



AK OT Scope Modernization Work Group

Alaska Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing
Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at 12:00 PM AKDT to 2:00 PM AKDT
Zoom

Meeting Details: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83028654693>

Meeting ID: 830 2865 4693

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Agenda

1. Call to Order

12:00 PM

Please update your Zoom to Name, City

A. Pre-questionnaire on PHY website - please complete if you did not do prior to attending

<https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/PhysicalTherapyOccupationalTherapy/BoardMeetingDatesAgendas.aspx>

Information of OT/OTAs interested in participating in smaller ongoing workgroup and the following questions:

1. Have you noticed any topics/concerns that have been fully omitted from the new scope of practice language?
2. Is there a component of the new scope of practice language that you feel needs to be re-worded? Please expound.
3. Do you think the new scope of practice language adequately addresses your practice area?
4. Do you think the new scope of practice language has any deficiencies that might negatively impact patient care in rural areas?

2. Purpose and Summary of Workgroup

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Presenter: Victoria Daugherty

3. Introductions - Board and Staff

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- [Victoria "Tori" Daugherty, OTR](#) - Board Member
- Sheri Ryan, Licensing Examiner 3
- Reid Bowman, Program Coordinator 2
- Shane Bannarbie, Program Coordinator 1

4. History leading up to this workgroup

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5. Legislative Process

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Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Statutes and Regulations --
><https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/Portals/5/pub/PT-OTStatutes.pdf>

6. Workgroup Composition

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A. Definition of a Workgroup

Soliciting Public Input

When a board identifies the need to propose a regulation to implement, interpret, or make specific a state statute, the board should begin organizing its collective thoughts on the matter at a publicly noticed meeting. If the subject matter is highly technical or complex, it may be helpful for the board to form a public working group from among its members. That group may engage in fact-finding for the purpose of sharing what it has learned with the entire board at an appropriate meeting.

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>https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/Portals/5/pub/CBPL_Board.Commission.Guide.pdf

B. PHY Board

- Tori Daugherty, OT - Secretary

C. State Organization (AKOTA)

To be designated by association

D. National Organization (AOTA and/or NBCOT)

Kristen Neville, Manager State Affairs

American Occupational Therapy Association

E. OTs and OTAs practicing in Alaska

7-10 members from a wide variety of practice settings are areas across Alaska -*important that you complete the website questionnaire to help us gather this information.*

7. OT Workgroup Objectives

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1. Develop a collaborative plan to address modernization of our scope of practice between all stakeholders (including the state licensing board, AKOTA, national organizations, and licensees) to create statutory change.
2. Identify needs for change/improvement in the current draft of scope of practice language.
3. Modify the current language to address any needs that the workgroup identifies.
4. Address the role of OTAs in scope of practice language
5. Develop and updated draft of scope of practice language for future action steps for recommendation to the PHY Board.

8. Formulate needs to guide future meeting agendas

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A. What topics the groups feel are inadequately addressed by this?

B. How does this group feel about language related to OTAs?

C. Are there any ideas to share that would improve the format of this work group?

9. Dates for future meetings **1:50 PM**

Tuesday, April 8 - 12pm - 2pm
Tuesday, April 22 - 12pm - 2pm
Tuesday, May 13 - 12pm - 2pm

10. Formal Workgroup development **1:52 PM**

Sheri Ryan, Licensing Examiner
physicalandoccupationaltherapy@alaska.gov

11. Next Steps **1:55 PM**

- Invitations to be sent to workgroup members.
- All future meetings are open to attend as a member of the public but comment would be limited to the public comment opportunity at the beginning of the meeting.

12. Adjourn **2:00 PM**