On August 20, 2018, the Board of Physical Therapy met at Department of Health, Town Center 2, 111 Israel Rd. SE, Kent, WA, in room 158. In addition to physical presence, attendance through webinar was available.

MEMBERS PRESENT
Renee Compton, PTA, Chair (remote)
Andrew Wodka, PT, DPT, Vice-Chair
Ticha Green, PT, DPT (remote)
Chrisandra Osborne, PT, DPT (remote)
Kathryn Dale, PT
Don Prest, Public Member (remote)

STAFF PRESENT
Kris Waidely, Program Manager
Blake Maresh, Executive Director
Brandon Williams, Program Associate
Lilia Lopez, AAG Advisor
Bill Kellington, Supervising Staff Attorney
Tanya Mills, Credentialing Manager

GUESTS PRESENT
Jackie Barry, Executive Director (PTWA)
Melissa Johnson, Lobbyist (PTWA)
Amanda Mitchel
Lea Spergel Cohen, MPT (remote)
Robert Valdel (remote)

OPEN SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER –
   Renee Compton, PTA, Chair, called the meeting to order by at 10:04 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 the April 30, 2018 meeting minutes – The meeting minutes were approved as presented.

2. FEDERATION OF STATE BOARDS OF PHYSICAL THERAPY (FSBPT) UPDATES
   Ms. Compton reported on her participation at the FSBPT July 2018 Leadership Issues Forum noting the following highlights:
   • A proposal for jurisdictional chairs serving as delegates to designate the delegate. The member board will then confirm the delegate at least 90 days before the Leadership Issues Forum (LIF).
   • A proposal to change elections to an electronic voting system.
• Discussion on redefining the annual and the delegate assembly.
• A discussion on discontinuing alternate delegates.
• FSBPT contracted with Paradigm Testing for providing ADA accommodations for testing.

Ms. Compton suggested the board address the following before the next annual meeting:
• Comparing the board’s discipline guidelines to the FSBPT model guidelines.
• Consider FSBPT’s idea of professional development as a dynamic model of discipline that focuses on healthy practice.
• Developing tools to assess board validity, reliability, and effectiveness.
• Minimum data set and the importance of sharing

3. JURISPRUDENCE EXAM
Currently physical therapists and physical therapist assistants are required to take the jurisprudence exam only one time at initial licensure. The board considered various ideas including requiring additional testing to help keep licensees up to date on rules. Wanting to make this helpful and not difficult, the board decided to investigate how other professions are doing this, and to continue the discussion at a future meeting. To change the requirement it may require a rules change.

The board authorized Ms. Waidely to work with a board member to update the current jurisprudence exam. Questions number 3, 9, 15, and 16 are no longer accurate since August 17, 2018 when the new rules became effective. These questions need to be changed or deleted. New questions may be developed.

4. NEWSLETTER
Mr. Williams reported that the last newsletter had a 20% viewership, which is considered good for online publications.

Topics considered for the next newsletter include changes to continuing education requirements and changes to supervision rules. A “What would you do” scenarios column may be a good way to educate about these changes. Mr. Williams asked for articles to be sent to him by September 20 with a publication date of September 24, 2018.

5. CORRESPONDENCE
The board reviewed and discussed correspondence received regarding:

5.1 An inquiry came asking clarification on the role of a physical therapist regarding CBD use on physical therapy patients. Other boards reference the Medical Marijuana (MMJ) website where clarification on the use and restrictions of CBD and CHABA products reside. Staff will draft a response referring the inquirer to the MMJ website and addressing the question of client consultation. The board also considered adding the question and reference to the Physical Therapy website FAQ page.

5.2 The Physical Therapy board received an invitation from the boards of Hearing and Speech and Occupational Therapy to a joint retreat. This would be a cross profession forum for information sharing, presentations, and training on common topics. The board will respond with its interest in joining the retreat recommending the November 16, 2018 date.
5.3 Correspondence asking about the scope of practice clarification on Percutaneous Tibial Neuromodulation. The Chair opened the discussion to public comment. Public attendees provided information about states where this procedure is approved and also on its effectiveness.

5.4 MOTION: The motion was made to amend the agenda by adding correspondence regarding the Home Care Waiver Program. The motion was seconded and approved.

The board reviewed correspondence asking if PTs could perform the evaluation and management elements of the home care waiver under Medicare. Response language was suggested to read, “Physical therapists can deliver these services. We do not know what the home care waiver requirements are, but PTs must work within their scope of practice in their treatment of patients. Please refer to APTA or another organization for clarification on requirements of the home care waiver program as it is a federal program and outside the jurisdiction of this board.” AAG staff will draft a response.

6. CONTINUED COMPETENCY AUDIT PROCEDURE
The board reviewed and discussed the continuing competency audit procedure. No needed changes or updates to the procedure were identified. Ms. Waidely reported that renewal notices are issued 90 days prior to due date, and that notices have already gone out for December renewals. She noted that licensees renewing within the next 90 days may not be aware that the amount of CE hours for PT’s and PTA’s has been lowered.

The board determined August 17, 2018 as the effective date for the new continuing competency requirements found under WAC 246-915-085 Continuing Competency. At the next rules workshop, this rule will be clarified that it includes both PTs and PTAs for hours earned as a clinical instructor.

7. APPLICATIONS FOR APPROVAL TO RECEIVE LISTS/LABELS
The board voted on requests for lists and labels of physical therapists and physical therapist assistants for the following:
7.1 PTCourses.com – The board voted to re-approve the PTCourses.com request for lists and labels.

7.2 Blankenheim Services for recruiting purposes – The board voted to deny Blandenheim Services’ request for lists and labels.

7.3 Rehab Seminars – The board voted to approve Rehab Seminars request for lists and labels.

7.4 Apply EBP, LLC - The board voted to approve the request from Apply EBP, LLC for lists and labels.

7.5 Spinal Manipulation Institute – The board voted to approve Spinal Manipulation Institute’s request for lists and labels.

7.6 PT Management Support Systems – The board voted to approve PT Management Support Systems’ request for lists and labels.
**MOTION**: The motion was made to approve the lists and labels requests from PTcourses.com, Rehab Seminars, Apply EBP, LLC, Spinal Manipulation Institute, PT Management Support Systems; and to deny the lists and labels request from Blankenheim Services. The motion was seconded and passed.

8. **PROGRAM REPORT**

Information was provided to the board by Ms. Waidely, Program Manager and Mr. Maresh, Executive Director.

8.1 **Budget** – Mr. Maresh presented the current 2019 Biennium-to-Date through July 31, 2018 Budget Report. He noted that revenue continues to decline.

Mr. Maresh reported on the status of fees. Because implementing Compact privilege fees is part of the proposal $45 will be included, as requested previously by the board, for both initial and renewal compact privileges. Financial projections determined PT licensure fees of $65 for new applicants and $75 for renewals in order to meet the department’s reserve recommendations. Fees for PTAs would be $60 for new applicants and $70 for renewals. The CR102 has been filed with the hearing date set for September 11, 2018.

Notification of new fees through GovDelivery and the website was discussed. The effective date and the implementation timeline would be identified.

8.2 **Board member vacancy update** – Ms. Waidely reported that one application has been received for the public member position. The governor’s office has been asked if the one applicant is sufficient for appointment consideration. A reply has not been received. Meanwhile applications will continue to be accepted.

Katherine Dale had been appointed to serve the remaining term of a board member who had resigned. It is expected that the governor’s office will reappoint Ms. Dale into a first full term.

8.3 **Planning for upcoming meetings**

For the October meeting:
- Election of officers for 2019
- Setting the 2019 meeting dates and locations
- A refresher presentation on travel reimbursements with an update on new policies
- Review and update of the board’s student presentation.
- Credentialing update
- Rules workshop on HB 2446 Physical Therapy Supervision

For a later meeting:
- Demographic survey minimum data set

8.4 **Other**

Ms. Waidely reported on the following:
- The CR101 for the Interstate Compact was filed on August 8, 2018. The board may proceed with rules writing after the Compact Commission meets in October to adopt amendments made to the compact rules.
The CR101 for HB 2446 was filed on August 20, 2018. A stakeholder meeting can be held any time for change and update considerations.

The CR103 rules notification of effective date of August 17, 2018 went out through GovDelivery. Clarifying information on HB 2446 and new rules has been posted on the Board of Physical Therapy’s website.

The DOH hearings department is asking the board if it is in favor of allowing hearings to be held on Saturdays. The board determined that it would be okay for hearings to be held on Saturdays.

9. CONSENT AGENDA
   Items listed under the consent agenda (informational items) are considered routine matters and are approved without discussion upon approval of the agenda. If separate discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the consent agenda and placed on the regular business agenda for discussion.

   9.1 CBT Comment Summary and Candidate Satisfaction Survey
       The board reviewed the responses submitted through the surveys. No action was taken.

10. ADJOURNMENT
    MOTION: The motion was made to adjourn the regular business meeting. The motion was seconded and approved. The meeting was adjourned at 1:09 p.m.

Kris Waidely, Program Manager
Board of Physical Therapy

Renee Compton, PTA, Chair
Board of Physical Therapy