

MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, January 09, 2014

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW20

MEMBERS: Chairman Wood(27), Vice Chairman Perry, Representatives Hancey, Henderson (Chambers), Hixon, Malek, Morse, Romrell, Vander Woude, Rusche, Chew

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Brian White PT DPT Physical Therapy Board, Tana Cory Physical Therapy Board, Joan Cloonan Social Workers Board, John Watts IOTA, Kendra Knighten, Amanda Crane

Chairman Wood(27) called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Chairman Wood(27) turned the gavel over to the **Vice Chairman Perry**.

DOCKET NO. 24-1301-1302: **Tana Cory**, Bureau Chief, Board of Occupational Licenses, presented **Docket No. 24-1301-1302**, which decreases the physical therapist initial license and annual renewal fee from forty dollars to twenty dollars. It also decreases the physical therapists assistant initial license and annual renewal fee from thirty-five dollars to twenty dollars, the exam administration fee from forty dollars to twenty-five dollars, and the application fee from fifty dollars to twenty-five dollars. Section 200.05, for extraordinary expenses, is deleted in its entirety.

MOTION: **Rep. Hixon** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-1301-1302**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 24-1301-1301: **Roger Hales**, on behalf of the Physical Therapy Licensure Board, Administrative Attorney, Board of Occupational Licenses, presented **Docket No. 24-1301-1301**, a revision of the supervision rule that increases the supervisory patient visits or the amount of time before Physical Therapy Assistant provided patient and plan care re-evaluation. This added assistant supervision flexibility will benefit patients and physical therapists practicing in rural areas.

MOTION: **Rep. Chew** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-1301-1301**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 24-0601-1301: **Roger Hales** presented **Docket No. 24-0601-1301**. **Brian White**, Board of Physical Therapy, was asked to explain the differences in physical therapy practices. **H 33**, which passed in the 2013 legislative session, allows the Board to issue a limited permit for a period of six months, or as extended by the Board. The Occupational Therapy Licensure Board is updating the limited permit rules to comply with the statute.

MOTION: **Rep. Hixon** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-0601-1301**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 24-1101-1301: **Roger Hales** presented **Docket No. 24-1101-1301**, that deletes the high school documentation requirement for a profession that requires a college degree. Also removed are the \$25 and re-examination fees. Updated terminology and clarification is necessary for the reference-incorporated code of ethics version, the non-Board administered examination, the application process, and the fee section. The continuing education requirement is being amended to include carryover of hours, special exemptions, and the increase of hours from 12 to 15 after January 1, 2015. Additionally, the board does not specify a relevant continuing education area, but it does have to be approved by the council.

MOTION: **Rep. Rusche** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-1101-1301**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 24-1401-1301: **Roger Hales** presented **Docket No. 24-1401-1301**. This rule change will allow experience obtained in any state to qualify for supervisor registration, allowing social workers moving to Idaho from other states the ability to immediately qualify as a supervisor. The Board is also clarifying that the supervision rule only applies to those individuals in Idaho pursuing licensure, and has no jurisdiction over individuals practicing outside of the state. Mr. Hales explained that this profession requires passing a national exam.

MOTION: **Rep. Morse** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-1401-1301**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

Representative Perry
Vice Chair

Amber Duke
Secretary