



**Board of Physical Therapy
Meeting Minutes
June 15, 2020 – 10:00 a.m.**
Teleconference Attendance

On June 15, 2020, the Board of Physical Therapy met via teleconference. Login information was published with the agenda on the DOH website and through GovDelivery.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Renee Compton, PTA, Chair
Andrew Wodka, PT, DPT, Vice Chair
Chrisandra Osborne, PT, DPT
Kathryn Dale, PT
Dana Johnson, Public Member
Jennifer Aglubat, PT, DPT

STAFF PRESENT

Renee Fullerton, Executive Director
Kris Waidely, Program Manager
Davis Hylkema, Program Associate
Lilia Lopez, AAG
Bill Kellington, Supervising Staff Attorney
Kevin Robbins, Credentialing Supervisor
Hope Kilbourne, Policy Analyst
Michelle Hartman, Administrative Assistant 3
Robert Nicoloff, Executive Director,
Chiropractic Quality Assurance Commission

GUESTS PRESENT:

Jackie Barry, Executive Director, PTWA
Robert Boyles
Margo Cooper
Kelsey Daniels
Tochi Egbuzie
Cheri Eisen

Lori Grassi, Lobbyist, Washington State
Chiropractic Association
Melissa Johnson, Lobbyist, PTWA
Nhi Reighter
Sheth Megha
Lisa Stanley

OPEN SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER

Renee Compton, PTA, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

- 1.1. Introductions – The board, staff, and guests introduced themselves.
- 1.2. Approval of Agenda – The June 15, 2020 agenda was approved as presented.
- 1.3. Approval of Meeting Minutes – The February 3, 2020 meeting minutes were approved as presented.
- 1.4. Approval of Meeting Minutes – The April 20, 2020 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

2. CREDENTIALING UPDATE

Kevin Robbins, Credentialing Supervisor, provided statistical data and graphs for the board to review. Mr. Robbins reported that as of May 31, 2020, there were over 7407 active licensed

physical therapists (PTs) and 2,382 active licensed physical therapist assistants (PTAs). The count of those pending licensure is 259 for PTs and 128 for PTAs. Applications have steadily decreased which is possibly a result of the pandemic. A credentialing Performance Measure is to issue licenses within 10 days of last contact. The average time for processing PT/PTA applications is currently five days. It has been very difficult for PTs and PTAs to get in-person fingerprint background checks. The department is also adding encumbrances to licensees on the PT compact website that have not completed the FBI background check. There are approximately 30 applicants that have been issued licenses but still require FBI background checks. Once the background check has been completed the encumbrance will be removed against the licensee.

3. IMPLEMENTATION OF ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1551 REMOVAL OF HIV/AIDS TRAINING

The board reviewed a draft Policy Statement which states that the PT board will not enforce AIDS training and education requirements in chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 8 and WAC 246-915-110 while rules are being repealed to comply with Engrossed Substitute House Bill (ESHB) 1551.

MOTION: A motion was made to accept the Policy Statement on the repeal of HIV/AIDS training rules. The motion passed.

4. TOEFL iBT SPECIAL HOME EDITION TEST

The board discussed the new TOEFL iBT Special Home Edition test developed by the Educational Testing Service (ETS). The new test was developed to assist test takers affected by test center closings due to COVID-19. The test will be available to applicants through June 30, 2020. The board compared the language regarding TOEFL tests found in WAC 246-915-120 Foreign Educated Applicants to the new TOEFL iBT Special Home Edition test. The test is administered through the computer with a proctor viewing the applicant while they take the test. The board determined that the TOEFL iBT Special Home Edition test is substantially similar to the TOEFL tests listed in this rule and would be accepted if the scoring is the same.

MOTION: A motion was made to accept the TOEFL iBT Special Home Edition Test until such time as testing centers become open if scoring is comparable. The motion passed.

MOTION: A motion was made to authorize rules writing to repeal the HIV/AIDS education and training requirements. The motion passed.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

The board discussed the following correspondences:

The board reviewed correspondence regarding whether it is allowed to ship certain prescription medical devices to certain midlevel practitioners/physical therapists.

The board asked Ms. Waidely to request further clarification.

The board also received correspondence regarding the continuing competency rules. The first question was regarding when the first CE hours are to be reported after the licensee receives their first license. The board asked that it be confirmed that the FAQ's on the PT website provides this information. The second question was regarding how the hours for presenting a PT course or lecture can be calculated. The board discussed this category of CE credit, noting that a licensee can receive up to 10 hours which should be the total time of preparation and presenting presentations.

Licensees should keep a log of the hours spent preparing for the presentation and of the required documentation for a maximum of 10 hours per reporting period. The board asked Lilia Lopez to draft a response for board chair and vice-chair's approval.

6. 2020 MEETING DATES

Due to travel restrictions, Ms. Waidely requested the board to authorize changing the remaining 2020 meeting locations to webinar. The board also discussed changing the August 10 meeting to August 17, 2020.

MOTION: A motion was made to move the August 10, 2020 meeting to August 17, 2020 and that the remainder of the 2020 meetings will be changed to webinar format. The motion passed.

7. NEW SPINAL MANIPULATION ENDORSEMENT LAW, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

Effective July 1, 2020, the requirement regarding who qualifies as a clinical supervisor will change. The board discussed how this change may affect physical therapists who are part way through completing the required 300 hours of clinical supervision and were unable to complete those hours due to the pandemic. Board members also discussed whether the board has the authority to allow a licensee to complete the remaining clinical hours under the same supervisor.

The board agreed that the hours of clinical supervision completed by June 30, 2020 under a person qualified as a clinical supervisor before the law changed will be accepted. The board requested a statement to be placed on the Board of Physical Therapy website to let licensees know this. The board requested more information regarding how many people the change in the law may otherwise impact and requested a question to be sent out through GovDelivery to all physical therapists on this list. Further discussion of this item was tabled until the board receives additional information.

8. FEDERATION OF STATE BOARDS OF PHYSICAL THERAPY (FSBPT) UPDATES

- PT Compact Update:
The total number of participating states is 20. To date, 145 people have gotten compact privileges.
- FSBPT Trauma's Impact on Boundary Violation Investigations Training:
Kathryn Dale will attend the FSBPT Trauma's Impact on Boundary Violation Investigations Training by webinar.
- Board Assessment Resource: The Board Assessment Resource is now available on the FSBPT's website. The board would like to look at the Board Assessment Resource questions during the next scheduled board meeting.
- 2020 FSBPT Annual Meeting and Delegate Assembly:
The board discussed how the 2020 annual meeting is now offered online and would like to know if there is a cost, the ease of participation, and how many board members are able to attend.

9. APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL TO RECEIVE LISTS/LABELS

The board discussed each of the following public disclosure requests to receive lists and labels of physical therapists and physical therapist assistants:

- 9.1 Educational Organization
- 9.2 Seattle Central Community College
- 9.3 MCR Seminars

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the Educational Organization, Seattle Central Community College, and MCR Seminars to receive lists and labels. The motion passed.

10. PROGRAM REPORT

10.1 Budget

The board reviewed the budget report and had no questions or comments.

10.2 Rules update

The board discussed the current rules and asked Ms. Waidely to file the necessary rules forms to open up WAC 246-915-085 Continuing Competency rules in order to make updates.

10.3 Board Member Recruitment update

Ms. Waidely reported that 12 applications were received from the Office of the Governor for the upcoming PTA board member vacancy. Ms. Compton and Dr. Aglubat have agreed to assist Ms. Waidely with the interview process.

10.4 Planning for upcoming meetings

All remaining meetings for 2020 will be held by remote webinar attendance.

10.5 Other

Board discussed increasing the number of members on the board for representation purposes.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:23 p.m.

Kris Waidely, Program Manager
Board of Physical Therapy

Renee Compton, PTA, Chair
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