

BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

JUNE 14, 2023

2:30 pm

HYBRID MEETING NOTICE

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OS-0623-01	<p>CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL June 14, 2023, Open Session meeting was called to order at 2:43 pm and a quorum was established.</p> <p>Board Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Bernardine Evans Board Chairperson –Present • Dr. Tim Vidale -Present • Dr. Nicholas Caylor –Present • Ana Quinones – Present <p>Board Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LaTrice Herndon –Executive Director • Tamika Wells – Health Licensing Specialist • Joanne Drozdoski – Board Attorney • Mark Donatelli – Board Investigator <p>Visitor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carl Filler- Director of Government Relations DOH • Jaisie Stevens- APTA President 	
OS-0623-02	<p>APPROVAL OF THE OPEN SESSION AGENDA</p> <p>Board Action: Consideration of the Open Session Agenda from the June 14, 2023, meeting.</p> <p>Motion: Motion made by Dr. Vidale to amend the June 14, 2023, open session agenda with the correction of the date for the July meeting. Seconded by Dr. Caylor.</p> <p>Vote: Dr. Evans, Dr. Vidale, Dr. Caylor, and Ms. Quinones voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0623-03	<p>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</p> <p>Operational Status:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ It has been announced that Dr. Sharon Lewis, our previous Interim Director, has retired. Mr. Keith Fletcher has taken over as the new Interim Director until a permanent director is announced. <p>New License Type/Pathway</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DC Health is exploring different license types and license type pathways for licensure. The agency is looking to modify the endorsement license requirements and investigate the possibility of reciprocity pathways. <p>Board Vacancies/MOTA Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Board of Physical Therapy currently has three (3) vacancies on the Board for consumer members, physical therapist assistants, and physical therapists. The individual must be a DC resident, not an allied behavioral health professional. Must not be related to anyone currently on the Board and must be in good standing in the community. <p>Advisory Committees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No report 	

Compact Updates

- The data sharing agreement is currently being revised due to the retirement of Interim Director Dr. Sharon Lewis.

Licensure Census

- PTA: 80 PT: 1278

Legislative Updates (Mr. Carl Filler Reports)

- Mayor Muriel Bowser has appointed Dr. Ayanna Bennett as the Acting Director of the Department of Health (DC Health). Dr. Bennett is a healthcare and public health executive with over 20 years of experience in clinical practice, clinical service design, system integration, and quality improvement. Dr. Bennett most recently served as Chief Health Equity Officer and Director of the San Francisco Department of Public Health’s Office of Health Equity, where she focused on quality improvements and sustaining systemic change through policy improvement. Dr. Bennett start date will be July 17, 2023.
- Council budget season has officially closed. The full local budget act was finalized last month.

Dementia Training for Direct Care Workers Support Amendment Act of 2020.

- To require dementia training of at least 8 hours for a staff member whose work involves extensive contact with residents or program participants, to require facilities to establish procedures for ongoing staff support regarding the treatment and care of persons with dementia, to require the Department of Health to identify and designate standardized trainings, and to require facilities to issue a certificate to direct care workers upon completion of dementia training; and to require the Department of Health Care Finance to conduct a rate study to determine the existing wage structure and projected wage structure necessary to ensure a vital and adequately compensated class of direct support. For more information, please click the link <https://code.dccouncil.gov/us/dc/council/laws/23-201>

High-Need Healthcare Career Scholarship and Supports Program

- The High-Need Healthcare Career Scholarship Support Program received an additional 1.4 million dollars in funding. The mayor shall establish the High-Need Healthcare Career Scholarships and Supports Program for the purpose of increasing the number of healthcare workers in high-need healthcare careers in the district by providing supports and services to individuals who agree to serve as such workers in the district. For more information, please click the link <https://code.dccouncil.gov/us/dc/council/acts/24-468>

Food Access Fund Program

- The Food Access Fund Program was recently awarded with more funding. the Food Access Fund (FAF) Grant is to increase equitable access to fresh, healthy, and affordable food by securing grocery stores, and restaurants; support

	<p>existing small businesses; attract new businesses; increase the District's tax base; create new job opportunities for District residents.</p> <p>Health Occupation Revision Act (HORA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Our Previous Interim Director, Dr. Sharon Lewis, gave her signature to the DC Health Occupation Revision Act. At this time, the HORA will be sent to the mayor's office and then introduced to the council. <p>Prior Authorization Reform Amendment Act Of 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A hearing was held for the Prior Authorization Amendment. This bill introduced by Councilmember Brooke Pinto in February 2022 has a new version scheduled for hearing on May 24th. ○ This bill will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Set explicit, reasonable timelines for insurers to respond to prior authorization requests and appeals. Lay out the qualifications of personnel who make these determinations. ○ Clarify how insurers are to make information on prior authorization determinations available to patients and their medical providers and require that insurers accept and use a standardized method for submission and review of prior authorization requests. <p>Uniform Telehealth Act of 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Uniform Telehealth Act of 2023 hearing will be held on July 6, 2023. This bill would provide that licensed health practitioner in the district may provide health care through telehealth. It also expands the circumstances under which qualified out-of-state practitioners are permitted to deliver telehealth services to patients located in the district. <p>Oversight Hearing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <p>DC Health Social Media Handles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Board of Allied Behavioral Health will be utilizing our social media channels to ensure you're always well-informed on the latest licensure information. Stay tuned for more updates! ● Facebook: @dchealth ● Twitter: @_DcHealth ● TikTok: @dchealth ● Instagram: @dchealth 	
OS-0623-04	<p>BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Board attorney also encourages Physical Therapist and Physical Therapist Assistants to renew licenses early since legal reviews may also impact the timely processing of renewal applications. 	
OS-0623-05	<p>CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms. Anna Quinones will be the delegate for the FSBPT Leadership Issue forum on July 15-16 in Arlington, Virginia. The Forum provides an overview of the topics and projects that are currently on the "front burner" for FSBPT. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Evans attended the FSBPT 2023 Membership Survey Task Force. FSBPT used a robust and unbiased process to collect and analyze the survey data, ensuring credibility and reliability. The survey was conducted by an independent third-party organization, guaranteeing neutrality in the results. ○ Pride Month and Igbtqia+ CEUs. All physical therapist and physical therapist assistant are required to complete two (2) CEU courses when renewing, reinstating, or reactivating their license in the district. ○ Acknowledge Dr. Sharon Lewis for her hard work and dedicated to DC Health ○ Pays homage to Ms. Linda Harley Harper 	
OS-0623-06	<p>MINUTES <u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from May 10, 2023.</p>	

	<p>Motion: Motion made by Dr. Vidale to amend the May 10, 2023, open session agenda with the correction of the date for the July meeting. Seconded by Dr. Caylor.</p> <p>Vote: Dr. Evans, Dr. Vidale, Dr. Caylor, and Ms. Quinones voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>
OS-0623-07	<p>OPEN SESSION CONSENT AGENDA</p> <p>Board Action: Consideration of the applications approved for purposes of review and/or ratification of Board actions taken since the last Board meeting.</p> <p>Motion: Motion made by Dr. Caylor to accept the consent agenda. Seconded by Dr. Vidale.</p> <p>Vote: Dr. Evans, Dr. Vidale, Dr. Caylor, and Ms. Quinones voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>
OS-0623-08	<p>APTA Specialist Certification Program Governed by ABPTS</p> <p>Board Action: The Board is to review and determine whether to apply credits towards license renewal, reinstatement, and reactivation for completion of the programs.</p> <p>Background: APTA Specialist Certification Program is governed American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties (ABPTS). This program award credits to licensee for attaining the Specialist Certification, Recertification, and/or Advanced Pathway Proficiency from the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties. APTA latest listing for the District of Columbia indicates no credits are being applied toward license renewal for completion of the programs.</p> <p>Motion: Motion made by Dr. Caylor to request a recommendation for how many CEUs should be granted for each certification. Seconded by Dr. Vidale.</p> <p>Vote: Dr. Evans, Dr. Vidale, Dr. Caylor, and Ms. Quinones voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>
OS-0623-09	<p>DELEGATED AUTHORITIES</p> <p>Board Action: The Board is to review and determine whether to approve The Board delegated authority.</p> <p>Background: The latest version of the Board Delegated Authorities was approved on April 14, 2021. The approved Delegated Authorities were put in place with the goal of facilitating administrative and standardized Board processes.</p> <p>Table until next meeting</p>

OS-0623-09	<p>Endorsement Pathway Requirements</p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> The Board is to review the Physical Therapist and Physical Therapist assistant checklist and determine which request items are no longer necessary for the approval of endorsement applications.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> At the last meeting the Board agreed to move forward with establishing Endorsement Pathways for easier licensure.</p> <p>Table until next meeting</p>
OS-0623-10	<p>Reciprocity Pathway</p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> The Board is to review and determine whether to establish reciprocity pathways with Maryland, Virginia and or both states.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> At the last meeting the Board agreed to move forward with establishing Reciprocity Pathways for easier licensure.</p> <p>Table until next meeting</p>
OS-0623-11	<p>MOTION TO CLOSE</p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p><u>Background:</u> Upon conclusion of the open session meeting 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: Motion made by Dr. Vidale to close the June 14, 2023, open session. Seconded by Dr. Caylor.</p> <p>Vote: Dr. Evans, Dr. Vidale, Dr. Caylor, and Ms. Quinones voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>The Open Session Agenda continues the next page with 'Motion to Adjourn'. The next meeting is scheduled for July 12, 2023 (*Hybrid)</p>

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