

STATE OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT
BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
333 WILLOUGHBY AVE, CONFERENCE ROOM A, JUNEAU, AK
TENTATIVE MEETING AGENDA

JULY 14, 2008

By authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.62, Article 6, a scheduled teleconference meeting of the State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board was held on July 14, 2008 at the State Office Building, Conference Room A, Juneau, Alaska.

Agenda Item 1 **Call to Order**

The teleconference was called to order by Mary Ann Paul, PT, Chair at 12:03 p.m.

Those present, constituting a quorum of the Board, were:

Mary Ann Paul, PT, Chair
Jay McDiarmid, PT, Secretary
Jo Boehme, OT/L
Kathleen Lind, OT
Gary Burleson, Public Member

Dr. Brecht and Joyce Barnett were unable to participate.

Agenda Item 2 **Discuss Public Comment**

Mary Ann asked members to confirm that they read all public comment presented previously. Members confirmed they had read all comment submitted. Gary Burleson mentioned that as a future meeting the board should consider allowing some type of mentorship for continuing education credit based on comment received. Gary also mentioned comment regarding getting CE credits from an accredited university under distance learning to get 12 hours of "classroom" attendance. Jo was impressed by how many people pointed to the financial hardship licensees would incur to comply with the proposed regulations. Jo also brought up that two occupational therapists referenced a 2006 literature review by AARP public policy regarding continuing competency. Jo questioned if there was anything more recent regarding that topic.

Mary Ann stated that one of the board's original goals in pursuing CE changes was to limit the amount of credits that are in-service and to also omit credit for routine staff meetings/rounds and courses that are required for employment. Gary said that at one time, the board was definitely trying to limit the on-line or self-study courses. Jay stated that he wasn't necessarily opposed to the current draft, but he also liked what Jo

mentioned regarding the AARP study and trying to see what else is available for the board to review regarding current trends. He mentioned contacting FSBPT to see if they have something and that if the board pursues these changes, he would like the board to be able to back up the changes. Jo recommended including AOTA as well.

On a motion by Burleson and seconded by McDiarmid it was resolved to table action on the continuing regulations 12 AAC 54.410 and 12 AAC 54.710 until the October board meeting due to interest in further research.

The board discussed the military service continuing education regulation. They considered the public comment received.

On a motion by McDiarmid and seconded by Burleson it was resolved via roll call vote to adopt 12 AAC 54.435 and 12 AAC 54.725 as noticed.

Roll call vote in favor of adopting 12 AAC 54.435 and 12 AAC 54.725:

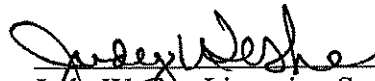
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Judy Weske advised that a physical therapist, whose license lapsed in 2004 and who doesn't have the required work experience to reinstate, needs to do a 150 hour internship; however, she would like the board to allow her to do the internship in a facility that only one has one full-time physical therapist on staff. Judy advised the board that there are no regulations regarding what standards are to be met in the 150 hour internship for reinstatement/renewal of a license. The only regulation that addresses a standard for internship is the foreign-trained regulations. The board agreed to review this therapist's proposal for internship and to also place this topic on the October agenda.


Jay McDiarmid and Mary Ann will attend the fall FSBPT annual meeting. Jay will be voting delegate and Mary Ann alternate.

The board having no other business adjourned the meeting at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Judy Weske, Licensing Supervisor



Mary Ann Paul, PT Chair

Date: October 3, 2008