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Board of Physical Therapy Minutes June 10, 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; Destini Jammeh, Physical Therapist Assistant; 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.

Guests and Other Participants: Erica Owens, Washington APTA Executive Director; Michael Manning, ATI Physical Therapy District Director; Johnathan Pospichal, ATI Physical Therapy District Director.

1. Call to Order

On Monday June 10th, 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. Foucrier. Vice-chairperson Copes seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

1.3. Approval of April 15, 2024, Meeting Minutes

The meeting then moved to the approval of the minutes from the previous meeting held on April 15, 2024. Chairperson Dale recommended that titles should be consistent throughout the minutes. 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 a platform for the public to address non-rule hearing issues related to physical therapy. Ms. McIver advised the public to please use the hand raise feature if they wish to address the board. No comments were received.

Chairperson Dale closed the open forum.

3. Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy

3.1 Compact commission updates:

Dr. Aglubat presented the compact commission updates to the board.

3.2 Proposed 2024 amendments to PT compact commission rules, bylaws, policies and procedures:

Dr. Aglubat stated that the compact commission has proposed updates to their rules increasing how long a compact privilege holder must report a change in home state. The proposal is to increase the timeframe from 30 days to 60 days. Dr. Aglubat explained that the change was proposed to provide the individual with more flexibility. Other proposed rule changes that were administrative in nature were reviewed and discussed.

These amendments are to be voted on June 17, 2024 at the special meeting being held by the compact delegate. The board had no comments or recommendations to share with the committee.

3.3 FSBPT regulatory workshop report out:

Ms. Santiago shared her report from the FSBPT regulatory workshop. She shared what impacted her the most was being able to meet other executive directors of physical therapy boards from other states. The workshop shared in depth what the physical therapy boards do and how to be a board member.

4. Select 2025 Board Meeting Dates

Ms. McIver presented 2025 meeting dates to the board. She proposed the idea of having 5 meetings a year instead of 6 meetings. She asked the board their thoughts about the idea and if this was something they would like to adopt for the next meeting year's schedule. The board briefly discussed their opinions on the matter and agreed to adopt the new meeting schedule for 2025. The meetings dates discussed were February 24, 2025, May 5, 2025, July 14, 2025, September 29, 2025, and December 8, 2025. Dr. Foucrier motioned to move the meeting schedule from 6 meetings a year to 5 meetings a year. Dr. Aglubat seconded the motion and was unanimously approved by the board. Vice-chairperson Copes motioned to approve the proposed meeting dates of 2025; February 24, 2025, May 5, 2025, July 14, 2025, September 29, 2025, and December 8, 2025. Dr. Foucrier seconded the motion, and the motion was approved by the board.

5. Intramuscular Needling Endorsement Application Process

Ms. McIver provided a couple of different options to the board on how they would like to process intramuscular needling endorsement applications.

The board shared their thoughts and feedback on who should handle the application process for the intramuscular needling endorsement. Dr. Foucrier was interested in the idea of having a sample of what the applicants are doing for their education and training to better understand how to make decisions if a case were to come to the board for review. A sample would help the board understand what the standard is. He was in support of delegating the review process to department staff and reviewing sample applications to understand training and education pathways. Dr. Misko agreed with Dr. Foucrier.

Dr. Aglubat suggested a more detailed data collection rather than a random sampling of applications, to better grasp what is being reviewed and why. Ms. McIver and Dr. Aglubat will be working together to compile a list or chart of data rather than having the board review redacted endorsements. The board discussed including a broader number of applications in a short period of time versus reviewing only a few applications at a time.

Dr. Aglubat motioned the board to delegate standard endorsement application review to department staff and for the board to receive compiled data for the board to review for educational purposes. Dr. Foucrier seconded the motion which was approved by the board.

6. Initial License and Endorsement Requirement

Ms. McIver asked the board to review the foreign educated applicant rules draft to ensure that the language is clear and captured the board's intent. Dr. Foucrier motioned to approve the draft language as written in the packet and to move it forward to the rulemaking process. Dr. Misko seconded the motion and the board approved. The draft language will be shared with the public and the board will review feedback and consider approval for the CR-102 at the next business meeting.

7. Compact Privilege Spinal Manipulation Endorsement Eligibility

Ms. McIver asked the board to determine whether for the purpose of the spinal manipulation endorsement, if a license and a privilege are one in the same. Would someone who holds a compact privilege be eligible to apply for the spinal manipulation endorsement. The board reviewed and discussed eligible definitions and applicable statutes. Chairperson Dale made a motion to consider compact privilege holders eligible for the spinal manipulation endorsement should the applicant meet the training and education requirements. Dr. Foucrier seconded the motion and the board approved.

The board took a 20-minute lunch break and resumed the meeting at 11:40am

8. Program Report

Ms. McIver and Ms. Santiago presented the program report to the board.

8.1 Budget Report

Ms. McIver reported on the July 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024 budget report. The starting balance was - \$905,949.00 and by the end of April the ending fund balance was -\$820,249.00. This includes the HELMS expenses, which will be deducted from the revenue this month.

8.2 Rulemaking Update

Ms. McIver shared updates on the three rulemaking projects that are either in progress or were completed since the last business meeting.

8.3 Board member recruitment update

Ms. McIver shared with the board that a candidate has been interviewed for the open public member position. The interview went well, and the recruitment packet has been submitted to the governor's office for consideration.

8.4 Planning for upcoming meetings

Ms. McIver shared that at the next meeting articles for the fall newsletter will be discussed. The board will need to consider authorizing the rules to update the compact effective date again, assuming the compact commission passes their rule updates next week. The board will also hear a report on the BCC leadership conference from June 18, 2024, and the FSBPT Leadership Issues Forum conference that is being held in July. The exception application matrix discussion has been placed on a brief hold for further review and the board will likely see a draft in October.

9. Consent Agenda

9.1 NPTE Q1 survey results

9.2 CAPTE accreditation updates

9.3 APTA Home Health - Providing PT care in the Home 4th Edition

10. Adjournment

Vice-chairperson Copes formally adjourned the meeting at 11:59 a.m. A motion to adjourn, initiated by Vice-chairperson Copes and seconded by Dr. Foucrier, was unanimously approved by the board.

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