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Board of Physical Therapy Meeting Minutes October 14, 2024

Labor & Industries, 7273 Linderson Way SW, Tumwater, WA 98501

Members Present: Rodney Copes, Physical Therapist, Vice-chairperson; Jennifer Aglubat, Physical Therapist; Kathryn Dale, Physical Therapist, Chairperson; Jeffrey Foucrier, Physical Therapist; Celeste Misko, Physical Therapist

Staff Present: Allyson McIver, Program Manager; Jennifer Santiago, Executive Director; Marianne Richter, Policy Analyst; Lilia Lopez, Senior Counsel; Madissen Schatz, Assistant Program Manager; Na'Taya Harris, Administrative Assistant; Catherine Reiter-Roner, Supervising Staff Attorney; Shawna Fox, Director of OHP

Guests and Other Participants: Erica Owens, Washington APTA Executive Director; Melissa Johnson, APTA Washington; Lisa VanHaagen, public guest

1. Call to Order

On Monday August 12, at 10:03 a.m., Chairperson Dale officially called the meeting to order.

1.1 Introduction

Following the call to order, Chairperson Dale facilitated introductions, allowing each board member and department staff to be acknowledged. Attendees joining virtually also had the opportunity to introduce themselves.

1.2 Approval of Agenda

Chairperson Dale presented the proposed agenda, seeking approval from the board. No objections were raised, and a motion to approve was initiated by vice-chairperson Copes, Dr Foucrier seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

1.3 Approval of August 12, 2024 Meeting Minutes

The board considered minutes from the previous meeting held on August 12, 2024. Vice chairperson Copes moved for approval, Dr. Foucrier seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Open Forum

Chairperson Dale initiated the open forum session, providing an opportunity for the public to address any issues not presented on the meeting agenda. No comments were received.

Chairperson Dale closed the open forum.

3. Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy

Dr. Aglubat stated that there were no updates on the compact commission. Chairperson Dale, Dr. Misko, and Executive Director Ms. Santiago will be attending the annual FSBPT conference on October 30 – November 1 2024 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. They will report on any updates and their experience at the conference at the next board business meeting.

4. Chair and Vice Chair Nominations and Elections

Ms. McIver facilitated the nominations and elections for the new chair and vice chair for the Board of Physical Therapy, with both roles effective January 2025. Vice-chairperson Copes nominated Chairperson Dale for Chair of the Physical Therapy Board position. Chairperson Dale accepted the nomination. No other nominations were made for the position of Chair. Chairperson Dale nominated vice-chairperson Copes as Vice-Chair for the Board. Vice-chairperson Copes accepted the nomination. Chairperson Dale initiated a vote for the nominations of Chair and Vice-Chair, the board unanimously approved.

5. Fall 2024 Newsletter Planning

The Board reviewed the draft of the Fall 2024 physical therapy newsletter and considered it for approval. The board did not have any edits for the fall newsletter. Dr. Foucrier moved for approval of the content of the fall 2024 newsletter, vice-chairperson Copes seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

6. Jurisprudence Exam Review

The board reviewed the jurisprudence exam questions for continued relevance and updates. Chairperson Dale suggested that the exam questions include additional patient boundary questions, as well as a question regarding dry needling endorsement. Dr. Foucrier agreed to work with board staff on updates and will present a draft at the next meeting.

7. Initial License and Endorsement Requirements Rules Updates

The board reviewed and updated the draft language, program staff shared updates about the rulemaking process. The updates were formatting issues that the department corrected.

8. Exception Application Matrix

The board reviewed the latest version of the exception application matrix and considered it for approval. The board reviewed the decisions regarding controlled substances and the conviction processing. The board did not have any feedback or suggestions for the exception application matrix. Vice-chairperson Copes moved for approval of the exception application matrix, Dr. Misko seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

9. Intramuscular Needling Endorsement Updates

The board discussed the updates and progress regarding the intramuscular needling endorsements.

9.1 Application Data Collected

Ms. McIver presented the application data that was collected and reviewed the intramuscular needling endorsement application data based on the applications received.

10. Correspondence

The board discussed the correspondence received since the last business meeting.

10.1 Continuing Education

The board discussed whether course instruction outside of a physical therapy or physical therapy assistant program can be counted towards continuing education requirements and determined that this does not meet the continuing education requirements.

10.2 Somatic Experiencing

The board discussed whether Somatic Experiencing falls within the scope of physical therapy practice. The board determined that Somatic Experiencing does not fall under the scope of practice of a licensed physical therapist. The board discussed dual licensure and how to draft the response to the inquirer.

11. Program Report

Ms. McIver and Ms. Santiago provided the board with the program report.

11.1 Budget Report

Ms. McIver updated the board regarding the budget report. This report is for the period of July 1st 2023, to August 31, 2024 we had a starting fund balance of -905,949.00 dollars and by the end of August the board had an ending fund balance of -677,594.00. The budget is showing signs of improvement with a negative 677,594.00. The estimated revenue versus the actual revenue is close. The expense report was broken down into categories for the board to review.

11.2 Rulemaking Update

The rules hearing about the implementation of 1724 will be held during the December meeting. The CR 105 to update the compact, with an effective date of June 17, 2024 was filed on September 23, 2024. The rules are now in the phase of public comments. The public comment phase will end December 3, 2024.

11.3 Board Member Recruitment Update

Ms. McIver shared that there have not been any new updates regarding the public member position.

11.4 Meeting Planning

Ms. McIver shared that during the legislative session volunteers will be needed to meet for weekly calls during this time. Dr. Fouchier volunteered as well as Dr. Aglubat. The board discussed the details of the 2025 board retreat and will further discuss at the next meeting.

12. Consent Agenda

13. Adjournment

Chairperson Dale formally adjourned the meeting at 11:49 a.m. Dr. Fouchier, moved for approval to adjourn the meeting, Dr. Misko seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

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