

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

- Date: Tuesday, May 10, 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
Rachelle Iopa, PT, Vice Chair
Debra Kubota, PT
Jill Wakabayashi, Physical Therapist Assistant (“PTA”)
Alan Taniguchi, Executive Officer (“EO”)
Rodney Tam, Deputy Attorney General (“DAG”)
Jennifer Fong, Secretary
- Excused: Michael Turner, PT
- Guests: Aaron Hepps, AED Institute
Lucy Lessard, Queen’s Medical Center
Herb 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 9:09 a.m.
 2. Additions/
Additional
Distribution
to Agenda: None.
 3. Approval of
Board Meeting
Minutes of the Chair Shimabukuro asked if there were any comments or concerns regarding the board meeting minutes of the March 8, 2016 meeting.

March 8, 2016 Meeting:

There were none.

Upon a motion by Ms. Kubota, seconded by Ms. Wakabayashi, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2016 meeting as circulated.

4. Executive Officer's Report:

EO Taniguchi reported that the Board needs to decide if they want to continue approving courses. He noted that the number of courses being reviewed will increase exponentially as the renewal date gets closer.

5. New Business:

a. Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy ("FSBPT") 2016 Annual Meeting & Delegate Assembly, November 3-5, 2016, Columbus, Ohio

EO Taniguchi stated that the FSBPT will fund three people to represent the board at their annual meeting – a voting delegate, a primary alternate delegate and an administrator. He asked who would be interested in attending the conference.

Ms. Kubota stated that as a member of the FSBPT's education committee, her attendance is already funded by the FSBPT.

Ms. Wakabayashi stated that she is available to attend the conference.

Vice Chair Iopa said she thinks she will be able to attend but she will need to double check her schedule.

After some discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to appoint the following individuals to represent the Board at the 2016 FSBPT Annual Meeting: 1) EO Taniguchi as the Administrator; 2) Ms. Wakabayashi as the voting delegate; 3) Vice Chair Iopa as the non-voting delegate; and 4) Chair Shimabukuro as the alternate.

b. Inquiry from Dena Beach regarding Community Service Activity Credits

The Board reviewed Ms. Beach's email in which she states that she performed pro bono work on a medical mission for six days (one day for six hours and the remaining days for four hours each). Ms. Beach is asking if each date of community service would count separately.

Chair Shimabukuro noted that when the Board included community service in the list of "Other Competence Related Activities" as a token unit since the PT would be doing a good deed. The amount of units was made nominal because the Board felt providing community service, while a worthy endeavor, is not the same as learning a new skill or technique.

Ms. Kubota noted that for community service within the scope of the physical therapy profession (e.g., health fair, pro bono care, balance/falls assessment, fitness testing, etc.), the licensee is allowed one continuing competence unit (“CCU”) for each activity. She feels that no matter the duration of the community service, it is still one activity and therefore, should receive one CCU.

DAG Tam said that based solely on what Ms. Beach provided, it appears she performed one community service activity for six days.

EO Taniguchi suggested that the Board clarify the chart to reflect that licensees will receive one CCU per activity, no matter the duration of the activity.

Ms. Wakabayashi said she also feels that licensees should only receive credit once for the same activity, even if the licensee makes multiple trips or visits to perform the same activity.

Upon a motion by Ms. Wakabayashi, seconded by Ms. Kubota, it was voted on and unanimously carried that based on the information provided in Ms. Beach’s email, she would receive one CCU for the activity.

Mr. Chung said that he agreed with the motion based on the information in Ms. Beach’s email, however, he feels the Board should clarify the information for licensees.

Chair Shimabukuro agreed, suggesting that the Board revisit the information after this renewal is completed. He noted that this type of experience is different from traditional courses.

c. Inquiry regarding Dry Needling Continued Competence Courses

The Board reviewed an inquiry regarding whether dry needling courses would count towards the continued competence requirement since physical therapists are not allowed to perform dry needling in Hawaii.

Chair Shimabukuro gave a brief explanation of the dry needling technique and noted that while the technique is allowed in some states, it is not allowed in Hawaii.

Chair Shimabukuro and Vice Chair Iopa said they feel it is fine for a PT to take a dry needling course.

Ms. Wakabayashi noted that PTs who work for the military are allowed to perform dry needling.

EO Taniguchi noted that the Board has no purview over PTs who work on a military base as those PTs are not required to obtain a state license.

DAG Tam noted that the Board would be setting a precedent if they allow PTs to get credit for courses for techniques which are not allowed in their scope of practice.

Mr. Yee said that the course may include aspects which may be currently relevant to the Hawaii PT. He thinks that the area is within the Hawaii PT's scope of practice even if performing the actual technique is not.

Chair Shimabukuro noted that the statute does not say that the courses have to be within Hawaii's scope of practice.

Ms. Lessard stated that she has practiced the dry needling technique in another jurisdiction. She feels only part of the course would address actually placing the needle in the patient's skin. The remaining content would be applicable to a Hawaii PT's scope of practice.

Chair Shimabukuro noted that the Board has determined that they would accept courses approved by another state's PT board.

DAG Tam stated that the content still has to meet the Board's requirements.

This matter was deferred to the end of the meeting.

d. Inquiry regarding criteria for jurisprudence continued competence units

The Board reviewed an email from Heidi Herbst Paakkonen of the FSBPT regarding concerns about reviewing and approving jurisprudence activities other than the FSBPT's Hawaii Jurisprudence Assessment Module.

After some discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to revisit Ms. Herbst Paakkonen's concerns after the December 2016 renewal is completed.

e. Inquiry regarding American Heart Association's HeartCode® BLS Course

The Board reviewed a request from Kip Ouchi of Hawaii Pacific Health ("HPH") asking what the Board would require to determine possible equivalency for the American Heart Association ("AHA") approved BLS training provided to HPH's physical therapists

EO Taniguchi noted that this item was added to the agenda at the request of Mr. Ouchi, however, after the agenda was filed, Mr. Ouchi informed the Board that they

do not have their documentation in order, nor are they able to send a representative to the meeting.

Mr. Hepps stated that he spoke to the person in charge of training at Straub and was told that they are only teaching the one person rescue, they are not teaching two man CPR or AED. They are not teaching all types of rescue as required. He noted that the AHA recently updated their new course in February and all providers had to be teaching the new course by April. He stated that because the guidelines have been updated, everyone must take the initial course. There are no renewals for BLS training for the next two years.

EO Taniguchi stated that the issue arose because the Board received a letter from Hawaii Pacific Health which stated that they are now utilizing the HeartCode® BLS, which is a blended learning course, for their BLS training. The letter went on to state that the total time for HeartCode® BLS will take approximately two and one half hours. He contacted AHA regarding the letter and was told that they cannot investigate unless a student complains.

Mr. Hepps stated that the AHA is finding the issue is the students are taking the shorter course and getting the BLS card. He noted the new guidelines require that they play a DVD and due to the length of the DVD, it does not allow the length of the course to be shortened.

This matter was deferred to the end of the meeting.

6. Continued
Competence
Course Approval
Requests:

After some discussion, upon a motion by Ms. Wakabayashi, seconded by Vice Chair Iopa, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve the following courses:

Index #: 16-031
Program Title: The Foot & Ankle: A Manual Therapy Approach to Conservative and Post Operative Orthopedic Management
Sponsor: Empiridance Seminars
Course Date: March 28-29, 2015
Category: Professional Practice
CCUs: 14

Index #: 16-032
Program Title: Hawaii – PT Ethics and Jurisprudence
Sponsor: AdvantageCEUs.com
Course Date: Online
Category: Ethics, Laws, and Rules (Jurisprudence)
CCUs: 2

After some discussion, upon a motion by Ms. Wakabayashi, seconded by Chair Shimabukuro, it was voted on and unanimously carried that based on the information provided, the following course does not appear to meet the content standards of continuing competence pursuant to HRS § 461J-10.11 and cannot be used towards the Hawaii continued competence requirement for physical therapists:

Program Title: First Degree Reiki
Instructor: Maureen O'Shaughnessy
Category: Professional Practice

The Board also reviewed a letter from Joanna Bilancieri, DPT requesting continuing competence units for authoring a book on rehabilitating pelvic dysfunction. After review of the book and some discussion, upon a motion by Vice Chair Iopa, seconded by Chair Shimabukuro, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve 24 continuing competence units in the professional practice category.

7. Applications:

a. Ratifications

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

Approved for Physical Therapist License

PT 4148 JOHN R DIXON	PT 4164 DARWIN L CUENCA
PT 4149 SUPRIYA S KUMAR	PT 4165 LESLIE K RICHARDS
PT 4150 ELIZABETH T OSTRAND	PT 4166 JODI-ANN P TURNBULL
PT 4151 EMILY M MINTNER	PT 4167 RYAN C COOK
PT 4152 KIMBERLY A BAUTISTA	PT 4168 CHRISTA N COOK
PT 4153 DAVID GUENETTE	PT 4169 LINDA H K KURIHARA
PT 4154 KIRSTEN M RIPPLE	PT 4170 MISTY A BRADY
PT 4155 KELLY A RUNGE	PT 4171 MARK D WUSSLER
PT 4156 CHRISTOPHER T SLININGER	PT 4172 JUSTIN R LEDBETTER
PT 4157 KIMBERLY A LOVE	PT 4173 JENNIFER A DEMSKE
PT 4158 ERIN A HASHIRO	PT 4174 CHARISMA D ABELARDO
PT 4159 JANET M C SPOONER	PT 4175 JASON E GREENWOOD
PT 4160 ANDREW E DAHL	PT 4176 JOY S TAKEUCHI
PT 4161 DAVID T KURIHARA	PT 4177 MICHELLE A LENG
PT 4162 ANNA C TEMPLETON	PT 4178 JAIME M LOOMIS
PT 4163 DESIREE S DYE	PT 4179 TAMMY C LUTTRELL
	PT 4180 KATHRYN A WASZAK

Approved for PTA License

PTA 290 MARY S HOLZMAN
PTA 291 SEAN J KUTTNER
PTA 292 KATHERINE L BOJARSKI
PTA 293 MAILI L K ENOS-BRANIGAN
PTA 294 DEVIN J AVERY
PTA 295 JANA J ANDRUS
PTA 296 JOSHUA A CLINE
PTA 297 NAOMI L KEPHART
PTA 298 ROSHELLE V BALISI
PTA 299 ANDRES M TORRES
PTA 300 MAREN DEGROAT
PTA 301 CHRISTINA T DINH
PTA 302 JILL M KERVER
PTA 303 LESLIE ANNE A JULIANO
PTA 304 RALPH D THIBODEAUX
PTA 305 DARCY M JONES

b. Applications

None.

Executive
Session:

At 10:15 a.m., it was moved by Ms. Kubota, seconded by Ms. Wakabayashi, and unanimously carried to move into Executive Session in accordance with HRS § 92-5(a)(4), "To consult with the board's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities".

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 5. New Business, c. Inquiry regarding Dry Needling Continued Competency Courses
- 5. New Business, e. Inquiry regarding American Heart Association's Heart Code® BLS Course

At 10:41 a.m., it was moved by Mr. Chung, seconded by Vice Chair Iopa, and unanimously carried to move out of Executive Session.

5. New Business:

c. Inquiry regarding Dry Needling Continued Competence Courses

After some discussion, upon a motion by Vice Chair Iopa, seconded by Ms. Kubota, it was voted on and unanimously carried that courses relating to the dry needling technique will not be accepted towards the continued competence requirement for Hawaii licensed physical therapists as the scope of practice does not allow for dry needling, pursuant to § 461J-2.5, HRS.

e. Inquiry regarding American Heart Association's HeartCode® BLS Course

After some discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to defer discussion regarding this matter.

8. Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 12, 2016
9:00 a.m.
Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room
King Kalakaua Building
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9. Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, Chair Shimabukuro adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

Taken by:

/s/ Jennifer Fong

Jennifer Fong
Secretary

Reviewed by:

/s/ Alan Taniguchi

Alan Taniguchi
Executive Officer

5/26/16

Minutes approved as is.

Minutes approved with changes; see minutes of _____.