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2 STATE OF ALASKA
3 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY
4 AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

5 Board of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy
6 550 West 7th AVE., Room 102
7 Atwood Building, Anchorage, AK
8 October 6-7, 2016
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10 By authority of AS 08.065.020 and in compliance with the provision of AS 44.62, Article 6,
11 a scheduled meeting of the Board of Physical and Occupational Therapy was held on
12 October 6-7, 2016, 550 West 7th AVE., Room 102 Atwood Building, Anchorage, AK
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14 **Thursday – October 6, 2016**

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16 **Agenda Item 1 - Meeting to Order/Roll Call**

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18 Mary Melissa Robinson, OT, secretary of the Board of Physical Therapy and Occupational
19 Therapy called the meeting to order at 11:11 a.m. Those present, constituting a quorum of the
20 Board, were:

21 Ilona Farr, MD
22 Valerie Phelps, PT
23 Mari Margaret Celeste Tydingco
24 Ruth Kostik, Public Member, telephonically
25 Mary Melissa Robinson, OT
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27 James Parietti, PT - approved absence for morning session.
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29 Staff Present:

30 Shalome Cederberg, Boards and Commissions, Governor's Office
31 Alvin Kennedy, Investigator
32 Brian Howes, Investigator
33 Connie Petz, Licensing Examiner
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35 Public Present: Lee Anne Carrothers, PT and Tina McClean, PT
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37 Ms. Robinson advised the board that Joseph Kennedy, chair of the board resigned effective
38 October 1, 2016. The first order of business for this meeting was to appoint a new chair and she
39 called for nominations for the role. Dr. Farr is not seeking reappointment to the board, Ms. Phelps
40 will term out and both will be off the board on March 1, 2017. Ms. Kostik has experience on other
41 boards, is well spoken and will be on the board until March 1, 2020. Ms. Robinson will term out on
42 March 1, 2018. The board recognizes the continuity in leadership allows the board to continue
43 functioning with board business when board members change.
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46 **ON A MOTION MADE BY PHELPS SECONDED BY FARR, FOR RUTH KOSTIK TO BECOME THE**
47 **IMMEDIATE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY.**
48 **ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION PASSED.**
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50 As Ms. Kostik was unable to attend in person, Ms. Robinson agreed to facilitate the meeting.
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Agenda Item 2 – Review/Approve Consent Agenda

Consent agenda business completed by the board at the last meeting.

ON A MOTION MADE BY FARR SECONDED BY PHELPS TO ACCEPT THE CONSENT AGENDA, LETTERS TO MR. GORDON, MS. OHMANN, MS. LUCAS, MR. YOUNG, MASSAGE THERAPY BOARD, MS. MORIMILE, MS. AMERICUS, REGULATION FEE INCREASE, FEBRUARY 2016 MINUTES AS FINAL, APRIL 2016 TELECONFERENCE MINUTES AS FINAL AND THE FY16 ANNUAL REPORT. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION PASSED.

TASK: Ms. Kostik will sign the final minutes and staff will publish to the website.

Agenda Item 3 – Review/Approve Agenda

Ms. Farr asked the board to change the lunch on Friday agenda to 1:00 to 2:00 so she could attend a lecture which begins at 1:00 p.m. Ms. Robinson asked the board to discuss the FY17 goals and objectives under old business. The board will discuss agenda item 16 CE Audits and agenda item 17 Discussion time – 10 minute topics from 12:00 to 1:00 on October 7th.

ON A MOTION MADE BY FARR, SECONDED BY TYDINGCO, IT WAS RESOLVED TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA AS DISCUSSED INCLUDING LUNCH FROM 1:00 TO 2:00 TOMORROW. WITH THE ABOVE CHANGES. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION PASSED.

The board deviated to Agenda Item 6 - Investigations.

Brian Howes provided a report to the Board for the period of January 8, 2016 - September 30, 2016. Including cases, complaints, and intake matters, since the last report, the Division opened sixteen (16) matters and closed twenty-three (23) matters. One (1) matter remains ongoing and under review. Mr. Howes stated (1) one new case has been opened since the date of his written report.

The Board was pleased with the investigative process as well as changes which have expedited investigative reviews and thanked him for his report.

Staff reminded the board the investigative website can be found on the same website where they find their board information. Scroll down to the link titled Division Sections to Investigations.

Agenda Item 4 – Ethics Reporting

No ethical violations to report for Ms. Farr, Ms. Tydingco and Ms. Kostik. Ms. Phelps reported she had been contacted prior to the February 2016 board meeting by Randy Lucas regarding Dry Needling, she did not engage in conversation but as she was unable to attend the February 2016 board meeting, this was her first chance to report on that contact.

Staff explained the role of the board is to protect the public and to represent the public in open meetings. They should not have any conversation in person, via email or telephone outside of an open meeting related to board business.

104 Ethics Gifts disclosure were reported by Ms. Robinson, \$1000.00 and Ms. Petz \$1500.00. Both were
105 able to attend the fully funded May 11-13, 2016 NBCOT Leadership Forum in New Orleans, LA
106 2016. Ms. Robinson was able to divert to a family event which decreased expenses for the
107 NBCOT.
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109 Ms. Robinson asked if information in the board packet for ethics and investigative processes
110 could be posted to the website instead of in each board packet. Staff explained the ethics
111 information is required to be part of every board packet and it can be located on the
112 governors' website under the boards and commission link.
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114 Both Ms. Robinson and Ms. Petz signed their Ethics Gift form.
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116 Task: Staff will take Ethics Gift form to Ms. Kostik for her signature as Chair; she is the DES
117 (designated Ethics Supervisor).
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119 Agenda Item 5 – Old Business/Tasks

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121 The board will address dry needling under discussion topics as it was tabled at the February
122 board meeting.
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124 The board reviewed the FY17 Annual report strategic plan and amended some wording in items
125 # 2, 4, 5 and 8. The board will continue to develop their strategic plans in future meetings.
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127 Strategic Plan FY17
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129 1. Track different states licensure compact legislation
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131 **2. Amend regulations in response to SB74 and track different states Telehealth**
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133 3. Monitor NBCOT and FSBPT for acceptance of required continuing certificate documentation
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135 **4. Review the necessity for AS 08.84.075 Limited Permit**
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137 **5. Ensure our current practice act (statutes) allows access to physical therapy and occupational**
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140 6. Look at other states boards and other Alaska boards to be aware of what they are doing and
141 being in collaboration.
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143 7. Create Standard Operation Procedure forms and board packet info; tips
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145 **8. Review for conflict Occupational Therapy definition 08.84.190 (3) compensation versus**
146 **volunteerism with regard to work history 12 AAC 54.705 (b) and (c)**
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148 9. Expanding the requirements for continuing competency
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150 10. Review Foreign Educated inequality for internship requirements
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152 11. The Board is in support of attending national conferences. They recognize it educates board
153 members and staff as well as keeps them informed of national issues which impact all licensing
154 jurisdictions.
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157 **The board deviated to Agenda Item 13 – Budget**
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159 Ms. Hewlett was not present as the 4th quarter budget was not completed prior to this meeting.
160 Ms. Petz went of the 3rd quarter budget and there were no questions. The board understands
161 that fees have not changed however, SB74 may increase costs for any regulations as well as any
162 other projects.

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164 TASK: Staff was asked to put a quick link from the PTOT board website to the Annual Report.
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166 **Lunch off Record at 1:01 p.m. Back on record at 2:07 p.m.**
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168 Ms. Robinson called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m. Roll call, Farr, Phelps, Tydingco, Parietti,
169 Kostik/telephonically, Robinson and staff Petz were present.
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171 **Agenda Item 7 – Public Comment**
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173 LeeAnne Carrothers, PT, UAA PTA Program Director thanked the board for their efforts with the
174 first round of UAS physical therapist assistant graduates. Her second class is graduating
175 December 2, 2016 and the conferred degree transcripts should be delivered in time for board
176 review and approval to test.

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178 Ms. Carrothers is also the president of the Alaska Physical Therapy Association and she said they
179 are eagerly awaiting the board's direction on their legislative goals and in support of the boards
180 stand on dry needling. Ms. Carrothers asked the board to respectfully consider discussing the
181 Legislative progress update so she would not need to attend the meeting on Friday.
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183 Shalome Cederberg, Boards and Commissions, Governor's Office introduced herself to the
184 board and explained they are working on filling the openings and upcoming openings on the
185 board.
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187 **Deviated to agenda Item 12 – Legislative Progress Update**
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189 Due to the AK budget crisis there has not been any contact from the legislators Senator Giessel
190 and Representative Vasquez who the board thought may consider drafting a bill. The board
191 agreed their legislative goals are primarily 'housekeeping' items which have been on the
192 board's goals for years. It was determined after the November election Ms. Kostik would take the
193 legislative goals back to the capital to seek a friendly legislator who may introduce a bill in the
194 next session.
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196 **ON A MOTION MADE BY FARR SECONDED BY PHELPS THAT CHAIRMAN RUTH KOSTIK BE**
197 **AUTHORIZED TO APPROACH A SENATOR AND A REPRESENTATIVE TO MOVE THE PROPOSED**
198 **LEGISLATION OF 15 ITEMS INTO A BILL TO BE INTRODUCED TO THE 2017-2018 OF THE ALASKA**
199 **STATE LEGISLATURE. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION PASSED.**
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201 Task: Kostik to take the 15 legislative goals to friendly legislator.
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203 **Agenda Item 8 - Regulations Project**
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205 Staff has learned that the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) goals to
206 approve testing for the national exam have changed. In the future schools will have a brand
207 new rule – they will report students on track to graduate to the FSBPT. States/jurisdictions will

208 have an alternate approval option – FSBPT will allow 90 day prior to graduation to test. Texas has
209 language started to adopt the alternate approval option.

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211 As the FSBPT is not going to approve applicants for exam after all, it will continue to be the
212 responsibility of each state licensing authority to mark the student eligible to test. The fixed test
213 dates impact applicants because Alaska law requires their conferred degree be received prior
214 to reviewing their application and being marked eligible to test. Some are not received until
215 after the deadline date for jurisdiction approval.

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217 The dates of receipt of the conferred degree and the date to mark eligible to test can delay the
218 applicant up to 3 months to take the national exam.

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220 Current law requires that 'conferred' degree be received prior to the board viewing an
221 application for licensure. The board agreed that they would recommend amending the
222 regulation to allow receipt of a statement from their educational institution if they are on track to
223 graduate to help expediting the applicant to be approved to test. This does not eliminate the
224 need to have the conferred degree prior to issuing a license. The board crafted a regulation to
225 help expedite applications for physical therapists and physical therapy assistants by exam.

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227 **12 AAC 54.030 REQUIREMENTS FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY LICENSE BY EXAMINATION (b)** An
228 application must be reviewed and approved by a majority of the board members
229 before an applicant may take the examination. The board will not review an application until all
230 documents required under (a) of this section have been received by the department. **THE**
231 **BOARD MAY APPROVE AN APPLICANT TO TAKE THE EXAMINATION WHEN A STATEMENT SENT**
232 **DIRECTLY TO THE DEPARTMENT FROM THEIR EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION INDICATES THE APPLICANT IS**
233 **ON TRACK TO GRADUATE AND 12 AAC 54.030 (A) (1), (3) AND (4) HAVE BEEN RECEIVED.**

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235 The board completed the regulations FAQ worksheet for the proposed regulation for 12 AAC
236 54.030(b).

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238 Ms. Tydingco stepped out of the room from 4:09 p.m. to 4:13 p.m.

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240 **Break off record at 4:28 p.m. and back on record at 4:36 p.m.**

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242 **The board deviated to Agenda Item 16 – CE Audits Discussion for Continuing Education**

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244 Staff explained the process for the upcoming audit review for this past renewal and licensing
245 period of July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2016. The Board discussed how to best facilitate this
246 'online/secure' audit review.

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248 Audit letters will be mailed by November 15th. In the new paperless environment, staff will
249 prepare CE audit documents as they are received, review for completeness, organize, circle
250 required items and publish them to the secure website for board members to review in batches
251 under a secure CE audit folder.

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253 An excel spreadsheet will be created for each board member to work from to keep track of
254 what they review and to write notes where they have questions on the CE. A quorum of votes is
255 required to approve each audited licensee. This will leave only those who do not receive a
256 quorum of approval to be viewed at a board meeting.

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258 Any licensee who does not meet the requirements will be reviewed by the entire board at the
259 next in person meeting.

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The board deviated to Agenda Item 18 – Schedule Meetings

November 2, 2016 one hour NOON Teleconference 'tentative'
January 18, 2017 one hour NOON Teleconference "tentative"
February 23-24, 2017 Juneau (board knows this may be a meeting with two locations)
October 5-6, 2017 Preferred with October 12-13, 2017 Anchorage

TASK - Staff will work on meeting rooms and keep the board informed of the dates. She also informed them that all public notices are published on the 15th of the month prior to the meeting date.

The board recessed the meeting at 5:08 p.m. and will return at 8:00 a.m. Friday, October 7, 2016.

Friday – October 7, 2016

Agenda Item 9 – Call To Order

Ms. Robinson called the meeting to order at 8:09 a.m.

Roll call; present, constituting a quorum of the Board, were; Farr, Phelps, Tydingco, Kostik/telephonically, Robinson and staff Petz. Mr. Parietti approved absence.

Ms. Farr wanted to attend another meeting during the afternoon and informed the board she wasn't sure if she would return to the meeting after lunch and Mr. Parietti should be at the meeting for the afternoon session.

Agenda Item 10 – Regulations continued.

Senate bill 74 was enacted on June 21, 2016. This changed the PTOT statutes by adding to existing Alaska Statute 08.84.120 Refusal, revocation, and suspension of license all of the below subsections (c) and (d).

SB 74 Sec. 13 - AS 08.84.120 added new subsections which read:

(c) The board may not impose disciplinary sanctions on a licensee for the evaluation, diagnosis, or treatment of a person through audio, video, or data communications when physically separated from the person if the licensee

(1) or another licensed health care provider is available to provide follow-up care;

(2) requests that the person consent to sending a copy of all records of the encounter to a primary care provider if the licensee is not the person's primary care provider and, if the person consents, the licensee sends the records to the person's primary care provider; and

(3) meets the requirements established by the board in regulation.

(d) The board shall adopt regulations restricting the evaluation, diagnosis, supervision, and treatment of a person as authorized under (c) of this section by establishing standards of care, including standards for training, confidentiality, supervision, practice, and related issues.

The board discussed SB74 and in review of AS 08.84.120 (c) and (d) determined they have telehealth regulations in place which are 12 AAC 54.530. Standards for Practice of Telerehabilitation by Physical Therapist and 12 AAA 54.825. Standards for Practice of Telerehabilitation by Occupational Therapist.

311 As SB74 only identifies that the board could not discipline anyone practicing via telehealth. This
312 does not impact the physical therapy and occupational therapy profession within Alaska as
313 they have allowed practitioners to utilize telehealth since 2008. The board may want to bring to
314 the attention of licensees the availability of practice of telehealth for all practitioners licensed in
315 AK to help increase services.

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317 Staff had been informed the existing regulation which requires the licensee be "physically
318 present in the state" is one area the board would need to amend for SB74. The board feels that
319 this is not in conflict with the new statutes as the law merely establishes standards of care when
320 practicing telerehabilitation per the new AS 08.84.120 (d).

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322 Staff also asked the board to look at the definitions of supervision which says the therapist must
323 be 'physically present'. It was decided this does not state 'in person' and does not conflict.

324 Staff also brought up the maximum number which is (3) three for how many people a PTOT can
325 supervise at any one time per 12 AAC 54.500 (e) physical therapy standards and 12 AAC 54.800
326 (b) occupational therapy standards. This may need some future consideration too.

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328 Ms. Phelps thought the board would benefit by asking the FSBPT to look at the current Alaska
329 Telerehabilitation laws for Alaska in comparison to the new statutes AS 08.84.120 subsections (c)
330 and (d).

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332 Ms. Kostik stated the board has time for researching areas to improve the current regulations for
333 telehealth practice. Ms. Tydingco asked the board to consider whether these regulations
334 provide benefit for all Alaskans.

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336 Karen Jacobs will be presenting on Telehealth and Technology at the upcoming AKOTA
337 meeting. Ms. Robinson will be attending and will also speak with her about this topic.

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339 The board crafted a letter to be sent to the Operations Manager, Ms. Chambers and cc'd
340 Director Janey Hovenden and Legislative Liaison Micaela Fowler. They included regulations, 12
341 AAC 54.530. Standards for Practice of Telerehabilitation by Physical Therapist; 12 AAC 54.825.
342 Standards for Practice of Telerehabilitation by Occupational Therapist; 12 AAC 54.500. Physical
343 Therapy Standards; 12 AAC 54.510. Supervision of Physical Therapy Assistants; 12 AAC 54.800.
344 Occupational Therapy Standards; 12 AAC 54.810. Supervision of Occupational Therapy
345 Assistants.

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347 The board will await a response from the Division. They will also be looking at all the national
348 telehealth standards to see how they can proceed with additional regulations per SB74 and the
349 new statute.

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351 Dr. Farr said one thought for how to expand the telerehabilitation might be including the word
352 'initial' for the first client/patient visit in relation to "in this state" under 12 AAC 54.530(b)(1) and 12
353 AAC 54.825(b)(1).

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355 Telehealth/Rehab Questions:

- 356 1. What kind of restrictions, pros and cons does the 'has to be present in the state'
357 statement cause?
- 358 2. Are the current regulations unduly restricting services to clients
- 359 3. Can we modify so that a provider who is in the state is able service their patients when
360 they are out of state (such as on vacation)
- 361 4. Do the current regulations encompass all that needs to be considered?

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363 TASK/Action items:

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- Ms. Phelps will ask FSBPT their opinion of our regulations as related to the recent statute.
- Ms. Robinson will attend the lecture at the upcoming state meeting on telehealth, with AOTA and NBCOT.
- Ms. Tydingco will research users of service – public research, what kind of services are missing in rural Alaska and what types of services do they need.
- Dr. Farr will research the state medical board to see how physicians are crafting their telehealth regulations.

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TASKS: Staff will forward letter to Ms. Chambers, cc'ing Director Hovenden and Ms. Fowler. Board members will gather information and send to staff to have prior to the next meeting.

Senior Investigator Al Kennedy stopped in to introduce himself to the board. He is now the supervisor for the health care professions and oversees Brian Howes who is the board's investigator.

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Break off record at 10:00 a.m. back on record 10:18 a.m.

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The board held extensive discussion as to other options for continuing education. They will work towards developing ways that licensees can expand direction. It was noted this is part of their strategic plan. It will be a big project, similar to how they developed the Principles of Practice.

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The board recognized as they begin reviewing CEs with the upcoming audit period they will be able to keep in mind how they can develop regulations that allow more options for continuing competencies. Currently the board's website suggests licensees consider aPTitude and Navigator for management of CE's. It was noted that Navigator offers courses that a licensee can complete which gives them CE credit while at the same time keep their NBCOT certification current. However, this educational option is only available to those who are currently certified. This will be a good tool for newer OT/OTAs and an incentive to keep NBCOT certified.

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The board wants to continue toward expanding the options for acceptable continuing education experience. Ms. Kostik asked that the board assign tasks to gather information.

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Staff asked board members to provide a cover page with a recap of their research. This will assist all board members in reviewing the data provided, could be useful for the boards consideration and for a future tool to guide everyone with this project.

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TASK: Ms. Robinson will gather NBCOT documents and send to staff to forward to all board members. Ms. Phelps will research FSBPT/APTA to see if they have opinions on what an educational requirement should look like.

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For the record the Board determined they had not completed a motion for the proposed regulation change to allow approval to test with a letter from the school. This does not allow for licensure, only to be able to test prior to receipt of the conferred degree under 12 AAC 54.030(b).

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ON A MOTION BY FARR, SECONDED BY PHELPS, TO CHANGE THE WORDING OF 12 AAC 54.030 REQUIREMENTS FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY LICENSE BY EXAMINATION (b) AN APPLICATION MUST BE REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY A MAJORITY OF THE BOARD MEMBERS BEFORE AN APPLICANT MAY TAKE THE EXAMINATION. THE BOARD WILL NOT REVIEW AN APPLICATION UNTIL ALL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED UNDER (A) OF THIS SECTION HAVE BEEN

415 **RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT. THE BOARD MAY APPROVE AN APPLICANT TO TAKE THE**
416 **EXAMINATION WHEN A STATEMENT SENT DIRECTLY TO THE DEPARTMENT FROM THEIR**
417 **EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION INDICATES THE APPLICANT IS ON TRACK TO GRADUATE AND 12**
418 **AAC 54.030 (A) (1), (3) AND (4) HAVE BEEN RECEIVED. ALL IN FAVOR, NO NAYS.**
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420 **Deviate to Agenda Item 17 –Discussion Time – 10 Minute Topics**

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422 Ms. Phelps informed the board that she has been tracking Dry Needling for several years. It was
423 noted in the February board packet included many resource papers. She was unable to attend
424 that meeting. She wanted the board to know she is fully supportive of the opinions from both
425 APTA and FSBPT on dry needling. In 2015 an independent consulting firm, HumRRo was hired to
426 review physical therapy education and what is taught in dry needling courses to see if the
427 education was comprehensive enough for physical therapists to perform dry needling.
428 In Summary, HumRRo determined that physical therapists do have the education to perform dry
429 needling. The national organizations FSBPT and APTA are supportive of dry needling. Some
430 jurisdictions that had not been supportive in the past are reconsidering that dry needling is within
431 the scope of practice of physical therapists.
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433 Dr. Farr asked what the difference between acupuncture and dry needling and are those who
434 use dry needling aware of sterile techniques? Ms. Phelps said yes, this is part of their education.
435 She thought it would be good to look at what other states require to provide this service.
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437 By the end of this discussion, the board determined, as they have stated at prior meetings, the
438 board does not regulate the specific techniques or modalities a therapist can or cannot do. It is
439 the therapist's responsibility to be trained in the techniques they utilize.
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441 **Break off record at 12:00 p.m. back on record 12:15 p.m.**

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443 Ms. Robinson shared about the NBCOT annual meeting and was most impressed with the
444 processes in place to develop the exam questions formally known as "Items". Ms. Petz
445 appreciated attending the meeting, stating there were great educational sessions and it was
446 good to learn more about the new NBCOT website and processes used by other licensing
447 agencies during breakout sessions.
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449 **Lunch off record at 12:22 p.m. and back on the record at 1:09 p.m.**

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451 Ms. Robinson called the meeting to order. Roll call; Phelps, Tydingco, Parietti, Robinson, Kostik
452 (telephonically) and staff Petz. Mr. Parietti has an approved absence for the morning of
453 October 6th and 7th. Dr. Farr had an approved absence for the afternoon session October 7th.
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455 **Deviated to Agenda Item 14 – Correspondence**

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457 The board reviewed correspondence, crafted response letters where needed and tasked staff
458 to put on state letterhead for Ms. Kostik to sign prior to mailing.
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460 **Break off record at 2:32 p.m. back on record 2:36 p.m.**

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462 The board discussed correspondence requesting they help to appeal for her to take the
463 physical therapy exam beyond the FSBPT maximum lifetime limit of 6 or more exams. The board
464 did not support this request for an appeal and crafted a letter for her.
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466 ON A MOTION BY KOSTIK, SECONDED BY PARIETTI, THE BOARD SUPPORTS THE FSBPT'S
467 POLICY OF THE LIFETIME LIMIT ON THE NUMBER OF TIMES AN INDIVIDUAL CAN TAKE
468 THE NATIONAL THERAPY EXAM. VOTE YES, PHELPS, PARIETTI, ROBINSON AND
469 KOSTIK; ABSTAIN - TYDINGCO
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471 TASK: Staff will forward all correspondence.

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473 **Deviate to Agenda Item 11 – Applications**

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475 The board had three applications to review and it was determined an Executive Session would
476 be appropriate.

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478 ON A MOTION BY PARIETTI, SECONDED BY TYDINGCO, THE ALASKA BOARD OF PHYSICAL
479 THERAPY AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY IS RESOLVED TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION IN
480 ACCORDANCE WITH AS 44.62.310(C)(2) AND (3), AND THE ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT
481 TO PRIVACY PROVISIONS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPLICATION REVIEW.
482 ALL VOTED YES. MOTION PASSED.

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484 All board members and staff Petz to stay in the room.

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486 Entered Executive at 3:09 p.m. and out of Executive Session at 3:47 p.m.

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488 The board reviewed 3 applications during executive session.

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490 ON A MOTION BY PHELPS, SECONDED BY TYDINGCO, TO APPROVE THE LICENSURE
491 APPLICATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE: HEIDI WATKINS PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSISTANT
492 APPROVED PENDING PASSING THE NPTA EXAM, ZACHARY MEASEL PHYSICAL THERAPY BY
493 CREDENTIALS, JULIDE STASCHKE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY BY EXAMINATION. ALL IN
494 FAVOR, NO NAYS. KOSTIK ABSTAINED.

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496 TASK: Staff will issue licenses or mark eligible to test.

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498 The board discussed the current format for applications for licensure. Staff noted two areas
499 have been more common; one is dual professions IE: an OTA who then became an OT and the
500 other is those who practice telehealth.

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502 The board decided they need more time to consider what other information they may need for
503 the application review.

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505 In the meantime, staff will revise the application to make a place to identify when an applicant
506 is utilizing telehealth, identify they hold a license to practice in each jurisdiction they provide
507 services as well as guide them to report other health care professions on the application.

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509 TASK: Staff will confer with other licensing professions to see how they are going to revise their
510 applications for telehealth.

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512 TASK LIST:

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514 Ms. Kostik:

- 515 • Sign all letters crafted at this meeting, ethic gift disclosures, final minutes for February 2016
516 and April 2016 meetings.

- 517 • Contact a friendly legislator after the fall election to see if they will introduce a bill in the
518 next session.
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520 Ms. Robinson:

- 521 • Telehealth research - submit information from the lecture at the upcoming state meeting
522 on telehealth, with AOTA and NBCOT.
523 • CE education research NBCOT documents regarding educational requirements and
524 submit to staff to forward to all board members.
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526 Ms. Phelps:

- 527 • Telehealth research - ask FSBPT their opinion of our regulations as related to the recent
528 SB74 Telehealth statute.
529 • CE educations research FSBPT/APTA regarding continuing educational requirements and
530 submit to staff to forward to all board members.
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532 Dr. Farr:

- 533 • Telehealth research - state medical board to see how physicians are crafting their
534 telehealth regulations.
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536 Ms. Tydingco:

- 537 • Telehealth research users of service – public research, what kind of services are missing in
538 rural AK and what types of services do they need.
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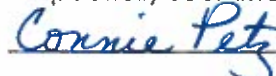
540 Staff:

- 541 • Issue all licenses or mark eligible to test
542 • Put all correspondence on state letter head for signature and mailing
543 • Post final February and April minutes to the website
544 • Add quick links to the Annual Report and Ethics to website
545 • Revise applications for dual professions and telehealth
546 • Confer with other licensing professions for applications revisions for telehealth.
547 • Work on scheduling upcoming meeting dates and locations.
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549 **Agenda Item 19 –Adjourn Meeting**

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551 The Board having no further business to discuss adjourned the meeting at 4:31p.m.
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553 Respectfully Submitted:

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555 Connie Petz, Licensing Examiner

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559 Ruth Kostik, Chair

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