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Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners

**RULES AND PRACTICE
Committee Meeting**

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

**April 23, 2015
1:00 pm**

13 **Members Present:** **Harvey Aikman, PT, Chair**
14 **Gary Gray, PT**
15 **Melinda Rodriguez, PT**
16 **Philip Vickers, Public Member**

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18 **Staff:** Karen Gordon, PT Coordinator
19 Mark Turek, Chief Investigator
20 Cindy Machado, Licensing Manager

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22 **Guests:** Kathleen Manella, PT, TPTA Liaison
23 Paul Hardin, TPTA Executive Director
24 Stacey Mather, TPTA Staff
25 Amber Townsley, TPTA Staff

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27 **Agenda**

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29 A. Call to order
30 B. Public comment
31 C. Approval of minutes from the January 29, 2015 meeting
32 D. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §322.1. Provision or Services, regarding
33 adding (f) Telehealth.
34 E. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §341.6. License Restoration, regarding
35 renewal after restoration and military spouse restoration.
36 F. Discussion and possible action on future meeting dates and agenda items.
37 G. Adjournment
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1 **A. Call to Order**

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3 Harvey Aikman, Chair called roll and determined a quorum was present. He called the meeting to order
4 at 1:02 p.m.

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6 **B. Public comment**

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8 There was no public comment.

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10 **C. Approval of minutes from the January 29, 2015 meeting**

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12 *Motion: To approve the minutes as submitted.*

13 *Made by: Gary Gray*

14 *Second: Philip Vickers*

15 *Motion passed unanimously.*

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17 **D. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §322.1., Provision of Services,**
18 **regarding (f) Telehealth.**

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20 The Committee discussed the following items that need to be considered for inclusion in the Telehealth
21 rule: whether or not both the PT and the patient need to be located in Texas during a physical therapy
22 session, what would constitute facility registration, specifics regarding supervision of a PTA, enrollment
23 with the Board of licensees practicing telehealth, observance of HIPAA, and obtaining informed consent
24 specific to treatment via telehealth. Melinda Rodriguez suggested that the Committee contact the Center
25 for the Intrepid to see how the military utilizes telehealth. The Committee discussed the possibility of an
26 on-site visit to the center for a demonstration, and Ms. Rodriguez volunteered to explore the possibility.
27 The PT Coordinator was tasked with developing draft language for review at the next meeting.

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29 **E. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §341.6. License Restoration.**

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31 The Committee discussed amending §341.6 to transition renewal of a restored license to birth-
32 month expiration to be consistent with the conversion to birth-month expiration for all renewals;
33 and to eliminate the options for demonstration of competency for military spouses seeking to
34 restore a license as the section is no longer as inclusive as the expanded options for
35 demonstration of competency in (d)(E), and to add new language which mirrors existing
36 language in §329.6.(c) for issuance of a license to a military spouse which will allow for
37 expediting the restoration of licensure.

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39 *Motion: To recommend changes to §341.6. License Restoration as submitted.*

40 *Made by: Philip Vickers*

41 *Second: Melinda Rodriguez*

42 *Motion passed unanimously.*

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

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46 The Committee agreed that the agenda for the next meeting will include telehealth with draft language
47 available for review. The next committee meeting was set for August 27, 2015.

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49 **G. Adjournment.**

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51 *Motion: To adjourn the meeting.*

52 *Made by: Melinda Rodriguez*

53 *Second: Philip Vickers*

54 *Motion passed unanimously.*

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2 Mr. Aikman adjourned the meeting at 1:48 p.m.
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5 **Date reviewed by the Committee:** 08/27/2015

6 **Action taken by the Committee:** approved as submitted