

MINUTES OF THE NORTH DAKOTA BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY MEETING
Conference Call April 14, 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 1:04 PM Tuesday, April 14, 2020.

Temporary Policies Bruce Wessman gave an overview of two temporary policies to be used while the state is under a declared pandemic emergency. The first relates to easing of licensure requirements for out of state physical therapists and physical therapist assistants and is based on NDCC Section 43-51.04 dealing with emergency practice by health professionals and the Governors executive orders 2020-05.1 and 2020-07. The second deals with temporary licensure for CAPTE students and is based on the same executive orders. Following discussion it was moved by Dave Relling, seconded by Dan Conn and passed unanimously to rescind the previous emergency orders written by the board's executive officer and to adopt these temporary policies. The policies are attached to and are incorporated as a part of these minutes.

Executive Session: A motion was made by Dave Relling, seconded by Cassie Christensen and approved unanimously to go into executive session to discuss pending litigation involving a complaint. The session was recorded and lasted approximately 28 minutes. A motion was made by Dan Conn, seconded by Cassie Christensen and carried unanimously to exit the executive session and return to the regular board meeting.

Administrative Procedural Hearing: A motion was made by Marcus Hieb, seconded by Dan Conn and approved unanimously to hold a hearing on complaint number 2 by Dr. Kehrwald against Rehab Authority as soon as practicable. The Board will request the Office of Administrative Hearings to designate an Administrative Law Judge as a procedural hearing officer to conduct a hearing on the complaint. The Board will issue the decision on the complaint.

There being no further business, President DeKrey adjourned at 1:50 PM.

/S/ Bruce Wessman
Executive Officer

/S/ Jeanne DeKrey
Board President

Attachment to meeting minutes

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RE: Temporary Policy on Out-of-State Licensure

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

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RE: Temporary Policy on Student Licensure

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

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