



TELECONFERENCE LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 8, 2012

1. Call to order, roll call, establishment of a quorum

Roll call

Luella Grangaard:	Present
Diane Josephs:	Absent (excused)
Lin Reed:	Present
Gigi Smith:	Present

2. Approval of the August 16, 2011, Committee meeting minutes.

- ❖ Lin Reed moved to approve the minutes as presented.
- ❖ Gigi Smith seconded the motion.

Roll call vote

Luella Grangaard:	Aye
Lin Reed:	Aye
Gigi Smith:	Aye

- ❖ Motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of the November 2, 2011, Committee meeting minutes.

- ❖ Lin Reed moved to approve the minutes as presented.
- ❖ Gigi Smith seconded the motion.

Roll call vote

Luella Grangaard:	Aye
Lin Reed:	Aye
Gigi Smith:	Aye

- ❖ Motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval of the January 24, 2012, Committee meeting minutes.

- ❖ Lin Reed moved to approve the minutes as presented.
- ❖ Gigi Smith seconded the motion.

Roll call vote

Luella Grangaard:	Aye
Lin Reed:	Aye
Gigi Smith:	Aye

- ❖ Motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion and consideration of recommending a position to the Board on the following recently amended bills:

a) Assembly Bill 171(Beall), Pervasive developmental disorder or autism.

The Committee previously recommended the Board support the bill. After reviewing an amended version of the bill, the Committee discussed the fact that the majority of the amendments were definitions and a terminology.

- ❖ Lin Reed moved to recommend the Board support AB 171.
- ❖ Gigi Smith seconded the motion.

Roll call vote

Luella Grangaard:	Aye
Lin Reed:	Aye
Gigi Smith:	Aye

- ❖ Motion passed unanimously.

b) Senate Bill 924 (Walters), Physical therapists: direct access to services: professional corporations.

The Committee previously recommended the Board oppose the bill. The amended version of SB 924, which allows consumers to directly access physical therapy services without the referral or diagnosis of a physician (essentially making the physical therapist the first contact for a consumer for specific health care services), now also incorporates provisions that were previously contained in AB 783, pertaining to professional corporations and specifies who may be employees of said corporations.

At its January 24, 2102, Committee meeting the Board recommended take an oppose position on SB 924 and an oppose unless amended position on SB 783.

Upon reviewing the bill, the Committee continued to express concern with patients accessing a physical therapist for treatment without knowing any precautions identified by their treating physician.

Staff noted the positions of other organizations included: Support (California Physical Therapy Association – bill sponsor), Oppose unless amended (California Medical

Association), Oppose unless amended (California Chiropractic Association), neutral (Occupational Therapy Association of California).

- ❖ Lin Reed moved to recommend the Board watch SB 924.
- ❖ Gigi Smith seconded the motion.

Roll call vote

Luella Grangaard: Aye
Lin Reed: Aye
Gigi Smith: Aye

- ❖ Motion passed unanimously.

The Committee discussed the provisions of the bill pertaining to professional corporations and the specified employees of the listed corporations.

- ❖ Lin Reed moved to recommend the Board direct staff to work with the author of SB 924 to include occupational therapy corporations and specified employees, consistent with the Committee's January recommendations regarding AB 783.
- ❖ Gigi Smith seconded the motion.

Roll call vote

Luella Grangaard: Aye
Lin Reed: Aye
Gigi Smith: Aye

- ❖ Motion passed unanimously.

6. Public comment on items not on agenda.

No public comment.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.