

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

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

- Date: Tuesday, March 8, 2016
- Time: 9:00 a.m.
- Place: Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room  
King Kalakaua Building  
335 Merchant Street, 1st Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
- Present: Neil Shimabukuro, Physical Therapist (“PT”), Chair  
Russell Chung, Public Member  
Debra Kubota, PT  
Michael Turner, PT  
Jill Wakabayashi, Physical Therapist Assistant (“PTA”)  
Alan Taniguchi, Executive Officer (“EO”)  
Rodney Tam, Deputy Attorney General (“DAG”)  
Jennifer Fong, Secretary
- Excused: Rachelle Iopa, PT, Vice Chair
- Guest: Herbert Yee, Hawaii Chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association (“HAPTA”)
- 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 Shimabukuro called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.
  2. Additions/  
Additional  
Distribution  
to Agenda: None.
  3. Approval of  
Board Meeting  
Minutes of the  
January 12,  
2016 Meeting: Chair Shimabukuro asked if there were any comments or concerns regarding the board meeting minutes of the January 12, 2016 meeting.  
  
There were none.

Upon a motion by Ms. Wakabayashi, seconded by Ms. Kubota, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2016 meeting as circulated.

4. Executive Officer's Report:

a. Postcard Mailout Update

EO Taniguchi reported that a postcard was mailed to all current licensed PTs at the end of January. He has been receiving many inquiries from licensees. The most frequent inquiries are regarding the following:

- Ethics, laws and rules (jurisprudence) continuing competence units ("CCUs"). Licensees have been informed that all CCUs in ethics, laws and rules must be approved by the Hawaii Board of Physical Therapy as each course must cover Hawaii's laws and rules. Any other courses in ethics, laws and rules (jurisprudence) not approved by the Board may be used as professional practice CCUs if the course is approved by a Board approved organization.
- Some states/jurisdictions approve providers and not specific courses, therefore, there is no course approval number. If a licensee chooses to take a course where the provider is approved by the state/jurisdiction, they will have to provide the Board with a letter from that state/jurisdiction stating that the provider is approved to conduct continuing education courses for PTs.
- The Board previously approved HAPTA as an organization to approve courses. The Board will not accept courses approved by any other chapter of the APTA.

Mr. Yee informed the Board that HAPTA does not approve courses. HAPTA does sponsor courses, however, they do not approve any courses which they do not sponsor.

EO Taniguchi stated that the language on the website will be changed to reflect that the Board will accept HAPTA sponsored courses.

Mr. Turner noted that he has received an inquiry from a licensee who previously took a course at his clinic, however, the course provider has gone out of business.

EO Taniguchi stated that the information listed on the Board's website for course approval must be submitted in order for the course to be reviewed. It is preferable for the provider to submit the course, however, if the provider has gone out of business, the licensee can submit the required information.

Mr. Turner said that both he and the licensee have been trying to get the information required for course approval but so far, they have been unsuccessful.

Mr. Yee noted that one CCU is equivalent to at least fifty minutes of instruction. He asked if HAPTA can list the number of CCU hours that the clock hours are equivalent to for the courses that they sponsor.

DAG Tam stated that it is up to HAPTA if they want to list the number of CCU hours, however, he would suggest that if they do so, they include a disclaimer that the number of CCU hours is still subject to final approval by the Board.

5. New Business: a. Letter from the Hawaii Chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association ("HAPTA") regarding telemedicine/telehealth

The Board reviewed a letter submitted by HAPTA President Gregg Pacilio requesting that the board develop rules regarding telemedicine/telehealth. Mr. Pacilio's letter noted that telehealth can range from a PT delivering one-time advice electronically, to a PT evaluating a patient and following them remotely over a course of treatment possibly delivered by another person. He goes on to state that as PT is traditionally a hands-on, direct personal contact practice, this generates a number of questions for HAPTA as to what is acceptable and what is not. He noted that currently three states (Washington, Kentucky and Alaska) have provisions in their administrative rules defining telehealth and the Federations of State Boards of Physical Therapy ("FSBPT") has model legislation regarding telehealth.

Ms. Kubota noted that telemedicine/telehealth is a fairly new development in the industry and the Board should look into this type of practice, however, it may be too early right now to amend the rules as the practice has not fully been defined by the industry yet.

Chair Shimabukuro acknowledged that the issue of telemedicine/telehealth is not simple as the practice could be defined in many different ways.

Ms. Wakabayashi noted that currently, there is a bill in congress which addresses telemedicine/telehealth. She feels that the Board should wait until it is addressed at the federal level before determining how they should proceed.

EO Taniguchi suggested that any board members who attend this year's FSBPT conference plan to attend any sessions regarding telemedicine/telehealth.

Mr. Chung asked if practicing via telemedicine/telehealth would require the PT to be licensed in the state where the patient is.

Chair Shimabukuro said possibly. He noted that the FSBPT's proposed licensure compact would theoretically allow a PT to practice in multiple states without obtaining a license in each one.

b. License Renewal and Inactive Status for Physical Therapists

EO Taniguchi noted that the Board's statutes require any person who wants to restore or reactivate their license to provide proof of compliance with the continued competence requirements within the last two years prior to applying to restore/reactivate the license.

He reported that he contacted DAG Tam to discuss how this would possibly affect licensees who may choose to restore or reactivate their license shortly before the renewal period. It was determined that the licensee would have to submit CCUs equivalent to that required for a single renewal period of an active license within the last two years prior to applying to restore or reactivate the license. Those CCUs cannot be used for the subsequent license renewal, regardless of the restoration/reactivation date. For example, a licensee whose license is restored in October of 2018 must provide proof of completing 30 CCUs in order to restore their license. Once restored, the license would have to be renewed by December 31, 2018 to keep it current. The licensee would not be able to use those same CCUs they used in October to renew their license. Instead, they would have to have proof of completing an additional 30 CCUs in order to meet the license renewal requirements.

DAG Tam noted that there is nothing in the statutes which allows the licensee a grace period.

6. Continued  
Competence  
Course Approval  
Requests:

After some discussion, upon a motion by Chair Shimabukuro, seconded by Mr. Turner, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve the following courses from AdvantageCEUs.com for **professional practice** CCUs:

<u>Index #</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>CCUs</u>
16-003	Hawaii – PT Ethics and Jurisprudence <i>(Please note that this course is <u>not</u> approved for Ethics, Laws and Rules (Jurisprudence) CCUs)</i>	2
16-004	Pain Types & Patterns: A Differential Diagnosis	6
16-005	Pharmacology for Therapists	5
16-006	Keys to Understanding Common Nerve Entrapments	5

<u>Index #</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>CCUs</u>
16-007	Managing Chronic Achilles Tendon and Lower Extremity Stress Fracture Injuries	7
16-008	Postsurgical Sports Rehab: Knee & Shoulder - Module 1: Concepts in Postsurgical Management	10
16-009	Postsurgical Sports Rehab: Knee & Shoulder – Module 4: Knee Meniscus Injuries/Tendon Ruptures	4
16-010	Neuro Rehab – Module 1: Balance and Vestibular Dysfunction	6
16-011	Neuro Rehab - Module 4: Traumatic Brain Injury	4
16-012	Physical Therapy for Children – Module 1: Motor Control/Learning and Musculoskeletal Development	11
16-013	Physical Therapy for Children – Module 4: Sports Injuries in Children	4
16-014	Orthopedic Physical Assessment – Module 2: Lumbar Spine	10
16-015	Muscle Energy Techniques – Module 1: Intro & How to Use MET	10
16-016	Muscle Energy Techniques – Module 3: MET for Joints & Spinal Injury	6
16-017	What You Need to Know: Orthopedic Reasoning/ Pathology/Rehab – Module 1: Cervical Spine	8
16-018	What You Need to Know: Orthopedic Reasoning/ Pathology/Rehab – Module 4: Shoulder	6
16-019	Orthopedic Physical Therapy Secrets – Module 6: The Shoulder	6
16-020	Orthopedic Physical Therapy Secrets – Module 10: The SI Joint/Hip and Pelvis	4
16-021	Orthopedic Physical Therapy Secrets – Module 11: The Knee	5
16-022	Geriatric Therapy – Module 1: Foundations – Part 1	6

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16-023	Geriatric Therapy – Module 3: Examination and Intervention – Part 1	7
16-024	Management of Chronic Foot/Lower Leg Conditions – Module 1: Osteoarthritis, Rheumatic Diseases & Gout	7
16-025	Differential Diagnosis – Module 1: Intro to Screening for Referral/Physical Assessment	10
16-026	Differential Diagnosis – Module 6: Screening the Shoulder Complex/UE, Thorax and Lower Extremities	10
16-027	Cognitive and Perceptual Rehab – Module 1: Overview/General Considerations for Intervention	4
16-028	Assistive Technology – Module 5: Sensory Aids for Visual & Auditory Impairments	6
16-029	Upper Extremity and Hand Therapy – Module 1: Fundamentals – Part 1	5
16-030	Stroke Rehabilitation – Module 1	10

7. Applications:

a. Ratifications

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

Approved for Physical Therapist License

PT 4116 JACOB D YAPLE  
PT 4117 GAYLE E SCHIEFFER  
PT 4118 ERIC N GIESEN  
PT 4119 MARIA C SBODIO  
PT 4120 JULIA C ROGERS  
PT 4121 MONIQUE C MORIN  
PT 4122 RYAN M SHOAF  
PT 4123 LAUREN E DUDAS  
PT 4124 THERESA L OWENS  
PT 4125 THAISA Y NAKANO  
PT 4126 LISA G BROWNWOOD  
PT 4127 BELLA L GOPLEN  
PT 4128 KAES A KAMMAN  
PT 4129 FREYA F TARAPORE

Approved for Physical Therapist License (continued from previous page)

PT 4130 IRENA F MCQUARRIE  
PT 4131 RYAN K HAUGHT  
PT 4132 KAITLYN B STONE  
PT 4133 ASHLEY N WHITWELL  
PT 4134 ADRIAN B DATU  
PT 4135 KATRINA J BANKS  
PT 4136 QUINN V ASARO  
PT 4137 DUSTIN V BERNARD  
PT 4138 AMBER M GILL  
PT 4139 HEIDI L PAULSON  
PT 4140 KIM B ANDERSON  
PT 4141 AMY L GODDARD  
PT 4142 JENNIFER VASQUEZ  
PT 4143 PAMELA J ALBINI  
PT 4144 VIKKI FRANCIS  
PT 4145 ALYSSA E FRIEDBERG  
PT 4146 JEFFREY G CALSO  
PT 4147 KRISTINA A TORRES

Approved for PTA License

PTA 281 EMMANUEL L TERBIO  
PTA 282 ANNA M STERNER  
PTA 283 ALYSHA D REED  
PTA 284 CYNTHIA M W ARRINGTON  
PTA 285 MELISSA M BRANDES  
PTA 286 JOHN J S FERRER  
PTA 287 BRENDEN K M LUM  
PTA 288 CONNIE S WINKELMANN  
PTA 289 GINA E BODMAN

b. Applications

None.

8. Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 10, 2016  
9:00 a.m.  
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9. Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, Chair Shimabukuro adjourned the meeting at 9:49 a.m.

Taken by:

/s/ Jennifer Fong

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Jennifer Fong  
Secretary

Reviewed by:

/s/ Alan Taniguchi

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Alan Taniguchi  
Executive Officer

3/18/16

Minutes approved as is.

Minutes approved with changes; see minutes of \_\_\_\_\_.