

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

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

- Date: Tuesday, May 8, 2018
- Time: 9:00 a.m.
- Place: Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room  
King Kalakaua Building  
335 Merchant Street, First Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
- Present: Neil Shimabukuro, Physical Therapist (“PT”), Chair  
Rachelle Iopa, PT, Vice Chair  
Russell Chung, Public Member  
Debra Kubota, PT  
Michael Turner, PT  
Jill Wakabayashi, Physical Therapist Assistant (“PTA”)  
Alan Taniguchi, Executive Officer (“EO”)  
Shari Wong, Deputy Attorney General (“DAG”)  
Jennifer Fong, Secretary
- Guests: Joy Gold  
Lucy Lessard, Queen’s Medical Center  
Joanne Zazzera, Queen’s Medical Center  
Herb Yee, 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 9:01 a.m.
2. Additional Distribution: Chair Shimabukuro announced that the following was distributed to the Board members as additional distribution:
- 5. Old Business, a. Report from research committee on telehealth – HRS Chapter 453 Definition of Telehealth;
  - 5. Old Business, a. Report from research committee on the addition of a continuing competence requirement for renewal of Physical Therapist Assistant licenses – Current Overview of Jurisdictions.

3. Approval of Board Minutes of the March 13, 2018 Meeting: Chair Shimabukuro asked if there were any comments or concerns regarding the Board minutes of the March 13, 2018 meeting.  
There were none.

There being no further discussion or amendments to the minutes, upon a motion by Ms. Wakabayashi, seconded by Ms. Kubota, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2018 meeting as circulated.

4. New Business: a. Inquiry from Kathe Wallace regarding continuing competence units ("CCUs") for self study

The Board reviewed an inquiry from Kathe Wallace regarding CCUs for self study. Ms. Wallace previously submitted her "Pelvic Floor Dysfunction 101 (A Hybrid Course) Internal Vaginal Pelvic Floor Evaluation and Treatment Techniques" course and was approved for 15 Professional Practice CCUs. She noted that she asks her participants to study slide shows and background information as part of the foundation of her course. The complete experience is a total of 24 hours. Ms. Wallace stated that the CCUs approved by the Board do not reflect the minimum of eight additional hours with some participants reporting 20 hours of study). She feels the Board's approval of 15 CCUs denies credit for the study done prior to taking the live course. Ms. Wallace stated that she wants to know:

- 1) Can the participants get CCUs for self study if it is recommended but NOT a prerequisite for a course?
- 2) I want to know your self study policy. Can Hawaii PTs get any hours for self study? At all any way?

Chair Shimabukuro noted in her email, Ms. Wallace states that the self study is recommended but is not a prerequisite for the course. He believes if a course provider, such as Ms. Wallace, would like such material to count, it would have to be required and would need to be submitted as part of the request for course approval.

Ms. Wakabayashi agreed, stating the course should be submitted for the Board to review in its entirety, if the provider wants the prerequisite hours to be considered.

Vice Chair Iopa stated that based on Ms. Wallace's email, there appears to be a range of hours for the self study depending on the participant. She questioned how the Board would determine how many hours to give.

Ms. Kubota noted in Ms. Wallace's email, she stated "[i]t is not different than having to have taken a Level 1 of some APTA PF courses before you take Level 2."

Mr. Turner stated that the APTA courses have objectives and participants must take a test or some other activity to provide proof of their knowledge of the material.

Chair Shimabukuro noted that the Board's "List of Other Competence Related Activities" does not include independent self study.

EO Taniguchi stated that the Board could amend their list, if they choose.

Mr. Turner said that "self study" is a vague term. If the Board would consider amendments, he feels there should be more specific guidelines as well as a mechanism of proof.

It was the consensus of the Board to respond to Ms. Wallace's questions as follows:

- 1) Can the participants get CCUs for self study if it is recommended but NOT a prerequisite for a course?

*Board's Response:* No. Self study which is recommended but not required is subjective and based on each individual. As such, awarding of such could entail a wide range of hours.

- 2) I want to know your self study policy. Can Hawaii PTs get any hours for self study? at all in any way?

*Board's Response:* At this time, the Board is not awarding any CCUs for self study. If the self study is part of a course, in order to be considered, the self study must be required for successful completion of the course and the material in the self study must be incorporated into the exam or other procedure used by the provider to evaluate the participant's understanding of the course material.

5. Old Business:

a. Report from research committee on telehealth

Ms. Wakabayashi stated that the committee reviewed the documents recommended by the DAG and are attempting to tailor a definition to the profession but at the same time make the definition broad in the event that the Board decides to participate in a licensure compact.

Chair Shimabukuro noted that the committee provided the Board with a copy of HRS §453-1.3 Practice of telehealth, excerpted from the Hawaii Medical Board's Medicine and Surgery law. DAG Wong previously recommended that the Board review this section.

DAG Wong asked if there was something in HRS §453-1.3 that doesn't apply to physical therapy or if there is something that should be added.

Ms. Wakabayashi noted that there are many different definitions for both "telehealth" and "telemedicine".

DAG Wong stated that each chapter would have different language. She noted that the Board has lots of different options and recommended that they review all of the options to determine which would work best for the Board.

Chair Shimabukuro noted that both the FSBPT and the APTA use the term "telehealth". Some states use "telerehab". Other states say the term "telehealth" is synonymous with "telemedicine" and "telerehab".

DAG Wong said that the Board needs to decide what is best for their purposes and should not take into consideration what other states or professional organizations are using. The Board also needs to keep in mind that they will need to check how their language would dovetail with other existing statutes to ensure that there is no conflict.

Chair Shimabukuro asked if the audience had any comments.

Mr. Yee suggested that the Board not get caught up in the definition and instead focus on guidelines for using the practice.

Chair Shimabukuro noted that §453-1.3(f) states "A physician shall not use telehealth to establish a physician-patient relationship with a patient in this State without a license to practice medicine in Hawaii. Once a provider-patient relationship is established, a patient or physician licensed in this State may use telehealth for any purpose, including consultation with a medical provider licensed in another state, authorized by this section, or as otherwise provided by law." He questioned whether this would affect PTs licensed in other states who want to treat or evaluate Hawaii residents.

Mr. Turner stated that in principle, he agrees with the idea.

DAG Wong noted that the Board's primary purpose is to protect the residents of Hawaii.

Mr. Chung questioned if the Board would be able to track and discipline practitioners who do not hold a Hawaii license and if so, how it could be done.

Mr. Turner said he would feel uncomfortable providing telehealth services unless he has seen the patient has come in to his office at least once to be evaluated and treated in person.

Ms. Zazzera expressed concerns for residents who do not have access to care. She believes telehealth will be a good option for those people.

Mr. Turner stated that he feels even for people without access to care, the practitioner should be able to provide one in-person visit in order to establish the relationship. Doing so would allow the practitioner to determine if the patient is a good candidate for telehealth. He doesn't feel that one in-person visit is unreasonable.

Ms. Wakabayashi asked Mr. Chung to provide the public perspective.

Mr. Chung stated that he agreed with Mr. Turner and does not believe that requiring one visit is unreasonable.

DAG Wong asked if there was great demand for physical therapy services performed remotely.

Mr. Yee said yes, especially in rural locations such as Hana. He agreed that the initial evaluation should be done in person.

Mr. Turner stated that the evaluation would include both the patient and their living situation. An in-person visit would alleviate any concerns the practitioner may have.

Mr. Chung noted that technology is constantly changing. He recommended that the Board focus on how to handle the technology as it is now instead of trying to cover all possible situations that may occur in the future.

EO Taniguchi reminded the Board that all proposed bills are due in September so the Board needs to finalize a draft by July.

Vice Chair Iopa asked what would happen if the patient moves from Hawaii to a different state but still wants to be treated by their Hawaii physical therapist.

Ms. Kubota stated it would depend on the laws of the state where the patient resides.

Chair Shimabukuro stated that the committee will continue to work on the language. He noted that he believes while many states are working on the telehealth issue, less than 20 have telehealth in their practice act.

b. Report from research committee on the addition of a continuing competence requirement for renewal of Physical Therapist Assistant (“PTA”) licenses

Ms. Kubota stated that in general, the committee agrees to use the same requirements for PTAs that are currently required of Hawaii PTs. She noted that the committee provided the Board with a copy of the current overview of continuing competence (“CC”) for other jurisdictions for both PTs and PTAs.

Mr. Turner noted that of the four other jurisdictions besides Hawaii who do not currently require CC for PTAs, Colorado does not currently require licensure and Arizona is currently trying to add a requirement. A majority of the jurisdictions which require CC for both PTs and PTAs require the same number of units/hours for both.

Ms. Wakabayashi noted that Illinois requires 40 CC hours for PTs and 20 CC hours for PTAs. She said she believed that when the law was passed, the discrepancy in hours was for economic reasons and due to the salary difference between the professions.

Mr. Yee stated that HAPTA asked some PTAs for their opinion and was told that economics was a concern. Also, the PTAs felt that there weren’t as many appropriate courses for them available in Hawaii.

Mr. Turner said he feels the existence of online courses takes the concern about the availability of live courses out of the picture entirely.

Ms. Wakabayashi noted that she is the PTA member of the Board. She is also licensed in California which requires 30 hours and she is able to obtain those hours without any difficulties. She doesn’t feel there would be any barriers to access courses at all.

Ms. Lessard agreed, stating she feels PTAs could take any course appropriate for PTs. The only difference is that PTs do evaluations and PTAs do not. She said she would still argue that a course would be appropriate for PTAs even if the topic is not within their scope of practice, they should still know how it is done.

Mr. Yee noted that most courses give a price break for PTAs.

Ms. Wakabayashi agreed, noting that the APTA conference fees are significantly less for PTAs.

EO Taniguchi noted that the Board should keep in mind that when the legislation passed to create the CC requirement for PTs, the Board made the implementation date to allow for one full cycle prior to the renewal date. If they do the same with this, even if the legislation passes in the 2019 session, the PTAs would not be required to complete CC units until the 2022 renewal. He asked if the Board would like the bill to contain the same language used for the PT CC requirement.

Mr. Turner said yes.

By consensus, the Board asked the EO to draft the bill requiring CC for PTAs using the same CC language that is in the current statute for PTs.

6. Continuing Competence (“CC”) Course Approval Requests:

a. Ratification of CC Courses Previously Approved by the Board

After some discussion, upon a motion by Mr. Turner, seconded by Ms. Kubota, it was voted on and unanimously carried to ratify the following courses delegated to the EO for approval by the Board for Professional Practice of Physical Therapy CCUs:

INDEX #	PROGRAM TITLE (SPONSOR)	UNITS
18-011	Kinesio Taping Methods Class KT 1 (Sponsor: Pacific Rim Seminars) [Previous Index #: 17-056]	8.0
18-012	Kinesio Taping Methods Class KT 2 (Sponsor: Pacific Rim Seminars) [Previous Index #: 17-057]	8.0
18-013	Kinesio Taping Methods Class KT 3 (Sponsor: Pacific Rim Seminars) [Previous Index #: 17-058]	8.0

b. Ratification of CC Courses Delegated to the EO for Approval by the Board

After some discussion, upon a motion by Ms. Kubota, seconded by Mr. Turner, it was voted on and unanimously carried to ratify the following course delegated to the EO for approval by the Board for Professional Practice of Physical Therapy CCUs:

INDEX #	PROGRAM TITLE (SPONSOR)	UNITS
18-014	Pediatrics: Seating and Mobility Considerations for the 0-16 Population (Sponsor: Ottobock)	7.0

c. Requests for Review

After some discussion, upon a motion by Chair Shimabukuro, seconded by Ms. Wakabayashi, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve the following course for Professional Practice of Physical Therapy CCUs:

INDEX #	PROGRAM TITLE (SPONSOR)	UNITS
18-014	Concussion Summit 2018 ( <i>Sponsor: Hawaii Concussion Awareness &amp; Management Program/Queen's Center for Sports Medicine</i> )	10.0

After some discussion, upon a motion by Vice Chair Iopa, seconded by Ms. Kubota, it was voted on and unanimously carried to defer the following course pending receipt of additional information and to delegate the approval for Professional Practice of Physical Therapy CCUs to the EO once the additional information is received:

PROGRAM TITLE (SPONSOR)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>KT 4: Specialty Sports/Orthopedic Concepts of the Kinesio Taping® Method (<i>Sponsor: Pacific Rim Seminars</i>)</li> </ul>

After some discussion, upon a motion by Vice Chair Iopa, seconded by Ms. Wakabayashi, it was voted on and unanimously carried that based on the information provided, the following courses do not appear to meet the content standards of continuing competence pursuant to HRS § 461J-10.11 and the definition of “physical therapy” or “physical therapy services” pursuant to HRS § 461J-1, therefore, these courses cannot be used towards the Hawaii continued competence requirement for physical therapists:

PROGRAM TITLE (SPONSOR)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stott Pilates Intensive Cadillac Course (<i>Sponsor: Merrithew</i>)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stott Pilates Intensive Barrels Course (<i>Sponsor: Merrithew</i>)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stott Pilates Intensive Stability Chair Course (<i>Sponsor: Merrithew</i>)</li> </ul>

7. Applications:

a. Ratifications

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



PHYSICAL THERAPIST

PT 4555 HALEY A TASAICO	PT 4563 LUCIA RODRIGUEZ VARGAS
PT 4556 ALICIA J WILLIAMS	PT 4564 FRANCES M HILL
PT 4557 BRANAN H READ	PT 4565 KEATON E KRAMER
PT 4558 JOSEPH C OLOFSSON	PT 4566 YVONNE M CALIGURI
PT 4559 KATHRYN M TEAL	PT 4567 AUDRI M COCHRANE
PT 4560 MARY S JOHNSON	PT 4568 MONIKA PATEL
PT 4561 DANIELLE L HILL	PT 4569 ALEXIS S DICKOVER
PT 4562 MICHAEL M MAGDIRILA	

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT

PTA 406 ANDREW M MITCHELL	PTA 412 APPLINE F COOPER
PTA 407 JENNIFER R YOO	PTA 413 JULIE A DUNN
PTA 408 JOHN P G TOLENTINO	PTA 414 STACIE D LYONS
PTA 409 COLAN D C ISHII	PTA 415 SIMON C CAI
PTA 410 RYAN A GUY	PTA 416 STEFFANI BLACK
PTA 411 ROSS K BISERA	

b. Applications

Executive  
Session:

At 10:10 a.m., it was moved by Mr. Turner, seconded by Ms. Wakabayashi, 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 10:16 a.m., it was moved by Ms. Wakabayashi, seconded by Ms. Kubota, and unanimously carried to move out of executive session.

1) Zachary Ketcham

Upon a motion by Chair Shimabukuro, seconded by Mr. Turner, it was voted on and unanimously carried to defer Mr. Ketcham's application pending receipt of additional documents and to delegate authority to the EO to approve Mr. Ketcham's application if all the requirements are met.

2) Joy Schoenherr

Upon a motion by Mr. Turner, seconded by Ms. Wakabayashi, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve Ms. Schoenherr's application.

8. Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 10, 2018  
9:00 a.m.  
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9. Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, Chair Shimabukuro adjourned the meeting at 10:18 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

5/23/18

Minutes approved as is.

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

