

**Kansas Board of Healing Arts
Physical Therapy Council Meeting Minutes – Virtual Meeting
September 2, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.**

- I. **Called to Order at 11:03 a.m.**
 - a. Council Members present:
 - i. Sapana Dixit, PT (left 12:42 p.m.)
 - ii. Danielle Vequist, PT
 - iii. Saumya Singh, PT
 - iv. Steven Gould, DC
 - v. Sean Wheeler, MD (in/out of meeting)
 - b. Staff Members present:
 - i. Warren Wiebe, Deputy General Counsel BOHA
 - ii. Courtney Cyzman, General Counsel BOHA
 - iii. Steven Lehwald, Associate General Counsel BOHA
 - iv. Katie Baylie, Deputy Disciplinary Counsel BOHA
 - v. Britani Potter, Law Clerk Disciplinary Department BOHA
 - vi. Rebekah Moon, Licensing Supervisor BOHA (arrive 11:10 a.m.)
 - vii. LeeAnn Hunter-Roach, Legal Assistant to General Counsel BOHA
 - viii. Melissa Ohmie, Administrative Specialist BOHA
 - ix. Heather Shire, Medical Investigator – Supervisor BOHA
 - x. Carah Emory – (former) Special Investigator BOHA
 - xi. Nancy Dodik, Disciplinary Counsel BOHA
 - xii. Jennifer Johnson, Medical Investigator – Licensed Practitioner BOHA
 - c. Others: Mitch DePriest, Camille Snyder

- II. **Approval of Agenda:** (Vequist, Gould, carried).
 - a. Additions: IV. New Business Item G. – KAR 100-29-9 Continuing Education
 - b. Deletions: none

- III. **Approval of May 13, 2021 Minutes.** (Vequist, Gould, carried).

- IV. **New Business:**
 - a. **Licensing Update.** Rebekah gives licensing statistics. Continuing education must be completed by September 13th. Processing of applications is 5-7 business days with reviews taking 7-10 business days currently. No questions.
 - b. **2021 Legislative Update. Cyzman gives update.** Emergency temporary licenses extended to March 31, 2022. A new permanent telemedicine waiver is available - \$100 fee, all professions. Also available to licensees who might be thinking of retiring but wish to practice telemedicine. This new waiver functions like a limited license. PT Compact passed – working on implementation. HB 2066 regarding license reciprocity passed and working on implementing. Need background checks, waiting on FBI/KBI. No questions.
 - c. **PT License Compact Update.** See 2021 Legislative update – combined.

- d. **Kansas (K.A.R.) PT Regulations – discussion re: possible revisions.** Cyzman gives overview of regulation process. No questions. Handouts. KAR 100-29-7 – Vequist question re background fees – paid by applicant. Gould question re impact on staff workload. Easier to process. Motion to approve (Vequist, Wheeler, carried). KAR 100-29-9 Continuing Education. Compact privilege language additions. No questions. Motion to approve (Vequist, Wheeler, carried). KAR 100-29-15 – insurance. Add compact language. No questions. Motion to approve (Vequist, Wheeler, carried).
- e. **Review PTA License Application – Vandana Sharma.** Wiebe gives overview. Board sending to PT Council for review regarding education deficiencies. Extensive discussion. Recommendation: upon successfully (per FCCPT) completing education/classes regarding 4 deficiencies noted by FCCPT report, grant Kansas PTA license, followed by supervising PT submitting to Board, written monthly PTA monitoring reports for six months. Motion to approve (Gould, Vequist, carried).
- f. **Federation State Boards of Physical Therapy (“FSBPT”) Alternative Approval Pathway (“AAP”).** Moon shares memo regarding current process versus AAP process. Overall AAP process would help streamline process and free up staff time. 24 states currently use and it is consistent process and doesn’t vary by jurisdiction. Costs are unknown. Cyzman will follow up on this. Lehwald will check to see that this doesn’t conflict with our statutes. Staff will review legally and verify costs and take to Board in October. Motion to approve (Gould, Vequist, carried).
- g. **K.A.R. 100-29-9 – Continuing Education.** Mitch DePriest and Camille Snyder comments regarding revisions to KAR 100-29-9. Lehwald shares email sent to Wiebe by DePriest. Cyzman questions what they are actually wanting for maximum of internet hours if not 10. They don’t want a specific number are holding it to a certain number of hours is out of date with current (COVID) times and what surrounding states use. Cyzman indicates would need initial Board approval and time to look at it since we’re opening up statutes due to PT Compact language anyway. Will hold off on regulation changes re PT Compact only to include CEU changes. Motion to approve (Vequist, Gould, carried).

V. **Old Business. None.**

VI. **Disciplinary Report: Yes**

“Motion to recess into executive session of 20 minutes to discuss investigative information, which is confidential under K.S.A. 65-2898a, with an attorney pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2). (Vequist, Gould, carried)

The open meeting will resume at _____ p.m. using the electronic virtual format.”

VII. **Return from Executive Session to Open Meeting at _____ p.m.**

VIII. **Next Council Meeting Dates:**
November 4, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

VIV. **Motion to Adjourn** (_____, _____, carried) at _____ p.m.