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OFFICIAL BOARD MINUTES FOR APRIL 14, 2026
VIDEO CONFERENCE

MEMBERS PRESENT: Patti Berg-Poppe, President
Leonard Suel, Vice-President
Rebeca Schmitz, Secretary
Matthew Weigel, Member
Brad Thuringer, Member
Linda Ahrendt, Lay Member
Janelle Toman, Lay Member

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Brooke Tellinghuisen Geddes, Executive Director
Katie Funke, Executive Assistant
Howard Pallotta, SD Dept. of Health, General Counsel

CALL TO ORDER: Berg-Poppe called the meeting to order at 12:02 PM CDT.

ROLL CALL: Tellinghuisen Geddes called the roll. Berg-Poppe, yes; Suel, yes; Schmitz, yes; Thuringer, yes; Toman, yes; Ahrendt, yes; Weigel, yes. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Schmitz made a motion to approve the agenda. Ahrendt seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM JANUARY 6, 2026: Toman made a motion to approve the minutes from January 6, 2026. Weigel seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote.

FINANCIAL UPDATE: Tellinghuisen-Geddes reported year-to-date financials as of February 28, 2026: revenue of $200,640.00 expenses of $113,786.63 and a cash balance of $1,283,399.15.

MIDWEST HEALTH MANAGEMENT SERVICES- HEALTH PROFESSIONALS ASSISTANCE

PROGRAM (HPAP): Tellinghuisen Geddes explained that following a legal review of the agreement between the Board and MHMS, legal counsel determined it was unnecessary to enter into an agreement and that if the Board wishes to utilize their services, they may make a resolution to utilize Midwest Health Management Servies as their Health Professionals Assistance Program should a licensee wish to voluntarily join or in conjunction with an informal disposition. Following discussion, Toman made a motion to utilize Midwest Health Management Services as their HPAP provider, if needed. Ahrendt seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote.

CROSS PROFESSION DATA COLLECTION DISCUSSION: The board continued discussions from the last meeting regarding the cross-profession data collected on renewal applications during the recent renewal period. Berg-Poppe mentioned that the board office did reach out to the Department of Labor who indicated that they have no need for the data, at this time. Berg Poppe provided an update on how other states analyzes and disseminates the data they have collected and the board was provided a copy of that information. Berg-Poppe reported that USD's PT Department would be willing to analyze the data at no cost and that APTA-SD was willing to disseminate the analyzed data. Suel questioned the necessity collecting the data in the future, depending on the value it provides. The Board agreed they should revisit the topic before the next big renewal period, in the fall of 2027 to reassess the value of the survey and data collection. Following discussion, Schmitz recommended the board provide the de-identified data to USD's PT Department to analyze and report to the board when assembled. It was also recommended that SD-APTA disseminate the analyzed data. Suel made a motion to accept the recommendation from Schmitz. Weigel seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote.

FSBPT VOTING DELEGATES: Tellinghuisen Geddes informed the board that it was time to select the delegates for the Leadership Issues Forum in July and the Annual Education Meeting in October, if anyone can attend. Following discussion, Weigel made a motion to send Schmitz and Suel to the Education Meeting in October as the voting and alternate delegates. Toman seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote. Toman made a motion to send one board member to the LIF meeting in July, if anyone becomes available. Ahrendt seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES-IF ANY: Berg-Poppe reported that the bill to revise the scope of practice for occupational therapy was withdrawn. It was reported that APTA-SD is working closely with the OT Association for future changes. Suel reported the passage of HB 1104, which was an act to revise the application requirements for special license plates and parking permits for individuals with disabilities. Tellinghuisen Geddes reported that there were a number of bills that will update open meeting requirements the rulemaking process.

HEALTHY PRACTICE RESOURCE TOOL: The board discussed FSBPT's Healthy Practice Resource Tool. Following discussion, Suel made a motion to approve the tool as acceptable category 2 continuing education courses, with a limitation of 2 hours per renewal cycle. Thuringer seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The board discussed the current slate of officers. Berg-Poppe advised she would be willing to step down from the President position to allow others to serve in that role. Suel thanked Berg-Poppe for her service as President thus far and recognized her hard work and commitment to the Board, crediting much of the Board's success to the leadership and hard work Berg-Poppe has provided. Suel

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motioned he would be willing to step into that role. Following discussion, Toman made a motion to elect Suel as President, Berg-Poppe as Vice-President and Schmitz as the Secretary. Weigel seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING(S): The next meeting is scheduled for August 11, 2026, at 11AM MDT/12PM CDT via Microsoft Teams. The following meeting is scheduled for November 17, 2026, at 11AM MST/12PM MST via Microsoft Teams.

EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SDCL 1-25-2: The Board did not have a need to enter executive session.

COMPLAINTS/INVESTIGATIONS: Tellinghuisen Geddes reported one pending complaint.

RATIFICATION ON RE-ENTRY APPLICATIONS: Schmitz made a motion to ratify application the following re-entry applications. Weigel seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote.

Application #479: Complete 45 hours of continuing education and complete the PEAT practice exam through FSBPT with a score of at least 600 in each section.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: None.

Weigel made a motion to adjourn at 1:07 PM CDT. Ahrendt seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote.

Brooke Tellinghuisen Geddes

Respectfully submitted,
Brooke Tellinghuisen Geddes
Executive Director

1-27-1.17. Draft minutes of public meeting to be available--Exceptions--Violation as misdemeanor. The unapproved, draft minutes of any public meeting held pursuant to § 1-25-1 that are required to be kept by law shall be available for inspection by any person within ten business days after the meeting. However, this section does not apply if an audio or video recording of the meeting is available to the public on the governing body's website within five business days after the meeting. A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor. However, the provisions of this section do not apply to draft minutes of contested case proceedings held in accordance with the provisions of chapter 1-26.

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