

MINUTES OF THE NORTH DAKOTA BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY MEETING
Conference Call June 5th, 2020

Present: Board members Jeanne DeKrey, Dave Relling, Cassie Christensen, Daniel Conn and Marcus Hieb; Executive Officer Bruce Wessman; and Board Counsel Jack McDonald.

Board President Jeanne DeKrey called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM Thursday, June 6th, 2020.

Temporary Policies Bruce Wessman gave an overview of two temporary policies related to Covid 19. After discussion it was moved by Dan Conn, seconded by Cassie Christensen, and passed unanimously to rescind the board's policy related to reciprocity of licensed PT's and PTA's to practice in North Dakota without first becoming licensed in North Dakota. The policy is rescinded as of June 5th, 2020.

After discussion it was moved by Dave Relling, seconded by Dan Conn, and passed unanimously to suspend the temporary license policy for students on July 1, 2020. Any student that has been approved to sit for the July NPTE may apply for a temporary license if they are unable to test due to the testing site being closed or if they are unable to obtain fingerprints.

There being no further business, President DeKrey adjourned at 1:18 PM.

/S/ Bruce Wessman
Executive Officer

/S/ Jeanne DeKrey
Board President

Attachment to meeting minutes

April 14, 2020

RE: Temporary Policy on Out-of-State Licensure

Rescinded June 5th, 2020

In light of North Dakota Governor Doug Burgum's Executive Orders 2020-05.1 and 2020-07 easing licensing regulations to enable more health

professionals to assist in treating the pandemic in North Dakota, the Board of Physical Therapy is now accepting licensure applications from out-of-state licensed physical therapists and physical therapy assistants under the provisions of Section 43-51-04 of the North Dakota Century Code dealing with emergency practice without a license. The notice and documentation required under Section 43-51-04 may be e-mailed to the board at: ndptboard@gra.midco.net or faxed to: 701-352-3093.

When the Governor rescinds these Executive Orders the application process will revert to the normal procedures under Chapter 43-26.1 of the Century Code, the Physical Therapy Practice Act.

/S/ Bruce Wessman

Executive Officer

North Dakota Board of Physical Therapy

April 14, 2020

RE: Temporary Policy on Student Licensure

To be suspended on July 1, 2020

In light of North Dakota Governor Douglas Burgum's Executive Orders 2020-05.1 and 2020-07 easing licensing regulations to enable more health professionals to assist with the pandemic emergency, the North Dakota Board of Physical Therapy has enacted a temporary policy to allow graduates of CAPTE approved physical therapist or physical therapist assistants programs to be issued a temporary permit to practice in North Dakota under the onsite supervision of a physical therapist licensed and working in North Dakota.

Temporary permits will only be available for applicants if their test date for the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE) has been postponed due to a declared state or national emergency that closes down testing centers. Finger

printing will also be temporarily waived if facilities to obtain these are closed due to the emergency. These permits are not available to those who have previously failed the NPTE.

A temporary permit may be issued only once and cannot be renewed. It will expire 14 days after the first available licensure examination date. An unrestricted license will only be issued after completion of all licensing requirements.

This temporary policy will be considered rescinded once the Governor has rescinded Executive Orders 2020-05.1 and 2020-07.

/S/ Bruce Wessman

Executive Officer

North Dakota Board of Physical Therapy