



**Board of Physical Therapy
Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.
Teleconference Attendance**

On February 8, 2021, the Board of Physical Therapy met via teleconference. Login information was published with the agenda on the DOH website and through GovDelivery.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Renee Fullerton, Executive Director
Kris Waidely, Program Manager
Davis Hylkema, Program Associate
Michelle Hartman, Administrative Assistant 3
Lilia Lopez, AAG
Bill Kellington, Supervising Staff Attorney
Hope Kilbourne, Policy Analyst

GUESTS:

Jackie Barry, Executive Director, PTWA
Melissa Johnson, Lobbyist, PTWA
Eric Moen
Genevie Cook
Richard Woolf, FSBPT
Meryl Gersh, PT, PhD

OPEN SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER

Kathryn Dale, PT, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

- 1.1. Introductions – The board, staff, and guests introduced themselves.
- 1.2. Approval of Agenda – The February 8, 2021 agenda was approved as presented.
- 1.3. Approval of Meeting Minutes – The December 7, 2020 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

2. RULES WORKSHOP

The board reviewed all comments received regarding the proposed draft rule language for WAC 246-915-085, Continuing Competency. The board agreed to make further additions and corrections to the rule language. Ms. Waidely will draft the changes suggested and send to the board for review. Discussion on changes will take place at the next board meeting, April 5, 2021.

The board reviewed an agenda request received from CE Broker regarding doing a presentation on CE requirements. The board declined the request and agreed not to use an external enterprise.

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

3.1 FSBPT News

FSBPT announced their schedule for 2021 which will be held virtually through the year. The board will vote on a delegate at the next meeting, April 5, 2021.

3.2 FSBPT Richard Woolf, FSBPT

Mr. Woolf requested feedback from the board regarding what FSBPT can do to aid the board in 2021 and beyond. The board reviewed the list of topics that FSBPT is engaged in that Mr. Woolf provided and agreed there were no further topics to be added.

3.3 PT Compact Updates/Issues

Dr. Wodka presented the board with updates from the meeting he attended regarding the PT compact. Ms. Fullerton advised the board that the problems Washington was having with the Department of Labor & Industries not accepting the PT Compact have all been cleared up. The Department of Health customer service department will soon be taking on the exam recording, and Ms. Fullerton will update the board when this takes place.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

The board discussed its response to the previous correspondence regarding whether evaluating the function of pessaries is within the PT scope of practice. The board decided rule making would be premature based on the lack of training availability and agreed to table the discussion to gather more information on training. Ms. Dale and Ms. Lopez will work together on a response letter.

5. NEWSLETTER

The board decided on the following items for the upcoming newsletter and was asked to submit articles to Mr. Hylkema no later than March 1, 2021.

- Update on Rule making, written by Dr. Aglubat
- Article to PT & PTA's encouraging all to get vaccinated, written by Ms. Dale
- PT Compact update, written by Dr. Wodka
- Introduction of our newest board member, written by Ms. Jammeh.
- JP Quiz questions, written by Dr. Osborne.

6. PROGRAM REPORT

6.1 Budget Report

Ms. Fullerton advised the board the fiscal situation is continuing on a similar trajectory as presented by the budget director in August. Major cost drivers where the actual costs are exceeding the allotment significantly are primarily related to discipline, including cost for expert witnesses and attorney general services.

6.2 HELMS Update

Ms. Fullerton updated the board on the HELMS project. HELMS implementation is picking up speed as the agency is working closely with the vendor gathering more information about the daily user needs. As the implementation proceeds, there will be opportunity to gather needs from outside users such as board members. The planned timeframe for implementation

remains late spring/summer of 2022 with the go live tentatively planned for July/August 2022.

6.3 Legislative meet-me-calls update

Dr. Aglubat gave an update to the board on the calls she participated in and specifically on Bill 5229, Health Equity for CE. Ms. Fullerton also advised the board members that there was action taken on this bill and the change will help with implementation. Ms. Fullerton will update the board on any changes that may occur.

6.4 Rules Update

Ms. Waidely gave the following updates:

- PT Compact rules have been filed with the Office of the Code Reviser. Hearing is scheduled for April 5, 2021 and will be added to the next agenda for board to consider adopting those rules.
- CR-101 for Foreign Educated has been filed.
- CE Competency updates will be made by Ms. Waidely who will then send out for comment. The board will review the comments at the April 5, 2021 board meeting to decide if we continue drafting rule language or move forward with a rules hearing.

6.5 Planning for upcoming meetings

Ms. Waidely advised the board that meetings will continue to be held virtually as travel restrictions are still implemented for Department of Health staff. Next meeting is April 5, 2021.

6.6 Other

Nothing further was discussed.

7. CONSENT AGENDA - Items listed under the consent agenda (informational items) are considered routine matters and are approved without discussion upon approval of the agenda. If separate discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the consent agenda and placed on the regular business agenda for discussion.

7.1 2021 NPTE Policies

Draft was presented to the board showing current updates and final copy for review.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

Kris Waidely, Program Manager
Board of Physical Therapy

Kathryn Dale, PT, Chair
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