On June 3, 2019, the Board of Physical Therapy met at the Ramada by Wyndham, Washington Room, 8909 West Airport Dr., Spokane, WA 99224.

MEMBERS PRESENT
Renee Compton, PTA, Chair
Andrew Wodka, PT, DPT, Vice-Chair
Ticha Green, PT, DPT
Chrisandra Osborne, PT, DPT
Dana Johnson, Public Member
Kathryn Dale, PT

STAFF PRESENT
Susan Gragg, Interim Executive Director
Brandon Williams, Program Associate
Davis Hylkema, Program Support
Lilia Lopez, AAG Advisor

GUESTS PRESENT
Dr. Meryl Gersh, (PTWA)
Melissa Johnson, (PTWA)
Malea Sampsel, PT (LITE Group)

OPEN SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER
Renee Compton, PTA, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.
1.1. Introductions – The board, staff and guests introduced themselves.
1.2. Approval of Agenda – The June 3, 2019 agenda was approved
1.3. Approval of the meeting minutes – The April 8, 2019 meeting minutes were approved as presented.
1.4. Approval of Special Meeting Minutes from April 10, 2019 – The April 10, 2019 special meeting minutes were approved as presented.

2. CREDENTIALING UPDATE—Tanya Mills, Office of Credentialing (phone)
As of April 30, 2019 there are 7,417 active PT licensees and 2,459 active PTA licensees. In April, 138 total licenses were issued with 61 pending license status. Currently 94% of licenses are issued within 14 days of application. Waiting for test results and transcripts are the most common causes for delay in issuing licenses.
The board requested that the next report include information showing how many applications are received online and how many are submitted by mail or handed in.

3. FEDERATION OF STATE BOARDS OF PHYSICAL THERAPY (FSBPT) UPDATES

FSBPT is discontinuing support of certain products including aPTitude. Because some of these products are written into Washington PT continuing education rules, these rules will have to be updated. The student PowerPoint presentation will need to be updated also.

An article concerning the Louisiana State physical therapy board being chastised by their state senate on how it handled a sexual assault allegation, published in The Advocate (May 15, 2019), was discussed. A Louisiana senator commented that the punishment levied on the PT was a “slap on the wrist” given the number and gravity of the allegations in the case.

4. OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT (OPMA)—Lilia Lopez, AAG, provided an educational presentation to the board regarding the Open Public Meeting Act.

5. 2019 LEGISLATION WRAP UP/IMPACT TO THE PROFESSION

Dr. Osborne updated the board on completed work of the 2019 Legislative Session of interest to the Physical Therapy profession, highlighting:

- HB 1049 concerning whistleblower protections.
- HB 1198 requiring health care providers sanctioned for sexual misconduct to notify patients.
- SB 5380 concerning opioid use disorders treatment, prevention, and related services.
- SB 5386 concerning optional telemedicine training for health care providers who provide such services.
- HB 1753 requiring the DOH to start at the CR101 phase for rulemaking when changing fees.
- HB 2158 increases Washington B&O tax as a revenue source to fund higher education accessibility. This affects health care entities that are owned by health care providers.

Ms. Gragg shared about the DOH’s work to evaluate boards whose membership may need to be “right sized” in relation to their contingency and work demand. A number of boards are asking for an increase in their membership because of difficulty in obtaining a quorum when needed, and to address the workload of disciplinary and other activities. The DOH is looking at presenting a package request to the 2021 legislative session to address the need.

6. 2019-2021 BUSINESS PLAN – The board considered the following changes to the business plan:

- In Goal II C Time Line column, change “Ongoing as needed” to “annually.”
- In Goal III C Method column, add “Coordinate with PTWA to have board give a presentation biennially at PTWA’s conferences.”
• In Goal IV add an Objective (D), “Provide rules updates to licensees.” Method would include publication through GovDelivery, a newsletter, and through cooperative communications with PTWA.
• In Goal IV add an Objective (E), “Develop and publish a newsletter.”
• In Goal IV add an Objective (F), Work with DOH IT department in improving the Workforce Survey to make it user friendly, and to bring it up front in the licensure renewal process as an encouraged optional step.
• The board also discussed changing the language in Goal IV C to include a GoToMeeting component (video or webinar) to regular in-person board meetings as an effort toward increasing public attendance and education. Advanced notice of schedule, access information, and meeting packet (when it becomes available) would be issued through GovDelivery and cooperative communication with PTWA. The GoToMeeting component could begin with meetings held in Tumwater and Kent.

Staff will draft an updated business plan reflecting the intent of the above changes and present it at a future meeting.

7. CORRESPONDENCE – The board received correspondence requesting an update to address a type-o and redundant language in the EMG rule language and on the EMG endorsement request form.

MOTION: The motion was made to change the language in the EMG endorsement to reflect the correct language in the WAC correcting the type-o of “physicist” to “physiatrist,” and to use the word “person” in the endorsement form to address the redundant language issue. The motion was seconded and approved.

8. 2020 MEETING DATES – The board set the following tentative dates for its regular meetings in 2020:
   February 3 – Olympia; April 6 – Kent; June 15 – Spokane; August 10 – GoToMeeting (Tumwater); October 5 – Olympia; December 7 – Kent.

9. APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL TO RECEIVE LISTS/LABELS – The board reviewed requests to receive lists and labels of physical therapists and physical therapist assistants from the following organizations:
   9.1 Relias Inc. – Educational Organization
   9.2 Myokin Inc. – Educational Organization
   9.3 Education Resources Inc. – Educational Organization

MOTION: The motion was made to approve the requests for Lists/Labels by the organizations identified in items 9.1, 9.2, and 9.3. The motion was seconded and approved.

10. PROGRAM REPORT
   Information was provided to the board by Ms. Gragg, Interim Executive Director.
   a. Budget – The 2019 Biennium-To-Date April 30, 2019 Budget was reviewed. Ms. Gragg reported that the allotted spending authority amount is underspent, and the current cash
balance is a little less than half of what it was at the beginning of the biennium. Greater detail on income and expenditures will be available when the new cost-driver tools begin to be employed for the PT program.

b. Rules update – The Compact rule was filed on Friday, May 31, 2019.

c. Planning for upcoming meetings
   • Final determination of 2020 meeting dates and locations.
   • Business Plan draft.
   • Identify procedure and timeline for changing rules on continuing education requirements due to FSMPT’s program support changes.
   • Presentation of Professional Boundaries Remediation Courses by PBI Education representative.

d. Other
   The board decided to hold a half-day retreat (open public meeting) to work on informational/educational video presentation topics and scripts. It was determined to be held the morning of Saturday, September 7, 2019, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in Leavenworth, WA.

11. 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.

11.1 CBT Comment Summary and Candidate Satisfaction Survey Report
11.2 Email information from the International Credentialing Associates (ICA)
11.3 Email regarding Professional Boundaries Remediation Courses for Physical Therapists
   The board requests staff to invite a representative from PBI Education to present information on its courses to the board at a future meeting.

11. ADJOURNMENT
   The meeting was adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

Sue Gragg, Interim Executive Director
Board of Physical Therapy

Renee Compton, PTA, Chair
Board of Physical Therapy