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Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners

**VISION
Committee Meeting**

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

**October 24, 2014
8:00 a.m.**

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

Staff: John Maline, Executive Director
Karen Gordon, PT Coordinator
Sherry Grimes-Brock, Assistant Licensing Manager
Mark Turek, Chief Investigator

Guests: Paul Hardin, TPTA Executive Director
Barbara Sanders, PT, PhD, TPTA Liaison
Stacey Mather, TPTA Staff
Amber Townsley, TPTA Staff
Deborah Kendall, TPTA Telehealth Task Force

Agenda

- A. Call to order
 - B. Public comment
 - C. Approval of minutes from the July 25, 2014 meeting.
 - D. Discussion and possible action regarding the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy, including discussion of the Annual Meeting in San Francisco, September 18-20, 2014.
 - E. Discussion and possible action on telehealth/teletherapy.
 - F. Discussion and possible action on the effect of the Affordable Care Act on healthcare in Texas.
 - G. Discussion and possible action on Criminal Background Checks.
 - H. Discussion and possible action on Sunset Review, 2017.
 - I. Discussion and possible action on future meeting dates and agenda items.
 - J. Adjournment
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1 **A. Call to order**

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3 Mr. Peña called roll, and determined that a quorum did exist. He called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

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5 **B. Public comment**

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7 There was no public comment.

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9 **C. Approval of minutes from the July 25, 2014 meeting**

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

12 *Made by: Harvey Aikman*

13 *Second: Kathleen Luedtke-Hoffman*

14 *Motion passed unanimously.*

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16 **D. Discussion and possible action regarding the Federation of State Boards of Physical**
17 **Therapy (FSBPT), including discussion of the Annual Meeting in San Francisco, September**
18 **18-20, 2014.**

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20 The Committee discussed the motions and election results from the Delegate Assembly at the FSBPT
21 Annual Meeting.

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23 Mr. Peña reordered the agenda to consideration of E. to follow H. There were no objections.

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25 **F. Discussion and possible action on the effect of the Affordable Care Act on healthcare in**
26 **Texas.**

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28 Ms. Gordon reported on a session she attended during the recent FSBPT Annual Meeting in which the
29 presenter stated that no discernable effects on the practice of physical therapy as a result of the
30 Affordable Care Act have been reported.

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32 **G. Discussion and possible action on Criminal Background Checks.**

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34 Mr. Aikman led a discussion on possible expansion of Criminal Background Checks to applicants for
35 licensure and renewals.

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37 **H. Discussion and possible action on Sunset Review, 2017.**

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39 There was no discussion on this item.

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

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43 Ms. Kendall reported on behalf of the TPTA Telehealth Task Force and presented language developed
44 by the Task Force for the Committee’s consideration. The Committee discussed several aspects of the
45 language including whether or not inclusion of other States would be a violation of their statutes/rules,
46 need for clarification of PTA’s role, and whether or not a statutory change would be needed. Dr.
47 Luedtke-Hoffman reported that the FSBPT’s Ethics and Legislative Committee would be releasing a
48 paper on telehealth next week.

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50 **I. Discussion and possible action on future meeting dates and agenda items**

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52 The next committee meeting was set for January 30, 2015 with items for future agendas to include
53 Multistate Licensure Compact and Student License Category.

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1 **J. Adjournment**

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Motion: To adjourn the meeting.
Made by: Harvey Aikman
Second: Gary Gray

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Peña adjourned the meeting at 9:03 a.m.

Date reviewed by the Committee: 08/27/2015
Action taken by the Committee: approved as submitted