

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
INFORMAL CONFERENCE
MINUTES**

The Virginia Board of Physical Therapy Credentials Committee convened for an informal conference on Friday, February 15, 2008 at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, 2nd Floor, Suite 200, Conference Room 4, Richmond, Virginia.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

George Maihafer, Ph.D., PT, Chair
Lorraine Quinn, PTA

DHP STAFF PRESENT:

Lisa R. Hahn, Executive Director
Mykl D. Egan, Adjudication Specialist
Rashaun K. Minor, Discipline Operations Manager

MATTER SCHEDULED

**Respondent: Cheryl Ann Ashley, Physical Therapist Assistant Applicant
Case Number: 117583**

CALLED TO ORDER

Dr. Maihafer called the conference to order at 1:27 p.m.

DISCUSSION

Cheryl Ashley appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with the Notice of the Board dated January 24, 2008 and rescheduling notice dated January 31, 2008.

The Committee fully discussed the process for licensure as a physical therapist assistant as outlined in the Notice with Ms. Ashley; specifically Ms. Ashley must demonstrate she has met the requirements of §54.1-3478 of the Code 18 VAC 112-20-40 and 18 VAC 112-20-60(A)(1) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Physical Therapy; Specifically, she may have violated §54.1-3480(A)(7) of the Code.

CLOSED SESSION

Upon a motion by Ms. Quinn and duly seconded by Dr. Maihafer, the Committee convened in a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(7) of the *Code of Virginia*, for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Cheryl Ashley. Additionally, Ms. Quinn moved that Ms. Hahn, Mr. Egan, and Ms. Minor attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations. The vote was unanimous and in a favor of the motion.

OPEN SESSION

Ms. Quinn certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3711(A)(7) of the *Code of Virginia* and the Committee re-convened in open session.

DECISION

Ms. Egan read the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law adopted by the Committee. A summary of the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law are as follows:

1. Cheryl Ashley's application for licensure by examination to practice as a physical therapist assistant in the Commonwealth of Virginia was received in the board office May 21, 2007;
2. Cheryl Ashley violated section §54.1-3480(A)(7) of the Code in that she was convicted of several felonies, 15 counts of embezzlement on February 13, 1995 and 1 count of embezzlement on April 10, 1996 in the City of Virginia Beach Circuit Court;
3. Ms. Ashley made full restitution and was released early from Probation;
4. Ms. Ashley's stated to the Committee that she informed her employers at Physical Therapy Works and Nansemond Pointe Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center of her criminal history;
5. Ms. Ashley produced two letters of recommendations from Nansemond Pointe Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center and Physical Therapy Works; and
6. Ms. Ashley meets the requirements of 18 VAC 112-20-40 and 18 VAC 112-20-60(A)(1) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Physical Therapy.

The Committee hereby **ORDERS** Cheryl Ashley's application for licensure to practice as a physical therapist assistant is **GRANTED**.

Upon a motion by Ms. Quinn and duly seconded by Dr. Maihafer, the decision of the Committee was adopted. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned the matter at 2:30 p.m.

George Maihafer, PhD, PT, Chair

Lisa R. Hahn, Executive Director

Date

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