



Board of Physical Therapy Public Meeting Minutes

March 30, 2011

9:00 a.m.

Creekside Three at CenterPoint, 20435 72nd Ave. S, Suite 200, Room 1, Kent, WA

On March 30, 2011 the Board of Physical Therapy met at the Department of Health, Creekside Three at CenterPoint, 20435 72nd Ave. S, Suite 200, Kent, WA. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notices were sent to individuals requesting notification of meetings.

MEMBERS PRESENT

PAULA MAYS, PT, CHAIR
BRETT WINDSOR, PT, VICE CHAIR
STACEY KLOEPFER, PUBLIC MEMBER
SUSAN SCHOFIELD, PTA
MARSHA MELNICK, PT, PHD
ROBERT SCHMIDT, PT

STAFF PRESENT

LISA HODGSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
KRIS WAIDELY, PROGRAM MANAGER
SANDIE PEARSON, PROGRAM REPRESENTATIVE
OSCAR CHAVES, AAG
ROBIN BUCKNELL, DISCIPLINE CASE MANAGER
MIKE BROWN, STAFF ATTORNEY
DON PAINTER, CHIEF INVESTIGATOR
MARY DALLMAN, WA HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SVS.

GUESTS PRESENT

PATRICIA R. MUCHMORE, PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON (PTWA)

OPEN SESSION – 9:05 a.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order by Paula Mays, Chair at 9:05 a.m.
 - 1.1 Introductions – The Board, staff, and audience introduced themselves.
 - 1.2 Approval of Agenda – The meeting agenda was approved as presented.
 - 1.3 Approval of Meeting Minutes from November 17, 2010 – The minutes from November 17, 2010 were amended. Item 5 was corrected to read that 70% of the exam questions had been compromised. The minutes from the November 17, 2010 meeting were approved as amended.

2. **THE ROLE OF THE INVESTIGATION SERVICE UNIT** – Don Painter, Chief Investigator, provided the Board an overview of the role and activities of the Department of Health Investigation Service Unit, in the complaint review process.

Currently there are 30 investigators statewide responsible for 79 different health professions. In 2010 there were 58 complaints regarding physical therapists/physical therapist assistants. Not all complaints go to investigations. Complaints may include reports from patients, other PT/PTA's, health insurance companies, etc. Mr. Painter assured the Board that the Investigative Service Unit will work with them on any questions they may have regarding an investigation.

3. **FEDERATION OF STATE BOARDS OF PHYSICAL THERAPY (FSBPT)** – Mark Lane, provided information to the Board, via webinar, regarding the FSBPT's move to fixed-date testing. A 2010 security breach called into question the validity of exam scores. FSBPT did not take the decision to move to fixed-date testing lightly. They recognized this change would impact candidates, faculty, employers, and jurisdictions. FSBPT fixed-date testing will begin after June 30, 2011. Dates currently set for testing in 2011 are:

- September 7, 2011
- October 20, 2011
- December 5, 2011

Testing dates for 2012 are to be determined. FSBPT is working closely with Prometric testing sites to determine the best dates to accommodate the volume of candidates expected.

4. **THE ROLE OF THE AAG ADVISOR** – Oscar Chaves, AAG, Board Advisor provided the Board an overview presentation regarding the role of the AAG Advisor to the Board. Mr. Chaves also presented the Board an introduction to the Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA) and the Ethics in Public Service Act.
5. **THE ROLE OF THE WASHINGTON HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SERVICES** – Mary Dallman presented the Board an overview of the role and activities of the Washington Health Professional Services (WHPS). WHPS is a confidential monitoring program for chemically impaired health professionals.
6. **BUDGET ISSUES AND COST REDUCTION** – Paula Mays, Chair discussed budget issues and cost reduction with the Board. The Board set the following priorities for the budget:
 - quarterly Board meetings,
 - school presentations and education,
 - additional member attendance at the FSBPT conference
 - FSBPT dues
7. **BUSINESS PLAN** – The Board was scheduled to review, discuss and consider approving the 2009 - 2011 Business Plan. The Board deferred this discussion to the May 18, 2011 meeting.

8. PROGRAM REPORT

- 8.1 Budget – The Board was provided an update on the status of the 2009 to 2011 budget. The Board reviewed and discussed the budget. Ms. Mays would like the Board to pay more attention to the budget reports in the future. Program staff will continue to closely monitor the budget.
- 8.2 Legislation/Meet-Me Calls – Marsha Melnick, PT reported back to the Board regarding the legislative meet-me calls. Legislation allowing PT spinal manipulation did not pass. Senate Substitute Bill 5018 – Wound Care Management in Occupational Therapy looks like it will pass. SSB 5018 – would expand the Occupational Therapy scope of practice to provide wound care management in the course of treatment, including sharp debridement to remove loose devitalized tissue from a wound with scissors, scalpel, and tweezers without anesthesia. The bill lists what the treatment may include. Does not mean surgical debridement.
- 8.3 Performance Measures – Lisa Hodgson provided the Board a handout detailing current performance measures. The report regarding performance measures is updated monthly. Ms. Hodgson will provide the Board an updated report at each meeting.
- 8.4 Credentialing Update – The Board was provided a Current Credentialing Statistic handout detailing PT/PTA licensing statistics.
- 8.5 Planning for upcoming meetings – The next Board meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2011 in Tumwater. The Board has requested the following items be placed on the agenda for Board consideration at future meetings.
- Discussion regarding online lab courses
 - Business Plan
 - Tour of credentialing unit – then and now
 - Policy review
 - Information on dry needling
 - Performance Measures Report
- 8.6 Provided for the Board’s Information
- Council of Colleges of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (CCAOM) Dry Needling Position Paper
 - CBT Comment Summary and Candidate Satisfaction Survey Report
 - Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) 2011 Budget
 - Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) NPTE Fee Increase

9. **THE ROLE OF THE STAFF ATTORNEY** – Mike Brown, Staff Attorney, provided the Board an overview or the role of the Department of Health Staff Attorney in the disciplinary process, including the collaborative relationship with the AAG prosecutor.

CLOSED SESSION – 1:35 p.m.

10. REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

Applicant A – More information is needed
Applicant B – Deficient
Applicant C – Deficient

11. **DISCIPLINARY CASE REVIEWS** – See Disciplinary Meeting Minutes

OPEN SESSION – 2:44 p.m.

12. **ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kris Waidely, Program Manager

Paula Mays, Board Chair