

STATE OF ALASKA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY  
AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY  
333 WILLOUGHBY AVE, 9<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR, CONFERENCE ROOM C, JUNEAU, AK

TELECONFERENCE MEETING  
November 20, 2013

By authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.62, Article 6, a teleconference meeting of the State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board was held on November 20, 2013 at the State Office Building, Conference Room C, Juneau, Alaska.

**Wednesday – November 20, 2013**

Kathy Lind, Chair of the Board of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

This teleconference was public noticed in the Anchorage Daily News on November 15, 2013 and the State of Alaska Online Public Notice System on November 14, 2013.

Board members present by a voice roll call vote:

Ilona Farr, MD  
Mary Melissa Robinson, OT  
Ruth Kostik, Public member  
James Parietti, PT (signed off at 12:30 p.m.)  
Judy Bogard, PT (signed on at 12:12 p.m.)  
Kathy Lind, OT

Absent - Valerie Phelps, PT, ScD

Staff present: Connie Petz, Licensing Examiner

The Board discussed that over the past year there have been increased complaints filed where chiropractors have been advertising physical therapy services when they do not have a licensed physical therapist on staff.

The Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board sent a letter to the Alaska Board of Chiropractic Examiners on September 26, 2013. A response was received from James Heston D.C., Chairman of the Board of Chiropractic Examiners. The PTOT board was pleased to hear the Chiropractic board was aligned with the concerns and it is understood that they (the Board of Chiropractic Examiners) would contact individuals that are inappropriately using the term physical therapy to avoid false advertising.

Ms. Lind will send a follow up letter to the Alaska Board of Chiropractic Examiners. As Ms. Phelps was unable to attend this meeting, the board would like to hold additional discussion to include her thoughts on the topic of Chiropractic use of physical therapy at the March board meeting.

Additional discussion was held, no actions were taken.

The board asked that the March meeting agenda include:

Barrier Crimes Matrix

Use of the term Physical Therapy

Legislative planning for future statute change

Response to correspondence related to review of Continuing Education Courses

Ms. Lind asked the board if there was any other business to discuss. The Board having no further business to discuss adjourned the meeting at 12:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

  
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Connie Petz, Licensing Examiner

Approved:

  
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Kathleen Lind, OT, Chair

Date: 3/28/14