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

JUNE 30, 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 June 30, 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 Joyce Barnett, PT Stephen Brecht, MD Jo Boehme, OT/L Kathleen Lind, OT Gary Burleson, Public Member

Agenda Item 2 Discuss Public Comment

The board discussed the public comment regarding the changes to the continuing education regulations. One of the board's goal in amending the regulations was to limit the number of self-study courses and also to require that a certain number of hours be earned through physical attendance at workshops, conferences, etc. Thirteen individuals provided written comment and the bulk of that comment reflected opposition to the board's proposed changes, mostly due to increased cost to obtain CE out-of-state. The board acknowledged the concern, but also felt that most licensees do travel out-of-state at least once in a two-year period and could incorporate that travel with conference attendance.

After continued discussion it was discovered that not all members had reviewed all of the comment received; therefore, the board tabled further action on this matter.

Agenda Item 3 Take Action on Proposed Regulations

On a motion by Barnett and seconded by Brecht it was resolved to table action on CE requirements and military service until July 14, 2008 at noon so that members can read all public comment submitted.

Agenda Item 4 Review Edited Telerehabilitation Regulations

The board reviewed the changes made by the Department of Law to the telerehabilitation regulations 12 AAC 54.530 and 12 AAC 54.825. The board also reviewed the code of ethics proposed changes under 12 AAC 54.500(c)-(d).

On a motion made by Burleson and seconded by Boehme, and by roll call vote it was resolved to readopt the telerehabiliation regulation as amended by the Department of Law and to adopt the code of ethics regulation.

Roll Call Vote (in favor of motion):

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

The board stated there is no cost to the public as a result of adopting these regulations.

Mary Ann advised members that FSBPT will be sending two representatives the end of September to meet with association members to work on the model practice act. Jo Boehme stated it was her understanding that AOTA was also sending a legislative staff person to participate. A conference room at Providence Hospital will be used for the one day workshop.

The board having no other business adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m. The board set a teleconference for July 14, 2008 at noon.

Respectfully Submitted:

Judy Woske, Licensing Supervisor

Mary Ann Paul, PT Chair

Date. October 3, 2008