

## **Inaugural Meeting of the Physical Therapy Compact Commission**

### **The Physical Therapy Compact Commission announces officers and makes decision on Colorado's ability to participate as a member state.**

ALEXANDRIA, Virginia, June 20, 2017 – The inaugural meeting of the Physical Therapy Compact Commission took place on June 14, 2017. Delegates from the 13 member states met via WebEx and elected the Commission's Executive Board, appointed a Rules Task Force and a Bylaws Task Force, obtained background information on the development associated with the Commission's system, and found Colorado to be in default of the Compact language.

The Compact Commission elected Troy Costales (OR) Chair of the Commission. Kathy Arney (NC) was elected Vice Chair and Jeanne DeKrey (ND) was elected Secretary/Treasurer. The following four Delegates were elected to Member-At-Large positions on the Executive Board: Harvey Aikman (TX), Connie Clarkston (MO), Melinda Richardson (AZ), and Michael Sobowale (TN).

In addition to the elected members of the Executive Board, the following individuals were appointed to the Rules and Bylaws Task Forces. Rules Task Force: Harvey Aikman (TX), Kathy Arney (NC), Connie Clarkston (MO), Jeanne DeKrey (ND), and Shannon Singletary (MS). Bylaws Task Force: Dawn Christian (MT), Troy Costales (OR), Melinda Richardson (AZ), Michael Sobowale (TN), Mark Steinagel (UT), and Andrew Wodka (WA). These two task forces will develop draft rules and bylaws that will govern the operations of the Compact. The full Compact Commission will adopt the recommendations of the task forces at its meeting in New Mexico this November.

Before closing the meeting, the Commission found Colorado to be in default in the performance of its obligations or responsibilities under this Compact based on the amendment to Colorado Revised Statute 23-34-110. Colorado's membership in the Compact was suspended until Colorado addresses the statutory provision that led to the finding of default. For more information about Colorado's current status, visit:

<http://www.ptcompact.org>.

When available, the minutes of the June 14th meeting will be posted at: <http://www.ptcompact.org>.

### **Physical Therapy Licensure Compact**

The Physical Therapy Licensure Compact is a state-based solution to the challenges of interstate licensure portability for physical therapists (PTs) and physical therapist assistants (PTAs). It will improve patient access to physical therapy services by giving eligible licensees in participating states a faster, less expensive alternative to traditional licensure.

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