

THE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
Professional & Vocational Licensing Division
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs
State of Hawaii

MINUTES OF MEETING

- Date: Tuesday, September 9, 2014
- Time: 9:00 a.m.
- Place: Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room
King Kalakaua Building
335 Merchant Street, 1st Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
- Present: Rachelle Iopa, Physical Therapist ("PT"), Vice Chair
Russell Chung, Public Member
Debra Kubota, PT
Elizabeth McCreary, Public Member
Neil Shimabukuro, PT
Alan Taniguchi, Executive Officer ("EO")
Rodney Tam, Deputy Attorney General ("DAG")
Jennifer Fong, Secretary
- Guests: Herbert Yee, Hawaii Chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association
Cris Kaniaupio, Tripler/Ho`okahi Leo
- Agenda: The agenda for this meeting was filed with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, as required by section 92-7(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS").
1. Call to Order: There being a quorum present, Chair Pro Tem Kubota called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.
 2. Election of Officers: The floor was opened for nominations for Chair.

Ms. McCreary moved to nominate Mr. Shimabukuro for Chair and close the nominations. Mr. Chung seconded the motion. It was voted on and unanimously carried.
 3. Additions/Revisions to Agenda: None.

At 9:08 a.m., Vice Chair Iopa arrived.

4. Approval of
Board Meeting
Minutes of the
June 3, 2014
Meeting:

Upon a motion by Ms. Kubota, seconded by Vice Chair Iopa, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2014 meeting as circulated.

5. Executive
Officer's Report:

None.

6. New Business: a. 2015 Legislative Session

EO Taniguchi noted that there were several issues that the Board had previously mentioned that they might want to add language for in HRS Chapter 461J such as a continuing competence requirement for physical therapist assistants ("PTAs"). He noted that the deadline for any administrative bill proposals for the 2015 legislative session is due on September 19th. Because of this, he recommended that instead of rushing to put together language, the Board focus on submitting any proposed legislation in the 2016 regular session.

7. Unfinished
Business

a. Rule Revisions – Title 16, Chapter 110, Hawaii Administrative Rules ("HAR")-
Physical Therapist Assistant ("PTA") Licensure – Update

A copy of a new draft which incorporates the comments and suggestions from DAG Tam was distributed to the Board.

EO Taniguchi noted that the education requirement to obtain a PTA license is either a degree from an accredited PTA program or an accredited PT program. He has received a few calls recently from PTAs who feel that the PT education is not similar to a PTA education.

Chair Shimabukuro stated that he does not agree. He feels that the PT education is more than comparable to the PTA education.

Vice Chair Iopa, Ms. Kubota and Ms. McCreary agreed.

DAG Tam noted that HAR §16-110-4(a) states "A physical therapist shall supervise all physical therapy care provided by support or auxiliary personnel." It does not reference whether the supervision is direct. He asked if there were any concerns.

Chair Shimabukuro noted that HAR §16-110-4(b)(8) states that a supervising physical therapist shall provide telecommunications accessibility at all times when the supervising physical therapist is not on site and the ability to be on

site within two hours if the supervising physical therapist's physical presence is needed.

Ms. Kubota noted that requiring direct supervision may severely limit care depending on the practice setting.

Ms. Kaniaupio commented that requiring direct supervision would change the standard of care. She feels full autonomy should allow some liberties as a direct supervision requirement would severely affect access to care.

Mr. Chung noted that for his profession, direct supervision was required in order to qualify for the license, however, in this case, as the PTA would already be licensed, he does not feel the need for direct supervision is as urgent.

Board members agreed by consensus to keep the existing draft language regarding supervision.

DAG Tam inquired whether the Board wanted to include the PTA as someone who can provide a referral to an appropriate healthcare provider.

Board members agreed by consensus to keep the existing draft language regarding referrals.

Upon a motion by Vice Chair Iopa, seconded by Ms. Kubota, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve the updated draft with the DAG's non-substantive changes.

b. Rule Revisions – Title 16, Chapter 110, HAR – Continued Competence Language

1) Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy ("FSBPT") Jurisprudence Assessment Tool Information

Information on the FSBPT Jurisprudence Assessment Tool was provided to the Board for review.

EO Taniguchi noted that the FSBPT will develop the jurisprudence exam at no cost to the jurisdiction (Hawaii). The FSBPT will collect a fee from the licensees for taking the exam.

Chair Shimabukuro asked how long the development process will take.

EO Taniguchi stated that he is planning to meet with Heidi Herbst Paakkonen at the upcoming FSBPT conference to discuss logistics.

8. Applications: a. Ratifications

Upon a motion by Ms. Kubota, seconded by Vice Chair Iopa, it was voted on and unanimously carried to ratify the following:

Approved for Physical Therapist License

- PT 3819 KATRIN M LUYTEN
- PT 3820 VANESSA D HUNTER
- PT 3821 DANIEL T RENAHAN
- PT 3822 MATTHEW D DUBOIS
- PT 3823 JASON R COOPER
- PT 3824 BOBI J BURNEY
- PT 3825 EMILY J LANE
- PT 3826 KATHERINE A HOVERSTADT
- PT 3827 BRITTANY E GALSKI
- PT 3828 JENNIFER WICHTERMAN
- PT 3829 ADAM K JOHNNIDIS
- PT 3830 ABIGAIL L LEDDY
- PT 3831 MILANA S MUNDWEIL
- PT 3832 TRAVIS W LEONG
- PT 3833 NICOLETA GRIGORAS
- PT 3834 DAVID D GOHDES
- PT 3835 CYNTHIA L JOHNSON
- PT 3836 JULIE M TIBBETTS
- PT 3837 STEPHANIE A LISTOWSKI
- PT 3838 MARY V MANTOOTH
- PT 3839 ANJA RASMUSSEN
- PT 3840 MATTHEW R MARISCHEN
- PT 3841 JENNIFER L STEFFEN
- PT 3842 YOKO RAY
- PT 3843 SHASTA M KETCHAM
- PT 3844 KRISTINA M SMERAGULIO
- PT 3845 ANGELA A BESTWICK
- PT 3846 ROSEMARIE L TAMAYO
- PT 3847 JENIFER E JENNINGS
- PT 3848 LISA M CAMARDA
- PT 3849 CARRIE M YAP
- PT 3850 LAUREN M KLOEPFER

- PT 3851 KARIN T LEE
- PT 3852 CASSAND C PALMER
- PT 3853 TIARA V ROLLE
- PT 3854 BENNETT A ZAZZERA
- PT 3855 RAGNHILD JENKINS
- PT 3856 THEODORE A RAMIREZ
- PT 3857 LIA K YAMAMOTO
- PT 3858 TARYN M CHUN
- PT 3859 PAUL R LIANGCO
- PT 3860 STEPHANIE L TRAVERS
- PT 3861 DAWN MOFFETT
- PT 3862 JASON L HENRY
- PT 3863 JOANNE K ISHIKAWA
- PT 3864 KRISTEN R CICIO

b. Applications

None.

9. Next Meeting:

EO Taniguchi reported that the Board's next meeting date is currently scheduled for November 10, 2014, however, board members had previously expressed interest in possibly holding a special meeting depending on when the Governor's approval to hold the public hearing for the rules is received.

EO Taniguchi noted that the public hearing must be scheduled at least 30 days after the date the announcement of the hearing appears in the newspapers. Once the approval from the Governor's office is received, the board members will be contacted regarding whether they would like to hold a special meeting or keep the date of the next scheduled meeting to November 10, 2014.

Ms. McCreary asked if the Board would be required to attend the public hearing.

DAG Tam said that similar to a board meeting, quorum is required for the public hearing. The Board should be there to assist the EO with responding to any questions or concerns that may arise during the hearing.

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10. Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, Chair Shimabukuro adjourned the meeting at 9:46 a.m.

Taken by:

/s/ Jennifer Fong

Jennifer Fong
Secretary

Reviewed by:

/s/ Alan Taniguchi

Alan Taniguchi
Executive Officer

9/15/14

Minutes approved as is.

Minutes approved with changes; see minutes of _____.