 25, 2005 at 4:30 p.m. at the University of Connecticut Health Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Kasinkas, MS, PT
Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists

The Connecticut State Board of Examiners for **Physical Therapists** held a meeting on May 25, 2005 at the University of Connecticut Health Center in Farmington, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Christine Kasinkas, MS, PT, Chairperson
Joan Grey, PT
Krystyna Piotrowska-Nyerick, MD
Mary Lou Sanders, RN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT Jeffrey Conlon

Chairperson Christine Kasinkas called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

MINUTES

The minutes of February 16, 2005 meeting were reviewed and approved.

EXAMINATION STATISTICS

The lowering of the pass rate for the NPTE was noted and discussed.

ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION

A discussion ensued regarding direct access..

ADJOURNMENT

Being that there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for September 21, 2005 at 4:30 p.m. at the University of Connecticut Health Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Kasinkas, MS, PT
Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists

The Connecticut State Board of Examiners for **Physical Therapists** held a meeting on September 21, 2005 at the University of Connecticut Health Center in Farmington, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Christine Kasinskas, MS, PT, Chairperson
Jeffrey Conlon
Krystyna Piotrowska-Nyerick, MD
Mary Lou Sanders, RN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT Joan Grey, PT

Chairperson Christine Kasinskas called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

Mr. Conlon was welcomed to his first meeting as a member of the Board.

MINUTES

The draft minutes of May 25, 2005 were reviewed, amended, and approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Adoption of Resolution regarding compliance meetings.

Regarding the adoption of the resolution regarding compliance meetings, the issue was discussed. The Board members felt that more information was need. Ms. Kasinskas will contact the Board Liaison fro more information. In addition, Ms. Grey's input is also desired. A vote was unanimous to table this issue until the November meeting.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

The room currently used for Board meetings at UCONN Health Center will no longer be available. Board members therefore have decided to move the meetings to Hospital for Special Care in New Britain, Connecticut. The meetings will held in Room 1600 in the Rehabilitation Department. The next meeting is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. on November 16, 2005.

ADJOURNMENT

Being that there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Kasinskas, MS, PT
Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists

The Connecticut State Board of Examiners for **Physical Therapists** held a meeting on November 16, 2005 at the Hospital for Special Care, 2150 Corbin Avenue, Room 1600, New Britain, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Joan Grey, PT
Jeffrey Conlon
Krystyna Piotrowska-Nyerick, MD
Mary Lou Sanders, RN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT Christine Kasinskas, MS, PT, Chairperson

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM.

MINUTES

The draft minutes of September 21, 2005 were reviewed and approved.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Adoption of Resolution regarding compliance meetings.
Regarding the adoption of the resolution regarding compliance meetings, the issue was discussed. The Board agrees that the resolution should be adopted.

B. Meeting Dates for 2006

The following meeting dates will be scheduled for 2006:

February 15, 2006

May 10, 2006

September 13, 2006

November 15, 2006

All meetings will be scheduled for 4:30 p.m., at the Hospital for Special Care, 2150 Corbin Avenue, Room 1600, New Britain, Connecticut.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Ms. Sanders raised questions about the competency of physical therapists in the work force. It was explained that the licensing process, including the passing of a national examination, is used to determine minimum competency.

Chairperson Christine Kasinskas served as an item writer two years ago. She attended a meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana during which she reviewed an edition of the national physical therapist examination. Ms. Kasinskas found the examination to be comprehensive.

ADJOURNMENT

Being that there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Kasinskas, MS, PT
Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists

The Connecticut State Board of Examiners for **Physical Therapists** held a meeting on February 15, 2006 at the Hospital for Special Care, 2150 Corbin Avenue, Room 1600, New Britain, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Christine Kasinkas, MS, PT, Chairperson
Joan Grey, PT
Krystyna Piotrowska-Nyerick, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT Jeffrey Conlon
Mary Lou Sanders, RN

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM.

MINUTES

The Minutes from November 16, 2005 were reviewed, amended, and approved.

Amended:

- Ms. Sanders name is incorrectly spelled Saunders under additional business.
- Under additional business, Christine Kasinkas served as an item writer 2 years ago. She did attend a meeting in New Orleans where she reviewed an edition of the National PT exam. She found the exam to be comprehensive.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Being that there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Kasinkas, MS, PT
Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists

The Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists held a meeting on April 26, 2006 at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Second Floor Conference Room F, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Christine Kasinskas, MS, PT, Chairperson
Jeffrey Conlon
Joan Grey, PT
Krystyna Piotrowska-Nyerick, MD – *via telephone*
Mary Lou Sanders, RN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT None

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

The Minutes from February 15, 2006 were reviewed. Ms. Grey made a motion seconded by Ms. Sanders to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

Motion for Summary Suspension – Lori Dorman, PT

Ellen Shanley, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Motion for Summary Suspension in the matter of Lori Dorman, PT - Petition No. 2006-0316-014-001. Assistant Attorney General Tanya DeMattia was present to provide counsel to the Board.

Ms. Sanders made a motion, seconded by Ms. Grey, to grant the Summary Suspension of Ms. Dorman's physical therapist license. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Kasinskas signed the Summary Suspension Order

A hearing in this matter is scheduled for May 10, 2006 at 10:30 a.m. at the Department of Public Health

NEW BUSINESS

Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing and Investigations was present and informed the Board of the annual meeting of the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy scheduled for September 7-11, 2006 in Portland Oregon. Ms. Kasinskas will contact Ms. Filippone if she will be able to attend.

Ms. Filippone provided an overview of the Department of Public Health licensing program for physical therapy assistants and athletic trainers. The Department began licensing both professions effective April 11, 2006.

Ms. Filippone also provided an update on Senate Bill 164 - An Act Concerning Patient Access To Physical Therapy

ADJOURNMENT

Being that there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Kasinskas, MS, PT
Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists

The Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists held a meeting on September 13, 2006 at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Second Floor Conference Room F, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Christine Kasinskas, MS, PT, Chairperson
Joan Grey, PT
Krystyna Piotrowska-Nyerick, MD – *via telephone*
Mary Lou Sanders, RN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT Jeffrey Conlon

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

MINUTES

The Minutes from April 26, 2006 were reviewed. Ms. Grey made a motion seconded by Ms. Sanders to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Stephen Carragher, Health Program Supervisor Department of Public Health was present to discuss licensure of physical therapy assistants. Mr. Carragher indicated that foreign trained applicants for licensure will need to have their credentials evaluated by a credentialing service. The department is in the process of selecting a credentialing service.

In addition, all new applicants for licensure will need to be approval by the Department of Public Health to sit for the national examination. Persons who have previously been registered in Connecticut as Physical Therapy Assistants will be granted licensure upon receipt of an application.

The Board asked if the credentialing service performing the evaluations will also make recommendations if an applicant's education and/or training are deficient in a particular area. Mr. Carragher will report back to the Board on this question..

LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

Consent Order – Lori Dorman, PT

Ellen Shanley, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a proposed Consent Order in the matter of Lori Dorman, PT - Petition No. 2006-0316-014-001. Ms. Dorman was present with attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett.

Ms. Sanders made a motion, seconded by Ms. Grey, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Kasinskas signed the Order

ADJOURNMENT

Being that there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Kasinskas, MS, PT
Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists

The Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists held a meeting on November 15, 2006 at the Hospital for Special Care, 2150 Corbin Avenue, Room 1600, New Britain, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Christine Kasinskas, MS, PT, Chairperson
Jeffrey Conlon
Joan Grey, PT
Krystyna Piotrowska-Nyerick, MD
Mary Lou Sanders, RN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT None

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 a.m.

MINUTES

The Minutes from September 13, 2006 meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Janet Brancifort, Department of Public Health presented a proposal for evaluating the credentials of foreign trained physical therapy assistants. The company proposed is the International Education Research Foundation of California. This company will review credentials and offer feedback on what coursework is needed to remedy deficiencies. The initial cost of the evaluation is \$350. Once an applicant has taken additional coursework, the company will do another evaluation for a cost of \$250. Presently 23 states in the US are using this company. The Board voted unanimously to approve the use of the company to evaluate the credentials of foreign trained physical therapy assistants.

B. Meeting Dates for 2007

The following meeting dates will be scheduled for 2007:

January 3 or January 10, 2007 depending on scheduled hearings.

May 16, 2007

September 19, 2007

November 14, 2007

Meetings will be scheduled for 4:30 p.m., at the Hospital for Special Care, 2150 Corbin Avenue, Room 1600, New Britain, Connecticut. If a disciplinary hearing is scheduled, then the meetings will be held at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue Hartford, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

C. Discussion of pending hearings

Board members also discussed scheduling of the 2 hearings that will take place in 2007.

- Ms. Kasinskas - Thursday is best, Wednesdays after 1/23/07 is worst, Tuesday and Friday are possible.
- Ms. Grey - Tuesday is best, followed by Thursday and Friday.
- Mr. Conlon - flexible
- Ms. Sanders - unavailable 2nd Monday, 1st Tuesday, and 4th Wednesday, otherwise flexible.
- Dr. Piotrowska-Nyerick - available selected days, unable to appear 2 days in one week, and is willing to read transcripts if unable to appear.

ADJOURNMENT

No other business. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m. The next meeting will be either 1/3/07 or 1/10/07 at Department of Public Health in Hartford depending on the date of the hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Kasinskas, MS, PT
Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists