

MINUTES OF THE CONFERENCE CALL OF THE NORTH DAKOTA BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

November 12, 2015

Present: Board members Terry Eckmann, Dr. Keith Swanson, Jeanne DeKrey, Reed Argent, and Dave Relling; Executive Officer Bruce Wessman; Board Counsel Jack McDonald; North Dakota Physical Therapy Association PT liaison Brittany Anderson. Absent: Dr. David Schall;

Board President Dave Relling called the meeting to order at 5pm Thursday November 12, 2015.

PT compact: Dave Relling lead a discussion on the proposed PT compact. Jack McDonald stated that joining a compact will take legislative approval and the earliest this could become law would be August 1 2017. This topic will be placed on the agenda for the May meeting at which time a motion will need to be entered to explore becoming a member of the PT compact.

Rules and Regulations: The PT rules are scheduled for review by a legislative committee on December 7th in Bismarck. Bruce Wessman will be representing the board in presenting the proposed rule changes.

If the legislative committee does not object to the new rules they will take effect on January 1, 2016. Reporting of continuing competency units would take effect at the end of the first full reporting cycle for licensees. Bruce Wessman will send out an e-mail early in 2016 highlighting the changes from continuing education and clinically related CEU's to continuing competency and certified activities.

JP Exam: Dave Relling will re-write items for the JP exam and present to the PT board at the May meeting. Bruce Wessman reported on an upgrade to taking the JP exam where candidates for licensure will be required to correctly answer every question before being allowed to complete their application.

Dry Needling: Discussion was held regarding dry needling and the resource paper compiled by FSBPT. Reed Argent will research this topic and present to the Board in May.

Criminal Background Checks: Jack McDonald reported that requiring completion of a criminal background check prior to licensure would take legislative approval. He did note that a number of boards require criminal background checks. The board asked that Jack outline the steps necessary for the PT board to require criminal background checks and prepare a report for the May meeting.

PT/PTA Liaison: Discussion was held regarding if the PT board was able to provide travel reimbursement for the PT and PTA liaison from the NDPTA to attend the NDBPT meetings. Jack will research options and present to the PT board in May.

Funding of Lobbyist by Boards: Discussion was held regarding a recent AG's opinion on funding of lobbyist. As this opinion was only handed down in October, Jack will research this opinion and report back to the board in May.

The meeting was adjourned by president Relling at 5:59 PM after a motion for adjournment was made by Reed Argent, seconded by Jeanne DeKrey and approved.