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MICHIGAN BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY OCTOBER 10, 2017 MEETING

APPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Physical Therapy met on October 10, 2017, at the Ottawa Building, Conference Room 4, 611 West Ottawa Street, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

CALL TO ORDER

Brian Gilbert, PT, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Brian Gilbert, PT, Chairperson
Ajay Middha, PT, DPT, Vice-Chairperson
Sarah McAllister, PT
Matthew McFadden, PT, MSPT, OMPT
Linda Minter, Public Member
Jeff Munford, Public Member
Renee Przystas, PT
Barbara Simmons, PTA
Adam Swain, PT, AT

Members Absent: John Poronto, Public Member
Whitney Terry, Public Member

Staff Present: Nakisha Bayes, Board Support, Board and Committees Section
Timothy Erickson, Assistant Attorney General
Dawn Gage, Manager, Licensure Division
Rick Roselle, Analyst, Board and Committees Section

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Middha, seconded by Simmons, to approve the agenda as presented.

A voice vote followed.

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September Licensure Statistics

Gage introduced herself to the Board.

Gage reported the following statistics regarding Physical Therapy licensing, as of October 2, 2017:

Physical Therapists: 10,093

Physical Therapist Assistants: 4,769

Non-Resident Physical Therapists: 1,292

Temporary Military Spouse: 1, Physical Therapist Assistant

Gage notified the Board that Oakland County has the most licensees in the profession. There are 2,029 Physical Therapists and 475 Physical Therapist Assistants in Oakland County.

Gage explained what the temporary military spouse application is used for and the requirements to qualify for this license.

McFadden inquired if it is possible to get reports regarding application trends.

Gage will follow up on presenting an updated report to the Board.

2018 Meeting Dates

The Board discussed the 2018 meeting dates.

Allegations Committee Report

Gilbert reported that nine cases have been reviewed within the past four months.

Rules Committee Report

The Committee met with Roselle preceding the Board meeting to discuss the rules. The draft will be prepared for the Board to approve at the January meeting.

Roselle explained that a copy of the draft rules will be sent in the Board packets. Roselle explained the rules process that will follow the Board's vote.

Chair Report

Gilbert reported that in November, he and Middha will be attending the annual FSBPT meeting in New Mexico. They will provide an update at the meeting in January.

Middha provided topic highlights from the July Leadership Issues Forum:

- There was discussion regarding what boards are reporting to FSBPT.
- There was discussion regarding what qualifies as professional competence.
- There was discussion regarding disciplinary guidelines as well as maintaining subjectivity.
- Michigan is now a four-star state when it comes to reporting. This is an improvement from 2015 when it was considered a two-star state.
- There was discussion regarding the physical therapy licensing compact. Ten states are members of the compact.

Gilbert notified the Board of the current term ending date for each member.

Minter notified the Board that she will not be renewing for a second term. She thanked the Board for this experience. She has enjoyed her time on the Board and has found it to be worthwhile.

Department Update

Roselle introduced himself as the new board analyst.

Roselle reported that the Department is working on establishing an online board portal. The portal would allow the boards to access their packet information online rather than sending individual mailings to members.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Susan A. Talley, Chairperson of the MPTA Legislative Committee, introduced herself to the Board. Talley reported that a bill was introduced by Senator Knollenburg. It will give physical therapists the authority to determine if an individual qualifies for handicapped parking. Ms. Talley stated that she has received calls from members of the MPTA regarding the licensing compact.

Ms. Talley is also associated with the University of Michigan, Flint. On behalf of the University, Ms. Talley commended the Department for processing students' applications so quickly. She reported that some of her students have encountered difficulties with the jurisprudence exam. Some students who were attempting to take the open-book exam were turned away from testing facilities.

CLOSED SESSION – BOARD ATTORNEY MEMORANDUM OF ADVICE

MOTION by Gilbert, seconded by Middha, to go into Closed Session at 2:06 p.m., pursuant to section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act to consider material subject to the attorney–client privilege that is exempt from public disclosure under section 13(1)(g) of the Freedom of Information Act.

