

BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

899 NORTH CAPITOL ST. NE – 2ND FL.
WASHINGTON, DC 20002

September 9, 2020

3:30 pm to 5:00 pm

OPEN SESSION

MEETING MINUTES

MOTION TO ADJORN

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

OS-0909-01	<p><u>INTRODUCTIONS</u></p> <p>The Meeting was called to order at 3:37pm and a quorum was maintained.</p> <p>Board Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Bernardine Evans- Present • Dr. Nicholas Caylor-Present • Dr. Margaret Plack- Present • Ana Quinones- Present <p>Board Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aisha Nixon, Executive Director-Present • Panravee Vongjaroenrat, Attorney- Present • Ajay Gohil, Attorney- Present • Erin Donnelly, Legal Intern- Present • Gregory Scurlock, Compliance Officer- Present • Mark Donatelli- Board Investigator- Present • Ashley Balma- Health Licensing Specialist- Present • Nitish Arora, Board Intern- Present <p>Visitors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nava Szwergold- Physical Therapist
OS-0909-02	<p>Board Action:</p> <p>Acceptance of the September 9, 2020 meeting agenda.</p> <p>Motion:</p> <p>A motion to accept the September 9, 2020 meeting agenda was made by Dr. Margaret Plack. The motion was seconded by Ana Quinones.</p> <p>Dr. Bernardine Evans, Dr. Nicholas Caylor, Dr. Margaret Plack and Ana Quinones voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>

MINUTES AND STAFF REPORTS	
OS-0909-03	<p><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:</u></p> <p>Ms. Aisha Nixon welcomed all guests and board members to the September 9, 2020 Virtual Board meeting. She informed the attendees of the meeting that DC Health is still working remotely to help reduce the spread of the Virus while complying with CDC Guidelines for safety.</p> <p>The Health Regulation & Licensing Administration underwent a new alignment and has added new roles to help streamline processes for the department. With those new roles, Mr. Frank Meyers is our new Associate Director & Ms. Ericka Walker will be the new Executive Director for several of the Allied and Behavioral Health Boards.</p> <p>Mrs. Panravee Vongjaroenrat has been promoted and will be now the Board Attorney for The Boards of Professional Counseling and Nursing. Mr. Ajay Gohil will be the Interim-Attorney for the Board of Physical Therapy. Along with these Changes a new Health Licensing Specialist will be assigned to the Board of Physical Therapy.</p> <p>Current Census: Active Licensees- 1,420 Physical Therapist- 1,319 Physical Therapist Assistants- 102</p>
OS-0909-04	<p><u>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT:</u></p> <p>Mrs. Panravee Vongjaroenrat thanked the Board of Physical Therapy for all of her time with the Board & Staff and making her time with the Board an enjoyable one. She informed the Board that Mr. Ajay Gohil will be a great resource to the Board and has been with DC Health for several years and will be a great wealth of knowledge to the Residents of the District.</p> <p>Mr. Ajay Gohil thanked the Board for welcoming him with open arms and is excited to begin assisting the Residents of the District and the Board members.</p>
OS-0909-05	<p><u>BOARD CHAIRS’S REPORT:</u></p> <p>Dr. Bernardine Evans welcomed all guests and staff to the monthly meeting. Dr. Evans thanked Pan the former Board attorney for her dedication and efforts to always assisting the Board and the Residents of the District in a professional and compassionate manner and wished Pan much success on her new journey. Dr. Evans also welcomed the New Interim Board Attorney Mr. Ajay Gohil to the Board of Physical Therapy and looks forward to working with him to serve the Residents of the District of Columbia.</p> <p>Dr. Evans informed the Board that at a recent FSBPT Conference she was provided information and updates on new things the Organization is doing to assist Physical Therapist. During the conference those whom have the</p>

	opportunity to vote on candidates for FSBPT.	
OS-0909-06	<p><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES:</u></p> <p>Board Action: Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the July 8, 2020 meeting.</p> <p>Motion: A motion to accept the Open Session minutes from the July 8, 2020 meeting was made by Dr. Margaret Plack. The motion was seconded by Ana Quinones.</p> <p>Dr. Bernardine Evans, Dr. Nicholas Caylor, Dr. Margaret Plack and Ana Quinones voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	

DISCUSSION ITEMS

OS-0909-07	<p><u>In-Person Continuing Education Policy & Supervision</u></p> <p>Board Action: To review the policy currently in place for Continuing Education & Supervision</p> <p>Background: Currently the Board of Physical Therapy requires for Physical Therapist licensees to have Forty (40) hours of approved continuing education during the two-year period preceding the date of the license expiration with no more than half of approved continuing education earned through internet courses. Physical Therapist Assistants are required to complete thirty (30) hours of approved continuing education with no more than half earned through internet courses.</p> <p>Items to be voted upon for the Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take out the in-person requirements entirely. • Not take out the in-person requirements but leave room for them to suspend the in-person requirement under certain circumstances (limiting emergency situations or allowing the Board to use their discretion) <p>In place currently is a COVID-19 Renewal Policy for the Board of Physical Therapy.</p> <p>Motion:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Modify definition of direct supervision during public health emergencies with policy guidance issued by the board in accordance with the Tele supervision policy. 2. To Approve changes in Continuing Education upon circumstances to allow the Board to waive in person requirements based on circumstances. <p>This motion was made by Dr. Margaret plack and seconded by Dr. Nicholas Caylor.</p>
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	<p>Dr. Bernardine Evans, Dr. Nicholas Caylor and Ana Quinones voted in favor of the motion. Dr. Margaret Plack did not vote in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>
OS-0909-08	<p><u>Workforce Survey Updates</u></p> <p>Board Action: To provide ideas and comments as it relates to the workforce survey for the upcoming renewal period.</p> <p>Background: During the 2018 renewals the Board of Physical Therapy conducted its first workforce survey. The Board is in the process of analyzing the data to finalize its first report. Currently, the Health Regulation and Licensing Administration plans to incorporate workforce surveys during renewals for all professions. The workforce survey is used to capture the distribution of healthcare providers across the district and obtain feedback regarding hot topics related to their profession.</p> <p>Motion: No Motion was made, FYI Only.</p>

CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES FOR REVIEW

OS-0909-09	<p><u>DSD PT CONSULTING, PLCC</u></p> <p>Board Action: To review course descriptions and goals of potential CEU providers for Physical Therapist who are seeking to fulfill their CEU Requirements for the renewal period.</p> <p>Background: The DSD PT Consulting, PLCC would like to offer District of Columbia Physical Therapists & Physical Therapist Assistants the opportunity to take their Seminar Course “Pediatric Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders Assessment and Management The Pelvic Floor and Beyond!” The course will be offered online and is self-paced for licensees and is designed to provide information on the pediatric functional gastrointestinal disorders.</p> <p>Motion: A motion to approve the Continuing Education Course was made by Dr. Margaret Plack. The motion was seconded by Dr. Nicholas Caylor.</p> <p>Dr. Bernardine Evans, Dr. Nicholas Caylor, Dr. Margaret Plack and Ana Quinones voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>
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OS-0909-10	<p><u>KW Pelvic Resources</u></p> <p>Board Action: To review course descriptions and goals of potential CEU Providers for Physical Therapist & Physical Therapist Assistants who are seeking to fulfill their CEU Requirements for the renewal period.</p> <p>Background: The KW Pelvic Resources company is seeking approval of their CEU course titled “Pelvic Floor Support Systems in Postpartum Recovery, Pelvic Pain and Prolapse” This course will be offered online and is designed to elevate a pelvic health therapists’ skill in evaluation and treatment of pelvic floor dysfunction (PFD)</p> <p>Motion: A motion to approve the Continuing Education Course was made by Dr. Margaret Plack. The motion was seconded by Dr. Nicholas Caylor.</p> <p>Dr. Bernardine Evans, Dr. Nicholas Caylor, Dr. Margaret Plack and Ana Quinones voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>
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CLOSING	
OS-0909-11	<p><u>MOTION TO COSE</u></p> <p>Board Action: To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p>Background: Upon conclusion of the open session meeting and pursuant to the DC Official Code 2-575(b) and for the purposes set forth therein, the Board will move into the closed executive session portion of the meeting to consult with the Board attorney, discuss disciplinary matters and hear reports concerning violations of the law or regulations.</p> <p>Motion: A motion to close the Open Session portion of the meeting was made by Dr. Margaret Plack at 4:58pm. The motion was seconded by Ana Quinones.</p> <p>Dr. Bernardine Evans, Dr. Nicholas Caylor, Dr. Margaret Plack and Ana Quinones voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>

OS-0909-12	<p><u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u></p> <p>Board Action: To Adjourn the meeting.</p> <p>Background: At the end of every meeting, a motion to adjourn must be made in open session to close out the business of the Board.</p> <p>Motion: A motion to Adjourn the meeting was made by Dr. Margaret Plack at 5:43pm. The motion was seconded by Ana Quinones.</p> <p>Dr. Bernardine Evans, Dr. Nicholas Caylor, Dr. Margaret Plack and Ana Quinones voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
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This ends the Open Session Agenda, next meeting is scheduled for **October 14, 2020**

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