

**MINUTES**

**PHYSICAL THERAPY LICENSING BOARD  
MEETING**

**September 16, 2014**

**Room 464 – 4<sup>th</sup> Floor – 9:00 a.m.  
Heber Wells Building  
Salt Lake City, UT 84111**

**CONVENED:** 9:16 a.m.

**ADJOURNED:** 11:38 a.m.

**Bureau Manager:**

Dave Taylor

**Board Secretary:**

Shirlene Kimball

**Compliance Specialist:**

Susan Higgs, Compliance

**Division Staff:**

Mark Steinagel, Division Director

Ray Walker, Division Compliance Officer

**Conducting:**

Kim Cohee, DPT

**Committee Members Present:**

Kim Cohee, DPT

Lindsi Gordon, PTA

Steven Crandall, PT

**Members Excused:**

Kim Reid, PT

Anne Jones, public member

**Guests:**

Carmel Ferreira, Naturopathic Med & Acupuncture

Matthew Nelson, UPTA

Linda Scholl, UPTA

Amberleigh Farrell, UPTA

**TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION**

Administer Oath of Office to Steven  
Crandall:

May 19, 2014 Minutes:

Susan Higgs  
Compliance:

**DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

Dave Taylor administered the Oath of Office to Steven  
Crandall. Board members welcomed Mr. Crandall.

Mr. Crandall made a motion to approve the May 19, 2014  
minutes. Ms. Gordon seconded the motion. All Board  
members voted in favor of the motion.

Ms. Higgs reported the following individuals were in  
compliance with the terms and conditions of their Order:  
Steve Orrick, Craig Bischoff and Jared Stohel.

Ms. Higgs indicated Shawn Hiatt is a new probationer

who has been on voluntarily drug testing for the last year. Mr. Hiatt's physical therapist license was suspended in California due to a serious addiction problem. Mr. Hiatt has gone through treatment program, has been drug screened through the Division and Valley Mental Health and has submitted a practice plan for review.

Steven Orrick,  
Probation interview:

Mr. Orrick reported things are going very well. Mr. Orrick stated he attends 12-Step meetings weekly and feels he has learned a lot in the last two years. Mr. Orrick stated he meets with his supervisor every week to review patient files. Mr. Orrick is compliant with the terms and conditions of his probation. Mr. Orrick's next meeting with the Board will be scheduled for December 16, 2014.

Craig Bischoff,  
Probation interview:

Mr. Bischoff reported things are going well. He indicated he continues to work at Millcreek Home Health and at Highland Care Center. Ms. Gordon questioned whether he has a system for entering documentation and how often he enters his documentation. Mr. Bischoff stated he is has become more disciplined and now enters his documentation by the next day instead of waiting until the end of the week. Mr. Bischoff stated he meets with his supervisor once a week and is communicating better with his boss. Mr. Bischoff is compliant with the terms and conditions of his Order. His next appointment will be scheduled for December 16, 2014. If he remains in compliance, his probation will terminate March 2015.

Jared Stohel,  
Probation interview:

Mr. Stohel indicated he has been unable to find employment as a PTA due to the restrictions on his license. He indicated the supervision restriction has been the hardest requirement to meet and has been told by perspective employers that they would hire him if the supervisor did not need to be in the building. Mr. Stohel's father-in-law was present for the interview and stated that it has been over three years since Mr. Stohel last got into trouble. Mr. Stohel had to move, lost his job, still has student debt, and he has done everything he has been requested to do. He cannot find a job based on all the restrictions.

Ms. Higgs reported Mr. Stohel has had seven drug screens since his last meeting with the Board. There have been four negative screens, one dilute screen and two abnormal screens. Ms. Higgs indicated due to Division policy regarding a dilute urine screen, drug testing would be

scheduled more frequently.

Mr. Stohel stated he attends 12-Step meetings; however, does not feel the meetings are helpful. Ms. Higgs indicated Mr. Stohel may find PIR meetings more helpful and suggested he may also want to find a different 12-Step group to attend. Mr. Stohel stated he is not taking any drugs not legally prescribed for him. He indicated he is actively looking for work as a PTA. Mr. Stohel stated he understands he cannot work in home health and is looking for employment at inpatient facilities. Mr. Stohel is asking for modification to the supervision requirement and indicated he feels general supervision would help him find a job more readily. Board members indicated that general supervision may not be possible, but if he wanted to present a proposal, the Board could consider the request.

Mr. Stohel presented the following proposal: Allow medical professional supervision in clinical environment and daily face-to-face review with PT Supervisor, continued required supervisor evaluations monthly for six months, then quarterly afterward, continued drug testing.

Ms. Gordon made a motion to deny the request for modification. Mr. Crandall seconded the motion. All Board members voted in favor of the motion. Board members would like to see Mr. Stohel practice as a PTA for a period before making any modifications to the Order.

Shawn Hiatt,  
New Order:

Mr. Hiatt explained the circumstances that brought him before the Board. Ms. Higgs indicated that Mr. Hiatt has been doing random urine screens twice a week. Mr. Hiatt indicated he completed 90 days at Odyssey House, and completed an outpatient program with Valley Mental Health. Mr. Hiatt stated he attends 12-Step meetings and has a sponsor. He stated he has had no recent thoughts of relapse and his sobriety date was August 20, 2013. Board members received a copy of the psychological evaluation and substance use disorder evaluation. Ms. Gordon made a motion to close the meeting in accordance with 52-4-204(1)(a) to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual. Mr. Crandall seconded the motion. All Board members voted in favor of the motion. The meeting was closed at 10:33 a.m. The meeting was opened at 10:55 a.m.

Mr. Crandall made a motion to have the Division make the determination whether to accept the evaluation due to the credentials of the evaluator. It appears that the evaluator is licensed as an associate clinical mental health counselor extern. Ms. Gordon seconded the motion. All Board members voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Hiatt will be seen again December 16, 2014.

Discussion regarding Dry Needling,  
Mark Steinagel, Division Director  
Ray Walker, Compliance Officer:

Dr. Cohee stated there has been discussion regarding the course that offers 27 hours of in-person instruction, followed by 250 supervised patient treatment sessions, and then another 27 hours of in-person instruction and whether this course will fulfill the current requirements. Dr. Cohee indicated if the course is approved by UPTA, APTA, or FSBPT and documents completion of 54 hours in-person instruction and 250 supervised patient treatment sessions, it would be accepted as meeting current requirements.

Mr. Steinagel stated supervision can be provided by a licensed health care provider licensed in any state. Mr. Walker indicated the supervision can be under general supervision, as defined in the practice act.

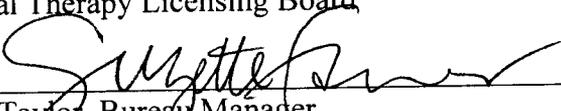
Linda Scholl, UPTA, stated it would be helpful to have an application check-off list as part of the application. Ms. Scholl also questioned if a log of supervised patient treatment sessions would be required, or just attach a completion letter from the program. Mr. Steinagel stated he feels the Division could accept a letter from the approved program indicating the number of in-person instruction and the number of patient treatment sessions.

*Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.*

12/16/14  
Date Approved

  
Kim Cohee, Chair  
Physical Therapy Licensing Board

12/16/14  
Date Approved

  
David Taylor, Bureau Manager,  
Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing