

**THE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY**  
Professional & Vocational Licensing Division  
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs  
State of Hawaii

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

Date: Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Place: King Kalakaua Conference Room  
King Kalakaua Building  
335 Merchant Street, 1st Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Members Present: H. Christina Baxendale, Physical Therapist ("PT"), Chair  
Charles Aki, Public Member  
Rachelle Iopa, PT  
Michael Turner, PT

Staff Present: Alan Taniguchi, Executive Officer ("EO")  
Rodney J. Tam, Deputy Attorney General ("DAG")  
Jennifer Fong, Secretary

Guests: Debbie Kubota, Hawaii Chapter of the American Physical Therapy  
Association ("HAPTA")  
Eric Kamimura, Kaiser Permanente

Agenda: The agenda for this meeting was filed with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor,  
as required by section 92-7(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS").

Call to Order: There being a quorum present, the Chair called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

Chair's Report: **Announcements**

The Chair introduced Rachelle Iopa as the new board member.

**Additions and Additional Distribution**

Upon a motion by the Chair, seconded by Mr. Turner, it was voted on and  
unanimously carried to add the following to today's meeting agenda:

5. Applications
  - b. Applications
    - Amanda Vittetoe

#### **Approval of Previous Minutes – May 10, 2011 Meeting**

Upon a motion by the Chair, seconded by Mr. Aki, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2011 meeting as circulated.

#### Executive Officer's Report:

#### **2012 Board Meeting Schedule**

The EO noted that he previously suggested that the Board change to a quarterly meeting schedule. He asked if they would like to make the change or if they would like to continue the current schedule of meeting bi-monthly.

After some discussion, upon a motion by Mr. Aki, seconded by Mr. Turner, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve a quarterly meeting schedule.

The EO stated that the Board would be provided with their 2012 meeting schedule at their next meeting.

#### **2012 Term – Regulated Industries Complaints Office (“RICO”) Physical Therapy Advisory Committee**

The Board reviewed a list of possible advisory committee members.

Mr. Turner asked what the purpose of the Advisory Committee is.

The DAG explained that it is a resource for RICO to use. If an investigator has questions about the profession when investigating complaints, they would contact an advisory committee member. The Board cannot be used for this purpose since they are responsible for making decisions on any adjudicatory matters that come before them.

Upon a motion by the Chair, seconded by Ms. Iopa, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve the list provided by RICO for the Physical Therapy Advisory Committee.

### **Delegation to Executive Officer**

Board members engaged in a brief discussion about applications that indicate prior disciplinary action or criminal convictions that are not related to the license profession.

It was moved by Mr. Aki, seconded by the Chair, and unanimously carried to delegate to the EO approvals of applications in which the applicant was convicted of single DUI, so long as the DUI was not a result/did not occur while the applicant was engaged in the practice of physical therapy or in which the applicant has been subject to disciplinary action for failure to provide notification of an address change.

Correspondence: None.

Applications: **Ratification List**

Upon a motion by Mr. Aki, seconded by Mr. Turner, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve the attached ratification list.

Open Forum: The Chair asked the audience if they would like to address the Board.

Ms. Kubota noted that the Board revised their rules several months ago and asked if they had plans to address other issues in the rules such as the licensing of physical therapist assistants ("PTAs").

The Chair asked if HAPTA considers licensure of PTAs a more prominent issue than continued competency.

Ms. Kubota stated that she believes HAPTA feels the issues are of equal importance.

The EO asked Ms. Kubota if she knew how many PTAs there are in Hawaii.

Ms. Kubota stated that she is not sure, however, she noted that KCC has a PTA training program.

Mr. Turner asked how licensure would effect the PTA profession.

Ms. Kubota stated that she is not sure and would have to do some research to find out.

Executive Session: At 12:24 p.m., upon a motion by the Chair, seconded by Mr. Turner, it was voted on and unanimously carried to move into executive session pursuant to §92-5(a)(1), Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS"), "To consider and evaluate personal information relating to individuals applying for professional or vocational licenses cited in section 26-9 or both;".

At 12:30 p.m., upon a motion by the Chair, seconded by Ms. Iopa, it was voted on and unanimously carried to move out of executive session.

### **Applications**

#### Amanda Vittetoe

Upon a motion by Mr. Aki, seconded by Ms. Iopa, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve Ms. Vittetoe's application.

The Chair asked if the Board had any additional questions or concerns.

Mr. Turner asked if the Board has a long term plan on how to address the continued competence issue.

The Chair stated that nothing has been presented to her. She asked the EO if he could provide the Board with a copy of the continuing professional education ("CPE") checklist he previously mentioned.

The EO agreed.

The Chair noted that some jurisdictions started continued competence requirements slowly, for example, only requiring a jurisprudence or ethics course first, then adding additional CPE requirements. It may be something for the Board to consider. The Chair stated that it would be highly advantageous to have a jurisprudence or ethics requirement in addition to a CPE requirement and suggested that if the Board decides to move forward with this, they could ask HAPTA if they would be willing to assist.

The EO stated that some things the Board should consider is if there are enough providers to ensure all licensees have access to courses, what types of courses to allow, the amount of hours required, and whether to do a random audit of licensees or require all licensees to submit their CPE certificates.

Mr. Turner stated that he believes that access is not an issue and that trying to narrow the scope or content of the approved courses might make it more difficult to

get through the legislature instead of, for example, requiring the PT to take American Physical Therapy Association ("APTA") approved courses. The Chair stated that she feels that the Board should put the PTA licensing issue on the backburner and focus on the continued competency issue because currently the Board has more information on continued competency and none on PTA licensing. She also feels it would take longer to develop continued competency guidelines whereas the PTA issue may be able to be dovetailed in once HAPTA provides more information.

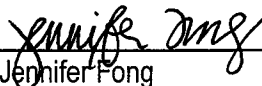
Mr. Aki asked if the EO had any information about the Board's vacant positions.

The EO reported that the Governor's office has been notified that the Board still has three vacant positions which would mean that if any of the members cannot attend the meeting, it would have to be cancelled due to lack of quorum.

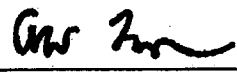
Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 8, 2011  
12:00 p.m.  
King Kalakaua Conference Room  
King Kalakaua Building  
335 Merchant Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:50 p.m.

Taken by:

  
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Jennifer Fong  
Secretary

Reviewed by:

  
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Alan Taniguchi  
Executive Officer

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Minutes approved as is.  
 Minutes approved with changes; see minutes of \_\_\_\_\_

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PT		3370		VANIA M	<	ITO<
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PT		3372		LORENZO	<	GONZALEZ<
PT		3373		BARBARA	<	BRUMET<
PT		3374		DEAN D	<	KASULA<
PT		3375		CHRISTINE F	<	STARKEY<
PT		3376		THOMAS H	<	YANG<
PT		3377		LORETTA J	<	ROBERTSON<
PT		3378		GRACE ANN	<	RICO<
PT		3379		STACY D	<	RUSSELL<
PT		3380		ROXANNE J	<	CEDOR<
PT		3381		DAVID K	<	WOODWARD<
PT		3382		KATHERINE A	<	STEMM<
PT		3383		REBECCA T	<	EPPERSON<
PT		3384		BRITTNEY A	<	DIETER<
PT		3385		JANA D	<	MURRELL<
PT		3386		AMANDA M	<	GELSOMINO<
PT		3387		WARREN G Y	<	SHIKUMA<
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PT		3392		ELIZABETH M	<	AMMAN<
PT		3393		LIZA R	<	SEERLEY<
PT		3394		RYAN P	<	NIELSON<
PT		3395		AMY G	<	SMITH<
PT		3396		DAVID J	<	PETERSON<
PT		3397		ASHLYNN M	<	SUNDVOLD<
PT		3398		CHERYL A	<	FISHMAN<
PT		3399		JENNIFER K	<	CHAMPA<
PT		3400		CARLA T	<	COLELLA<
PT		3401		ROLAN S	<	GOLEZ<
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PT		3404		ELYSE E	<	NAKAMA<
PT		3405		HAIJEMYL B	<	VELASCO<
PT		3406		KATY A	<	HOJNOWSKI<
PT		3407		ERIN M	<	TAGAMI<
PT		3408		LISA A	<	ALEXANDER<
PT		3409		LILIE V	<	LEONARD<
PT		3410		KYLE A	<	OHTANI<
PT		3411		NOREEN E	<	SMITH<
PT		3412		STEPHEN A	<	ARPON<
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PT		3420		HOLLY S	<	KATCHUK<
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