



**Board of Physical Therapy
Public Meeting Minutes**

April 6, 2015
10:00 a.m.

BlackRiver Training and Conference Center, 800 Oakesdale Ave SW, Renton, WA

On April 6, 2015, the Board of Physical Therapy met at BlackRiver Training and Conference Center, 800 Oakesdale Ave SW, Renton, WA. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notices were sent to individuals requesting notification of meetings.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Robert Schmidt, PT, DPT, Chair
Renee Compton, PTA, Vice-Chair - via phone
Ticha Green, PT, DPT
Andrew Wodka, PT, DPT
Donald Prest, Public Member - Absent

STAFF PRESENT

Kris Waidely, Program Manager
Blake Maresh, Executive Director
Megan Brown, Program Manager
Cece Zenker, Program Support - Absent
Lilia Lopez, AAG Advisor
Bill Kellington, Supervising Staff Attorney

GUESTS PRESENT

Jackie Barry, Executive Director, Physical Therapy Association of Washington (PTWA)
Tanya Mills, Credentialing Review Supervisor, Department of Health
Jennifer Herbrand, Credentialing Supervisor, Department of Health
Elaine Armantrout, President, Physical Therapy Association of Washington (PTWA)

OPEN SESSION

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order by Robert Schmidt, PT, DPT, Chair, at 10:21 a.m.
 - 1.1 Introductions – The board, staff, and guests introduced themselves.
 - 1.2 Approval of Agenda – The agenda was approved as presented.
 - 1.3 Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 2, 2015 – The meeting minutes were approved as presented.
 - 1.4 Approval of Disciplinary Meeting Minutes from February 2, 2015 – The disciplinary meeting minutes were approved as presented.

- 2. FEDERATION OF STATE BOARDS OF PHYSICAL THERAPY (FSBPT) ANNUAL MEETING AND DELEGATE ASSEMBLY** – The board identified Andrew Wodka, PT, DPT as the delegate and Ticha Green, PT, DPT, as the alternate delegate to attend the FSBPT 2015 Annual Meeting and Delegate Assembly. The meeting will be held in Orlando, Florida, October 15- 17, 2015.
- 3. CORRESPONDENCE** – The board tabled this agenda item until the next meeting scheduled for June 1, 2015.
- 4. POLICY REVIEW** – Lilia Lopez, AAG, discussed the changes she recommended to the ADA Accommodation Procedure. Ms. Lopez will make these changes and will bring the procedure back to the board for final review and approval. The board approved Procedure 7.5 Guidelines for Mental Health Evaluators with the addition of adding RCW 18.57 to paragraph 1.b.
- 5. CREDENTIALING UPDATE** – Jennifer Herbrand and Tanya Mills provided some basic credentialing statistics for the physical therapy profession.
- 6. APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL TO RECEIVE LISTS/LABELS**
The board reviewed the following public disclosure requests to receive lists and labels of physical therapists:
 - JVB Enterprises, Inc. – The board approved their request to be recognized as an educational organization for the purpose of receiving lists and labels. Ms. Waidely will notify them of the board’s decision.
 - Monster Worldwide – The board denied their request to be recognized as an educational organization or professional association for the purpose of receiving lists and labels. Ms. Waidely will notify them of the board’s decision.
 - Harborview Medical Center – The board approved their request to be recognized as an educational organization for the purpose of receiving lists and labels. Ms. Waidely will notify them of the board’s decision.
 - Pullman Regional Hospital/Summit Therapy – The board approved their request to be recognized as an educational organization for the purpose of receiving lists and labels. Ms. Waidely will notify them of the board’s decision.
 - Therapy Staff LLC – The board denied their request to be recognized as a professional association for the purpose of receiving lists and labels. Ms. Waidely will notify them of the board’s decision.
- 7. PROGRAM REPORT** – Information provided to the board by the Program Manager and Executive Director.
 - 7.1 Budget**
 - Ms. Waidely and Mr. Maresh presented the board’s budget report. There are no concerns about the board’s budget as this time. The department staff will continue to monitor the budget.
 - Mr. Maresh informed the board that the proposed fees for physical therapist assistants will be equal to or lower than what was previously proposed.

7.2 Legislative Meet-Me-Calls

Dr. Green reported to the board on the weekly legislative meet-me calls that she attended.

- SHB 1424 – Suicide prevention
 - Requires DOH to adopt rules by June 30, 2016, establishing minimum standards for the suicide assessment, treatment, and management training programs. New language addresses the model list of trainings. Passed to Senate.
- HB 1339 – Allowing the secretary of health to intercede and stay any decision of a disciplining authority that expands scope of practice
 - Creates a process to allow the secretary to intercede and stay a decision of a disciplining authority that expands scope of practice. States that the practice for all health care professionals is determined by the legislature. Passed to Senate.
- SHB 1340 – Developing a process to allow pilot programs for health care professionals to learn new skills or roles, use existing skills in new circumstances, and accelerate training
 - Creates a pilot program to use health care providers in innovative new roles and reallocate health tasks to better meet the health needs of patients. DOH is identified to oversee the health workforce innovation project approval process. Bill died.
- SB 5151 – Cultural competency education for health care professionals
 - Requires a disciplining authority for certain health care professions to adopt rules requiring a health care provider to receive cultural competency continuing education training. The department is required to approve, develop, and make available a list of CE opportunities related to cultural competency. Bill died.
- SSB 5175– Regarding Telemedicine
 - Requires health insurance carriers to reimburse a provider for a health care service delivered through telemedicine per certain criteria. The bill defines telemedicine and what it does not include. The essential health benefits are those in effect at the effective date of the act. Reports of provider problems must be shared with the Medical Quality Assurance Commission and the Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery. Passed to House.

Ms. Armantrout also reported about the following bills

- HB 1042 – Clarifying that the physical therapist scope of practice does not include dry needling
 - Clarifies that dry needling is not included in the scope of practice of a physical therapist. Bill died.

Ms. Armantrout informed the board that the Physical Therapy Association of Washington (PTWA) will be introducing legislation next session to clarify that the physical therapist scope of practice includes dry needling.

7.3 Board member recruitment

- Ms. Waidely informed the board that the recruitment packet was forwarded to the Governor's Office.

7.4 Planning for upcoming meetings

Ms. Waidely will add the following agenda items to upcoming board meetings:

- Training on foreign trained applications – Ms. Waidely will send a foreign educated application to the board
- Rules hearing
- Rules stakeholder workshop
- Review board policies/procedures
- Continue to update chapter 246-915 WAC – Physical Therapists and Physical Therapist Assistants
- Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA) presentation by Lilia Lopez, AAG

8. RULES WORKSHOP

The board continued to make general updates, revisions, and housekeeping amendments to chapter 264-915 WAC – Physical Therapists and Physical Therapist Assistants.

CLOSED SESSION – The board went into closed session at 12:07 p.m.

9. REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

Applicant A: Approved

Applicant B: Approved

Applicant C: Deficient

Applicant D: Deficient

Applicant E: Approved

10. CONTINUING EDUCATION AUDITS – There were no CE audits to be presented.

11. DISCIPLINARY CASE REVIEWS – See disciplinary meeting minutes.

OPEN SESSION – The board returned to open session at 2:23 p.m.

12. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned by Robert Schmidt, PT, DPT, Chair, at 2:23 p.m.

Kris Waidely, Program Manager
Board of Physical Therapy

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