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Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners

**VISION
Committee Meeting**

**333 Guadalupe, Suite 2-510
Austin, Texas 78701**

**September 6, 2013
8:00 a.m.**

Members Present: René Peña, Public Member, Chair
Gary Gray, PT
Kathleen Luedtke-Hoffman, PT

Staff: Nina Hurter, PT Coordinator
John Maline, Executive Director
Cindy Machado, Licensing Manager
Marilyn Hartman, Assistant Licensing Manager

Guests: Paul Hardin, TPTA
Barbara Sanders, PT, TPTA
Stacey Mather, TPTA
Amber Townsley, TPTA
Tabbatha Cruse, PT
Jaylynn Price

- A. Call to order
B. Public comment
C. Approval of minutes from the May 3, 2013 meeting
D. Discussion and possible action regarding the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy, including a report on the Leadership Issues Forum and the 2013 annual conference and delegate assembly
E. Discussion and possible action on telehealth/teletherapy
F. Discussion and possible action on future meeting dates and agenda items
G. Adjournment
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A. Call to order

Mr. Peña called roll, and determined that a quorum did exist. He called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

B. Public comment

There was no public comment.

C. Approval of minutes from the September 14, 2012 meeting

Motion: To approve the minutes as corrected.

1 Made by: Gary Gray
2 Second: Kathleen Luedtke-Hoffman

3 Motion passed unanimously.
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5 **D. Discussion and possible action regarding the Federation of State Boards of Physical**
6 **Therapy, including a report on the Leadership Issues Forum and the 2013 annual conference**
7 **and delegate assembly**
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9 The Committee discussed the Leadership Issues Forum topics along with the motions published for the
10 delegate assembly by the Federation; most of the motions related to issues discussed at the forum.
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12 *Motion 1 - To adopt the Areas of Focus as they currently read.*
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14 No discussion.
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16 *Motion 2 - To revise the current bylaws and standing rules as submitted by the FSBPT.*
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18 No discussion.
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20 *Motion 3 – To establish a lifetime limit of six attempts at passing the exam.*
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22 Dr. Luedtke-Hoffman described the statistical information presented by the Federation at the forum
23 illustrating that the number of people who pass after six times is very small, and that allowing people to
24 take it more times than that increases the likelihood of item exposure and resulting compromise of the
25 exam.
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27 The Committee discussed the fact that this would be fewer times than currently allowed by Texas, and
28 that the Texas restrictions would be superseded by the Federation's restrictions. It agreed to support
29 this motion, and also that the rules should be amended if the motion passes.
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31 *Motion 4 – To establish a low score policy to ensure that candidates with two failing scores at or below*
32 *400 will not be allowed to sit again for the NPTE.*
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34 Dr. Luedtke-Hoffman explained the statistics behind the "very low score" restriction proposed; very low
35 scores are scores at or near the score achieved by a candidate who simply guessed at all the items,
36 currently defined as 400 on the 800 point scale. Candidates who post very low scores are extremely
37 unlikely to ever pass the NPTE. Additionally, other testing agencies have linked candidates with very
38 low scores to item harvesting. The Committee agreed to support the very low score restriction.
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40 *Motion 5 – To establish that prior to sitting for the NPTE, foreign-trained candidates who are not in an*
41 *exempt category will have to meet current TOEFL score requirements as defined by FSBPT.*
42 *Exemptions are defined as those exempted from English language requirements by the U.S. Citizen*
43 *and Immigration Services in USCIS CFR § 212.15.*
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45 The Board already requires these scores on the TOEFL tests prior to approval to sit and therefore
46 supports the motion.
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48 *Motion 6 – To establish that graduates of non-CAPTE accredited schools meet the standard of the*
49 *FSBPT's most current Coursework Tool (CWT).*
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51 The Committee discussed that this would align with USCIS healthcare visa requirements. Currently the
52 Board allows a person applying by exam to be evaluated using the CWT that would apply to their year
53 of graduation. However, the Committee believes the requirement that those applying by exam meet the
54 current CWT standards would be acceptable.

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2 *Motion 7 –To develop of a Common Licensure Application Service (CLAS) in support of licensure*
3 *portability. A candidate would only need to fill out an application once and be able to use that updated*
4 *application in any jurisdiction that participated in the CLAS.*

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6 The Committee expressed concern over the cost of the development of the CLAS, but agreed to
7 support it.

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9 *Motion 8 – To develop a Credential Verification Service in support of licensure portability.*

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11 The Committee was in agreement with this motion.

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13 *Motion 9 – To support the concept and exploration of a licensure compact. The licensure compact*
14 *would be a state-based solution to portability as opposed to a potential federal resolution. It would be a*
15 *contractual agreement between participating jurisdictions enacted in statutory language that allows a*
16 *licensee in one jurisdiction who has met the requirement of the compact, to also practice in any other*
17 *compact member jurisdiction.*

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19 Texas, with Mississippi, first introduced the subject of a compact to the Federation; the Committee
20 agreed to support it. It discussed the possibility of asking a staff person from the Texas Board of
21 Nursing to come for a discussion at the next meeting regarding the Nurse Compact and how it works.

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23 *Motion 10 – To support a uniform change in the regulatory designation of physical therapists in all*
24 *jurisdictions to “DPT” by the year 2020.*

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26 The Committee agreed to oppose this motion, as it believes the use of the academic designation DPT
27 for all licensed PTs would be incorrect and misleading.

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29 **E. Discussion and possible action on telehealth/teletherapy**

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31 The Committee discussed its reluctance to write rules about this subject since no board member has
32 direct knowledge of the technology that is available, or how it would work. It asked Paul Hardin of
33 TPTA if there would be any interest at TPTA in researching this issue through a taskforce of members
34 who might have more knowledge/experience in the area, and he agreed that TPTA would take on the
35 project. Additionally, the Committee discussed the need to review existing law prior to making rules.

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37 **F. Discussion and possible action on future meeting dates and agenda items**

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39 There was no other discussion of future items or date.

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41 **G. Adjournment**

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43 *Motion: To adjourn the meeting.*
44 *Made by: Gary Gray*
45 *Second: Kathleen Luedtke-Hoffman*
46 *Motion passed unanimously.*

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48 Mr. Peña adjourned the meeting at 8:58 a.m.

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51 **Date reviewed by the Committee: 1/17/2014**
52 **Action taken by the Committee: approved as submitted.**