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Board of Physical Therapy Minutes April 15, 2024

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

Staff Present: Allyson McIver, Program Manager; Jennifer Santiago, Executive Director; Marianne Richter, Policy Analyst; Rachel Campbell, Fiscal Analyst; Lilia Lopez, Senior Counsel; Madissen Schatz, Assistant Program Manager; Na'Taya Harris, Administrative Assistant; Tami Thompson, Regulatory Affairs Manager, Zachary Patnode, Quality Assurance Director; Harold Wright Jr., Deputy Director.

Guests and Other Participants: Lisa VanHaagen, Acupuncturist, Massage Therapist, Sedro-Wooley Massage; Amy Sanderson, Physical Therapist, Apex Physical Therapy; Chaiya Sherman, Acupuncturist, Washington Acupuncture and Eastern Medicine Association; Leslie; Melissa Johnson, APTA-WA; Daniel McIntyre, PT; Colleen Childs Physical Therapist.

1. Call to Order

On Monday April 15, at 10:06 a.m., Chairperson Dale officially called the meeting to order.

1.1. Introductions

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 Dr. Aglubat. Vice-chairperson Copes seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

1.3. Approval of January 12, 2024, Meeting Minutes

The meeting then moved to the approval of the minutes from the previous session held on January 12, 2024. Chairperson Dale presented the minutes, Dr. Aglubat moved for approval, Vice-chairperson Copes seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Open Forum

Chairperson Dale initiated the open forum session, providing a platform for the public to address non-rule hearing issues related to physical therapy. No comments were received.

3. Credentialing Presentation

Zachary Patnode and Harold Wright Jr shared a presentation to the board regarding detailed data goals, future planning, and credentialing updates.

4. 2024 Legislative Update

Dr. Foucrier and Dr. Aglubat provided a final update on the 2024 legislative session weekly tracking meetings. There were no decisions or bills passed that directly impacted the board.

5. Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy

5.1. Compact Commission Updates

Ms. Aglubat provided the board with updates from FSBPT, and shared that the Physical Therapy Compact Committee will be holding a strategic planning meeting in May. She also stated that the PT Compact Rules and Bylaws Committee has proposed various amendments to the compact rules, bylaws, policies, and procedures which the executive board has reviewed. The meeting to review, discuss and potentially approve those amendments will take place during the summer of 2024.

5.2. FSBPT Annual Education Conference

Chairperson Dale presented the board with the information regarding FSBPT's LIF held in Arlington Virginia from July 13-14th, and the Annual Education Conference taking place October 29, 2024, through November 2 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The board took a vote on who would be attending both LIF and the annual education conference on behalf of the board. The board unanimously voted for Chairperson Dale to attend both events as the primary delegate, and for Dr. Misko to attend the annual education conference as the alternate delegate.

6. Intramuscular Needling Endorsement Application

The board reviewed the intramuscular needling endorsement application and voted for approval. The board approved the motion with amendments to the language of the updated endorsement application.

7. Intramuscular Needling Endorsement Rules Hearing for WAC 246-915-990 and WAC 246-915-390

The board and the department of health held a rule hearing for the proposed changes to WAC 246-915-990 and the new proposed chapter WAC 246-915-290, regarding the intramuscular needling endorsement.

7.1 Public comment: The board received both written and verbal comments in support of and opposed to the proposed rules.

7.2 The board reviewed and discussed the comments received and agreed to pass the vote to adopt the proposed rules as presented. The motion to approve was initiated by Ms. Dale and seconded by Mr. Fouchier. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Spring Newsletter

The board reviewed the spring newsletter, and the outcome of the hearing will be added to the training article. The motion to approve the newsletter draft pending updates to the intramuscular needling article and the final DOH review was initiated by Mr. Copes and seconded by Mr. Fouchier. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Initial License and Endorsement Requirement

The board reviewed the draft language and changes as presented. The board requested historical information regarding the TOEFL exception language. The program will review the language and the board will revisit this discussion at a future board meeting.

10. Exception Application Matrix

The board reviewed the proposed updates to the exception application matrix resulting from the February 2021 Blake Decision. Upon learning the department has received additional suggestions and comments regarding the matrix, they requested to hold off on a decision until the department has reviewed those suggestions and integrated them into the matrix. Staff will bring back an updated exception application matrix for consideration at a future meeting.

11. Correspondence

The board reviewed and discussed the correspondence received since the last meeting. This included requests for lists and labels and other general questions.

11.1 Lists and Labels

An application to receive lists was presented to the board by the Institute for Natural Resources. This request was approved by the board unanimously.

11.2 Request for clarification on wound care services.

Dr. Ascanio asked the board for clarification regarding Total Contact Casts and the application of biologic and synthetic skin substitutes, and if they would be included in wound care services under RCW 18.74.010. The board reviewed and agreed that the wound care options Dr. Ascanio referenced appeared to fall under the language of the

statute and would qualify as wound care services. The board clarified that the physical therapist must be trained to provide these services, and issued a reminder that any sharp debridement requires additional training and education under WAC 246-915-360.

12. Program Report

12.1 Budget Report

Ms. McIver presented the program budget report for July 1, 2023, to January 31, 2024. The budget is seeing positive budget changes. Helms expenses continue to have an impact on the budget. Program administration takes up about 17% of expenses. Attorney general services are about 11%. Disciplinary costs are about 23% currently sit around 26%, others are at 3% and indirect costs are at about 20%.

12.2 Rulemaking Update

Ms. McIver informed the board that the endorsement and initial application rules project was reviewed today, and the language will be updated and presented at the next meeting. The board will have the opportunity to consider approval to file CR-102. The compact effective date rules project did not receive any public comments and program staff will move forward with filing a CR-103.

12.3 Board Member Recruitment Update

One application for the public member position was submitted, however the individual was no longer interested. Recruitment efforts are ongoing. Ms. McIver also shared that recruitment efforts would begin soon for the physical therapy assistant position that will be open after the end of Ms. Jammeh's term in September.

12.4 Planning for upcoming meetings

The next meeting will be June 10, 2024, along with the workshop for the additional license updates.

13 Consent Agenda

Chairperson Dale stated that there was nothing on the consent agenda.

14. Adjournment

Chairperson Dale formally adjourned the meeting at 12:58 p.m. A motion to adjourn, initiated by Vice-chairperson Copes and seconded by Dr. Aglubat, was unanimously approved.

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