

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

- Date: Tuesday, December 2, 2014
- Time: Immediately following the Public Hearing
- Place: Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room
King Kalakaua Building
335 Merchant Street, 1st Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
- Present: Neil Shimabukuro
Rachelle Iopa, Physical Therapist ("PT"), Chair
Rachelle Iopa, PT, Vice Chair
Russell Chung, Public Member
Elizabeth McCreary, Public Member
Alan Taniguchi, Executive Officer ("EO")
Rodney Tam, Deputy Attorney General ("DAG")
Jennifer Fong, Secretary
- Excused: Debra Kubota, PT
- Guests: Amedeo D. Ezzo-White
Jorge Torres
Kim Pennington, Brighton Rehab
Cindy Liberato
- 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, Public Notice, Quorum: There being a quorum present, Chair Shimabukuro called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m.
 2. Additions/ Additional Distribution to Agenda: None.
 3. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of the September 9, 2014 Meeting: Upon a motion by Vice Chair Iopa, seconded by Mr. Chung, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2014 meeting as circulated.

4. Executive Officer's Report:

a. 2015 Board Meeting Schedule

The Board's 2015 meeting schedule was distributed to the board members.

EO Taniguchi reminded the Board that they should notify the office as soon as possible if they are unable to attend a meeting.

5. Statute/Rule Legislation:

a. Consideration of Amendments to Chapter 16-110, Hawaii Administrative Rules ("HAR")

Chair Shimabukuro called for discussion of the rule amendments. Being none, Chair Shimabukuro called for a vote.

It was moved by Vice Chair Iopa, seconded by Ms. McCreary and unanimously carried to adopt the rule amendments presented at the public hearing.

6. Correspondence:

a. Inquiry from Brianne Childs regarding selective sharp debridement

The Board reviewed Ms. Childs' request for clarification regarding selective sharp debridement with or without MD orders.

EO Taniguchi noted that at their November 12, 1996 meeting, the Board made an informal interpretation that the intent of HRS §461J-2.5 to not allow breaking of good (healthy) or intact tissue and does not include dead or necrotic tissue, however, appropriate debridement procedures are to be prescribed by the referring physician and performed with sound medical judgment by the physical therapist.

Ms. McCreary stated that she believes that at the time the law was passed, the issue was not addressed because of concerns from other professions such as acupuncturists. She questioned whether the issue is only coming up because of insurance reimbursement.

DAG Tam reminded the Board that insurance issues are not within the Board's purview. He asked the Board what selective sharp debridement is.

Chair Shimabukuro stated that sharp debridement is using a sharp instrument such as a scalpel or a scissors to remove dead tissue from a wound to facilitate healing. He noted that in HAR §16-110-2, the definition of "treatment" provides a list of components that a physical therapy treatment or intervention may consist of which includes wound care and external dressings.

Upon a motion by Vice Chair Iopa, seconded by Mr. Chung, it was voted on and unanimously carried to reaffirm the Board's 1996 informal interpretation that the

intent of HRS §461J-2.5 to not allow breaking of good (healthy) or intact tissue and does not include dead or necrotic tissue. The Board noted that the rules were amended since the 1996 informal interpretation, therefore, the physical therapist no longer needs appropriate debridement procedures prescribed by a referring physician, however, the procedures should be performed with sound medical judgment by the physical therapist.

This is an informal interpretation for informational and explanatory purposes only and is not an official opinion or decision and therefore is not to be viewed as binding on the Board.

At this time, Chair Shimabukuro asked the audience members if they would like to address the Board.

Ms. Pennington stated that Brighton Rehab employs approximately 40 physical therapist assistants ("PTAs") statewide. She asked the Board to consider a temporary license for PTAs similar to the temporary license available for PTs. She informed the Board that she had one PTA working for her that was working as a PTA for 26 years but never went to school. This PTA obtained his license in California many years ago via an education waiver based on his experience which was offered at that time but is no longer available. She asked if there is any alternative for him.

Mr. Chung asked if any other state has a similar education requirement.

Chair Shimabukuro stated that when the Board decided to look into PTA licensure, they did review other states' requirements and they are all similar to Hawaii. While the Board can sympathize with his situation, all of the licensure requirements including the education requirement were made to ensure public safety.

Ms. Pennington stated that she has some PTAs who failed the exam and were unable to register for the January test date as all available spaces were filled. Several of those PTAs are flying to the mainland in order to take the exam in January. She noted that the exam is only administered on one day four times a year. The Prometric testing site in Hawaii only has twelve computers and up to two sessions per test date which allows for a maximum of 24 test slots. She requested that the Board increase the amount of opportunities for PTAs to sit for the exam.

EO Taniguchi noted that the test dates are determined by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy ("FSBPT"), not the Board. He stated that he was only informed recently by an applicant that the morning session for the January exam was full. Once he was notified, he was able to contact the FSBPT and open up the afternoon session. He advised Ms. Pennington to notify any of her employees that need to take the exam of the openings.

Ms. Pennington thanked EO Taniguchi and reiterated that some of her employees had already made arrangements to fly to the mainland in January to sit for the exam.

EO Taniguchi stated that he does not get notified when testing slots are full unless an applicant does so. Once he is notified, he can contact the FSBPT and request additional sessions similar to what he did in January. He noted that if applicants are informed that all available testing slots are full, they can call the Board office and he will contact the FSBPT to ask if more slots can be made available, however, he can only do so when an applicant lets him know that the slots are full.

Ms. Pennington noted that she does have some employees that were not diligent and submitted incomplete applications. She understands that the applicants must take some responsibility themselves for not being able to be licensed in a timely manner.

Chair Shimabukuro thanked Ms. Pennington for her comments.

7. Applications:

a. Ratifications

Upon a motion by Vice Chair Iopa, seconded by Mr. Chung, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve the attached ratification list.

b. Applications

Executive Session:

At 9:58 a.m., it was moved by Mr. Chung, seconded by Vice Chair Iopa, and unanimously carried to move into Executive Session in accordance with HRS, 92-5(a)(1) and (4), "To consider and evaluate personal information relating to individuals applying for professional or vocational licenses cited in section 26-9 or both;" and "To consult with the board's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities".

At 10:11 a.m., it was moved by Vice Chair Iopa, seconded by Mr. Chung, and unanimously carried to move out of executive session.

- Amedeo Ezzo-White

Upon a motion by Ms. McCreary, seconded by Vice Chair Iopa, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve Mr. Ezzo-White's application for PTA license.

Executive Session:

At 10:15 a.m., it was moved by Mr. Chung, seconded by Vice Chair Iopa, and unanimously carried to move into Executive Session in accordance with HRS, 92-5(a)(1) and (4), "To consider and evaluate personal information relating to individuals applying for professional or vocational licenses cited in section 26-9 or both;"

and "To consult with the board's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities".

At 10:32 a.m., it was moved by Vice Chair Iopa, seconded by Mr. Chung, and unanimously carried to move out of executive session.

- Jorge Torres
Upon a motion by Mr. Chung, seconded by Vice Chair Iopa, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve Mr. Torres' application for PTA license.

8. Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 13, 2015
9:00 a.m.
Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room
King Kalakaua Building
335 Merchant Street, First Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

9. Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, Chair Shimabukuro adjourned the meeting at 10:34 a.m.

Taken by:

/s/ Jennifer Fong

Jennifer Fong
Secretary

Reviewed by:

/s/ Alan Taniguchi

Alan Taniguchi
Executive Officer

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[] Minutes approved as is.

[✓] Minutes approved with changes; see minutes of January 13, 2015.

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PT 3865 ROSHAN JOHN
PT 3866 CHAD M MORLOCK
PT 3867 MONICA R WATKINS
PT 3868 KERRI P ELLIS
PT 3869 JAMIE N FORD
PT 3870 KONRAD M B SIEMEK
PT 3871 BARBARA E FRECHEN
PT 3872 JUSTINE HAROON
PT 3873 LEIGH N CRAIN
PT 3874 MICHAEL CUARESMA
PT 3875 MALCOLM E GREGORY
PT 3876 LIA B WALL
PT 3877 ASHLEY E FORD
PT 3878 NICHOLE L BREIDING
PT 3879 ELIZABETH L LEWIS
PT 3880 NICOLE L CHONG
PT 3881 KIMBERLY A CORBIN
PT 3882 JENNA M MULLEN
PT 3883 LEE HOANG
PT 3884 SARAH B HURST
PT 3885 EVA K FREEH
PT 3886 UTSAV BRAHMBHATT
PT 3887 SARA ABUT

PT 3888 REGINA M SWANSON
PT 3889 DONNA F ROGERS
PT 3890 ALISON C PORT
PT 3891 AIMEE DELMAGE
PT 3892 SARAI O SHACKLETT
PT 3893 CAROLYN P RAPOZA
PT 3894 JOANNE J C ABESAMIS
PT 3895 GIAN V VICUNA
PT 3896 TYLER J PATRICK
PT 3897 MICHAEL A PRINCIOTTA
PT 3898 JORDAN M HELMAN
PT 3899 KRISTEN J LION
PT 3900 LYNETTE I SANCHEZ
PT 3901 JERRILL MATHEW
PT 3902 HEATHER SALZER-DEVITO
PT 3903 AGATHA C RAMIREZ
PT 3904 JENNIFER B WILLIAMS
PT 3905 AKINAKA MIURA
PT 3906 TAYLOR A WATERS
PT 3907 DAWN C STEARNS
PT 3908 JOAN A DOMENGEAUX
PT 3909 KYLE K KAMEGAWA
PT 3910 JENNIFER L SMITH

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT LICENSE

PTA 1 JILL M WAKABAYASHI
PTA 2 TONY H AUYEUNG
PTA 3 KAYIN T RICHARDS
PTA 4 STEPHANIE K CHANG
PTA 5 KIM T YOUNG
PTA 6 FLORI C CABRADILLA
PTA 7 REY C TABALBA
PTA 8 ANN S WATANABE
PTA 9 GAVIN C LOHMEIER
PTA 10 ORLANDO V DAMO
PTA 11 REBECCA S BOND
PTA 12 ELIZABETH JONES
PTA 13 KILNANI ISHII
PTA 14 GRACE S MARIANO
PTA 15 JONATHAN W V ULIBAS
PTA 16 NOEL N ETO
PTA 17 MAYLANI M D ALANA

PTA 18 CARMEN K GARCIA
PTA 19 ALLAN B ULEP
PTA 20 DAX J YOKOYAMA
PTA 21 COLIN I KATO
PTA 22 ALBERT V PASION
PTA 23 CHAD J MIZUNAKA
PTA 24 JUNE A HIGA
PTA 25 JUNEMIA C MELENDEZ
PTA 26 DARWIN M FAJARDO
PTA 27 ANTHONY S M CHUNG
PTA 28 KAREN U SATO
PTA 29 CHRISTINE WILKINSON
PTA 30 JOSEPH S OTOMAN
PTA 31 LISA M ISONO
PTA 32 CINDY L CHANG
PTA 33 KRISTEN M HUNT
PTA 34 MAY ROSE C AGMATA

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PTA 36 PATRICIA STONE	PTA 80 LILY SAKATA
PTA 37 IRIS CASTRO	PTA 81 CAROL I MCNEELEY
PTA 38 MARIFE B ILABAN	PTA 82 DAWN M ROSSI
PTA 39 KAREN N SANDERS	PTA 83 ALEX J PULA
PTA 40 JASON E MENDES	PTA 84 FRANCES A YESTER
PTA 41 REBECCA W THOMAS	PTA 85 TALITHA A STOFFER
PTA 42 NAOMI M SHIROMA	PTA 86 ALLEN WALTERMAN
PTA 43 LAURIE S NODA	PTA 87 NANCY W H KUBOYAMA
PTA 44 BRYAN T MITSUNAGA	PTA 88 LEINA K OSHIRO
PTA 45 STANLEY A VALENCIA	PTA 89 MONETTE L MURDOCK
PTA 46 MARIA C A BISQUERA	PTA 90 COLLEEN M YEE
PTA 47 ERICH R FOLMER	PTA 91 WESLEY R SMITH
PTA 48 GLENN R PASION	PTA 92 DEBORAH W BLACK
PTA 49 WADE H FUJIWARA	PTA 93 DEBRA S MCMILLAN
PTA 50 MICHAEL P COLLINS	PTA 94 JOY-MELANIE A CALAOAGAN
PTA 51 CLARISE R ADAMS	PTA 95 JESSE S BRITT
PTA 52 MICHELLE S FURUTANI	PTA 96 TERRY L KASINO
PTA 53 CHRISTINE L BANKS	PTA 97 JENNI K ROMERO
PTA 54 RONNIE DATE	PTA 98 JAMES V LOW JR
PTA 55 MICHELLE D CAMPILLO-PETERS	PTA 99 ROBERT D WATSON
PTA 56 LORI A DARLOW	PTA 100 JUNELLE M GARCIA
PTA 57 MICHELLE S N IKEI	PTA 101 KEVIN QUINDICA
PTA 58 JULIE A FOY	PTA 102 CINDY A CHINEN
PTA 59 TERRILYN A FIEDLER	PTA 103 ROSS R SUYEMURA
PTA 60 RACHEL E HILPERT	PTA 104 JAMES A GALLAGHER
PTA 61 LAURIE A KILCUP	PTA 105 JULIE C Y LAM-IIDA
PTA 62 DUSTIN H KOBAYASHI	PTA 106 SARA JEAN I MORAN
PTA 63 MICHAEL N MIZUNO	PTA 107 LEATRICE E MAIAVA
PTA 64 AVIS B ORTIZ	PTA 108 STACEY L HERTZOG
PTA 65 MARY P RAHER	PTA 109 KATHRINE S CASTRO
PTA 66 DONALD R CACAYURIN	PTA 110 DIVINA G R CLEMENTE-SAMIANO
PTA 67 MARK Y MIKAMI	PTA 111 RYAN T CHONG
PTA 68 JAY K MATSUMOTO	PTA 112 LORNA L T WONG
PTA 69 JENNIFER R RUST	PTA 113 MICHAEL-ALI S IBON
PTA 70 ANDREA R SAVAGE	PTA 114 JACKIE J SEKIYA
PTA 71 CINDY BERMUDEZ	PTA 115 ELIZABETH C HIRSCHI
PTA 72 JOSEPH L WARK	PTA 116 ROMILEN P M HANIEF
PTA 73 STEPHANIE SOUZA	PTA 117 WENDY D TSUKUDA
PTA 74 LAURETTE L SINAY	PTA 118 LISA Y MIYAMOTO
PTA 75 HEATHER F K BOTELHO	PTA 119 HOLLEE CURL
PTA 76 PATRICK M TOM	PTA 120 DECIE S ANCHETA
PTA 77 RUTH L AYALA	PTA 121 CHRISTOPHER P BALLESTEROS
PTA 78 EMILY B MEDINA	