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

TELECONFERENCE MEETING
January 18, 2017

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 January 18, 2017 at Juneau, Alaska.

Wednesday, January 18, 2017

Ruth Kostik, chair of the Board of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy called the meeting to order on January 18, 2017 at 12:05 p.m.

Voice Roll Call Vote:

James Parietti
Melissa Robinson
Valerie Phelps
Mari-Margaret Celeste Tydingco
Ruth Kostik

Ilona Farr absent

Staff: Connie Petz

Public present: Meera Parekh

Agenda Item 1 - Review/Approve Agenda

No changes to the agenda.

Agenda Item 2 - Legislative Goals

Ms. Kostik informed the board that she will be meeting with Senator Giessel's office for drafting the bill based on the board's legislative goals and she anticipates a bill will get introduced this session. Staff will resend the bill tracking information to assist board members for during this legislative session.

Agenda Item 3 - Applications

The board reviewed 5 applications, 2 did not require any action from the board.

MOTION BY PHELPS, SECONDED BY PARIETTI TO APPROVE MEERA PAREKH PHYSICAL THERAPY FOR LICENSURE AND ALFRED BRACCIANO OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY FOR LICENSURE. VOICE ROLL CALL VOTE: PARIETTI, ROBINSON, PHELPS, TYDINGCO AND KOSTIK. ALL VOTED YES. MOTION PASSED. FARR ABSENT.

53 MOTION BY PHELPS, SECONDED BY ROBINSON TO APPROVE THE ORDER FOR CASE # 2016-001034
54 AS FOLLOWS. THE ALASKA STATE PHYSICAL THERAPY AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY BOARD
55 HEREBY ADOPTS THE IMPOSITION OF CIVIL FINE IN THIS MATTER. THE BOARD HAS DETERMINED THAT
56 THIS IS A TECHNICAL VIOLATION OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSING STATUTES AND REGULATIONS NOT
57 RELATED TO THE DELIVERY OF PATIENT CARE AND, THEREFORE, THIS MATTER CAN BE RESOLVED WITH
58 A CIVIL FINE. THIS IMPOSITION OF CIVIL FINE TAKES EFFECT IMMEDIATELY UPON SIGNATURE OF THIS
59 ORDER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD. VOICE ROLL CALL VOTE: PARIETTI,
60 ROBINSON, PHELPS, TYDINGCO AND KOSTIK. ALL VOTED YES. MOTION PASSED. FARR ABSENT.
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62 The board adopted the consent decree for Kristin M. Coffin and the imposition of civil fine. Ms. Kostik
63 signed the board order in Juneau, Alaska and staff will forward the documentation to the investigator.
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65 The board discussed they would like to have an investigator at the fall 2017 board meeting to allow
66 open discussion for investigative processes and fines.
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68 TASK: Staff will issue the licenses and forward the signed Consent Agreement to investigations.
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70 **Agenda Item 4 - Update on Telehealth**

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72 The enactment of SB74 was crafted in a way that the board would not be able to discipline a
73 telehealth practitioner if they are not physically "in this state" while performing services. The board has
74 been reviewing their regulations. Any therapist who provides services to an Alaskan resident is required
75 to hold an active professional license in AK and are required follow the laws of AK.
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77 Mr. Parietti left the meeting at 1:00 p.m. there was still a quorum of the board so the meeting continued.
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79 Both Ms. Phelps and Ms. Robinson provided background research for telehealth on a national level. No
80 action taken, this will be discussed at the next board meeting.
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82 Staff will include information for SB74 in the February board packet.
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84 **Agenda Item 5 - FCCPT CWT5 being replaced with CWT6**

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86 Course work tools (CWT) were developed to review foreign education based on the year of graduation.
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88 The Foreign Credentialing Commission on Physical Therapy (FCCPT) has developed CWT6 based upon
89 the educational requirements of Commission on Accreditation of Physical Therapy (CAPTE). CWT6 is for
90 foreign educated physical therapy programs graduating August 2014 and forward and it was
91 implemented January 1, 2017.
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93 The board relies on the developer of the educational review programs (FCCPT) as the credential
94 reviewer who would evaluate the education based on the graduation date. They felt this was more of
95 a formality and the board has allowed all the Course Work Tools to date. The board agreed they would
96 accept CWT6 as well as the prior course work tools.
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98 Task: Staff will notify all the agencies the board has approved for educational credentialing and are
99 approved to utilize the CWT.
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101 FCCPT – Foreign Credentialing Commission on Physical Therapy

102 INEF – International Education Research Foundation

103 ICD – International Consultants of Delaware

104 ICA – International Credentialing Associates, INC.

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Agenda Item 6 - Discuss how the audit excel sheet is working – any questions?

Board members have found reviewing CE's electronically is working ok. Staff hopes to have all CE's to the board prior the February board meeting.

Ms. Kostik, having no further business to discuss adjourned the meeting at 1:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Connie Petz, Licensing Examiner

Approved:



Ruth Kostik, Chair

Date:

2/23/2017

