



AK PT/OT Board - Scope of Practices Committee

Mtg - August 16, 2024 Minutes

Alaska Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing
Friday, August 16, 2024 at 9:00 AM AKDT
@ Juneau - Zoom

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Committee Members: Tina McLean, Enlow Walker, Tori Daugherty

The Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Scopes of Practice Committee meeting was called to order at 9:02 am on Friday, August 16, 2024 by Tina McLean. Roll call done by Tina McLean. Committee members present: Tina McLean, Enlow Walker, and Tori Daugherty. Staff present: Sheri Ryan, License Examiner and Shane Bannarbie, Program Coordinator. Guest present: Brianne Oswald, President, Alaska Occupational Therapy Association (AKOTA).


2. Review/Approve Agenda


 [PHY - Agenda - SOP Mtg - 08-16-2024 - Draft.pdf](#)

Enlow Walker motioned to approve the agenda as submitted. Seconded by Tori Daugherty. All in favor; none opposed. Motion to approved 08-16-2024 PHY Scope of Practices Committee agenda passes unanimously.

3. Approve Minutes

- May 13, 2024
- July 8, 2024

 [AK PT OT Board - Scope of Practices Committee Mtg - May 13, 2024 Minutes - DRAFT.pdf](#)

 [AK PT OT Board - Scope of Practices Committee Mtg - July 8, 2024 Minutes - DRAFT.pdf](#)

5-13-2024 Minutes - Correction to DME letter - Statutes/regulations do not require letter of medical necessity. Requirement of a letter of medical necessity would be a Medicare/insurance component not Alaska statute/regulation requirement. Remove from response suggestion in minutes on page 3 of DME - Pelvic Health - 02-26-2024 correspondence. Enlow Walker motioned to accept the minutes from 05-13-2024 Scope

of Practices Committee meeting with the correction as discussed. Tori Daugherty seconded. All in favor; none opposed. Motion to approve 5-13-2024 minutes with removal of requirement of letter of medical necessity from DME - Pelvic Health - 02-26-2024 response on page 3 passes unanimously.

7-8-2024 Minutes - Tori Daugherty motioned to approve the 07-08-2024 Scope of Practices Committee meeting minutes as submitted. Enlow Walker seconded. All in favor; none opposed. Motion to approve the 07-08-2024 Scope of Practices Committee meeting minutes as submitted passed unanimously.

4. Public Comment

No public comment given.

5. Correspondence Items - Outgoing

A. Recommendations for Board - Review draft responses from 05/13/2024 meeting

Tori Daugherty motioned to accept response letter recommendations from 05/13/2024 as submitted except for amendments to 03-12-2024 Soft Tissue Mobilization and 02-26-2024 DME - Pelvic Health as discussed to be moved forward to full board for review and approval. Motion seconded by Enlow Walker. All in favor; none opposed. Motion to move forward response letter recommendations from 05/13/2024 as discussed to full board for review and approval passes unanimously.

Action Item:

Staff to load into OnBoard with original question and recommended response for full board review and approval.


i. Obstetric TENS Unit - 03-27-2024

 [Obstetric TENS Units - 3-27-2024 Redacted.pdf](#)

 [Obstetric TENS Unit response - 03-27-2024 - DRAFT.docx](#)


ii. Soft Tissue Mobilization Practices and Education Requirements - 3-12-2024

 [Request for Clarification on Soft Tissue Mobilization Practices and Educational Requirements - 3-12-2024 Redacted.pdf](#)

 [Soft Tissue Mobilization Practices and Education Requirement response - 03-12-2024 - DRAFT.docx](#)

Letter amended as discussed.

- iii. Can PTs Prescribe DME - Pelvic Health - Vaginal Dilators - 02-26-2024

 [PT Clarification- Can PTs prescribe DME - Pelvic Health - Vaginal Dilators - 02-26-2024 Redacted.pdf](#)

 [DME Pelvic Health response - 02-26-2024 - DRAFT.docx](#)

Letter amended to remove "with letter of medical necessity".


- iv. School-Based OT/PT question - 05-07-2024

 [School-Based OT PT Question - 05-07-2024.pdf](#)

 [School-Based OT PT Question response - 05-07-2024 - DRAFT.docx](#)


- v. School-Based OT Licensure Question - 05-09-2024

 [School-Based OT Licensure Question - 05-09-2024.pdf](#)

 [School-Based OT Licensure Question response - 05-09-2024 - DRAFT.docx](#)

- vi. Occupational Therapy Dry Needling - 4-9-2024

 [occupational therapy dry needling - 4-9-2024 Redacted.pdf](#)

 [Occupational Therapy Dry-Needling response - 04-09-2024 - DRAFT.docx](#)

- vii. OT Research Request Response - 02-27-2024

 [OT Research request - 02-27-2024.pdf](#)

 [OT Research request response - 02-27-2024 - DRAFT.docx](#)

- B. Recommendations for Board - Review draft responses from 07/08/2024 meeting

Tori Daugherty motioned to accept response letter recommendations from 05/13/2024 as submitted except for amendments to 03-12-2024 Soft Tissue Mobilization and 02-26-2024 DME - Pelvic Health as discussed to be moved forward to full board for review and approval. Motion seconded by Enlow Walker. All in favor; none opposed. Motion to move forward response letter recommendations from 05/13/2024 as discussed to full board for review and approval passes unanimously.

- i. OT Research Request - 02-27-2024

 [OT Research request - 02-27-2024.pdf](#)

- [!\[\]\(effbd7993c63c039a58fd3395789cf3f_img.jpg\) OT Research request response - 02-27-2024 - DRAFT.docx](#)
- ii. OT Scope of Practice - Pelvic Floor Training - 06-19-2024
 - [!\[\]\(144980d038f2541d7b588a8a9132bd70_img.jpg\) OT Scope of Practice - Pelvic Floor Training - 06-19-2024.pdf](#)
 - [!\[\]\(c4ce2d477989700c971cf3d240ad9283_img.jpg\) OT Scope of Practice - Pelvic Floor Training response - 06-19-2024 - DRAFT.docx](#)
- iii. COTA Requirements for Telehealth - 06-02-2024
 - [!\[\]\(5013555a72072875cb154b597e002a46_img.jpg\) COTA Requirements for telehealth - 06-02-2024.pdf](#)
 - [!\[\]\(bf2038c114ec21ea58ad011774351c98_img.jpg\) COTA Requirements for Telehealth - 06-02-2024 - DRAFT.docx](#)
- iv. PT Telehealth Scope Question - 06-05-2024
 - [!\[\]\(1ad0c3425edfa4762c2f20e33e3e5bbf_img.jpg\) PT Telehealth Scope question - 06-05-2024.pdf](#)
 - [!\[\]\(74d2fc5645add84f8511beb934060048_img.jpg\) PT Telehealth Scope Question response - 06-05-2024 - DRAFT.docx](#)
- v. PTA as Director of Rehabilitation - 06-14-2024
 - [!\[\]\(ddc5533caa0187e636e3d3234e0983a3_img.jpg\) PTA as Director of Rehabilitation - 06-14-2024.pdf](#)
 - [!\[\]\(7c207f8f59385c6dd11f9d9bdc7a0d1d_img.jpg\) PTA as Director of Rehabilitation response - 06-14-2024 - DRAFT.docx](#)

6. Correspondence - Incoming

A. OT Scope of Practice

[!\[\]\(dfbd6b3763a6d1d9afaa974f64e2e4b5_img.jpg\) OT 150-hr internship - 07-24-2024 redacted.pdf](#)

"varied caseload" not specific to specialty type. Staff to respond to question directly.

B. PT Scope of Practice

[!\[\]\(c694a3ff3b077d76910920a6a1593ab4_img.jpg\) PTA scope of practice - 8-2-2024 - redacted.pdf](#)

- PTA Scope of Practice - 8-2-2024
 - Discussed need for physician's orders to be in place as part of plan of care. Any deviation would need assessment/evaluation which is not within PTA scope of practice. AS 08.84.190(8). Tina McLean to draft response for review at next committee meeting 9/13/2024.

Action Item:

Tina McLean to draft response for PTA Scope of Practice – 8-2-2024 question for review at next committee meeting 9/13/2024.

C. General

Research projects - Utilize previous response as template?

 [Capstone Project - 7-23-2024 - redacted.pdf](#)

 [Student Research Participation Request - 7-23-2024 - redacted.pdf](#)

 [COTA_PTA Progress Notes - 8-6-2024 redacted.pdf](#)

- Capstone Project - 7-23-2024 and Student Research Participation Request - 7-23-2024
 - Staff to draft response using previously committee approved letter re: research requests as template and upload into OnBoard for full board review/approval.

- COTA_PTA Progress Notes - 8-6-2024
 - Can COTA/PTA write progress notes and have OT/PT sign off on them? OT/PT ultimately responsible for any progress notes written. 12 AAC 54.510 + 12 AAC 54.810(c)
 - Board does not regulate industry standards/insurance requirements but - 12 AAC 54.500 PT Standards and 12 AAC 54.800 OT Therapy Standards "shall adhere to Principles of Practice" Principle 4 + Principle 6 address
 - Tori Daugherty to draft response for review at next committee meeting 9/13/2024.

Action Items:

- Staff to draft response for Capstone Project - 7-23-2024 and Student Research Participation Request - 7-23-2024 using previously committee approved letter re: research requests as template and upload into OnBoard for full board review/approval.
- Tori Daugherty to draft response for COTA_PTA Progress Notes - 8-6-2024 for review at next committee meeting 9/13/2024.

7. Strategic Plan - Goal 2.C - Term Protection - Physical Therapy - AS 08.84.130

Term Protection - DPT and ODT - Prospective Statutory Language changes for AS 08.84.130 False Claim of license prohibited tabled from 5/13/2024 meeting to work on language. Recommendation to Board to update goal 2.C to include Occupational Therapy and OTD.

 [DPT and ODT Statutory Language - DRAFT - 08-14-2024.docx](#)

Draft term language modified as discussed during meeting. DPT needs to be spelled out in addition to abbreviation as does ODT. OTR and OTR/L added. Need to modify PTA and COTA/OTA to include term protection also.

Action Item:

Staff to add committee's recommended draft language for term protection to October full board meeting agenda Oct 24-25 for board approval and bill introduction.

8. Strategic Plan - Goal 1.A - Develop updated statutory scope of practice for occupational therapy

Tabled from 05/13/2024 meeting

- Statutory Language developed by workgroup in 2023.
- Adopted by board in 2023 - see page 12 of [FY2023 PHY Annual report](#) for language.

Next Steps:

- Recommend to the Board to develop workgroup to work on introduction of bill for 2025-2026 session.
 - Find Sponsor to introduce bill - House and Senate
 - Wait until after fall election

9. Strategic Plan - Goal 1.B - Develop updated statutory scope of practice for physical therapy

Tabled from 05/13/2024 meeting.

Tori Daugherty motioned to add recommendation to create OT statutory workgroup that includes stakeholder involvement to champion bill introduction to PHY board agenda October 24-25, 2024. Enlow Walker seconds. All in favor; none opposed. Motion to add recommendation to create OT statutory workgroup that includes stakeholder involvement to champion bill introduction to PHY board agenda October 24-25, 2024 passes unanimously.

Action Item:

Staff to add to October full board meeting agenda Oct 24-25 committee recommendation to create OT Statutory workgroup with stakeholder involvement to champion OT bill introduction.

No current language for updating physical therapy scope of practice written. Tina McLean motioned to recommend to the PHY board at the October 24-25, 2024 board meeting to establish a statutory work group to work on revision of the physical therapy scope of practice. Work group to include stakeholder input. Discussion about need to update scope. Motion seconded by Enlow Walker. All in favor; none opposed. Motion to

make recommendation to PHY Board to establish PT Statutory scope of practice work group with stakeholder input to work on updating PT scope passes unanimously.

Action Item:

Staff to add to October full board meeting agenda Oct 24-25 – committee recommendation to create Physical Therapy Statutory workgroup with stakeholder involvement to work on language.

10. Next Steps

Action items:

1. Staff to amend DME Pelvic Health response – 02-26-2024 – remove “with letter of medical necessity”
2. Staff to amend Soft Tissue Mobilization Practices and Education response – 03-12-2024 – completed as discussed in meeting on screen.
3. Staff to load all responses recommendations from 5/13/2024 into OnBoard for review/approval by full board with original question and draft response recommendation.
4. Staff to load response recommendations #1-3 + #5 from 7/8/2024 into OnBoard for review/approval by full board with original question and draft response recommendation.
5. Staff to load response recommendation #4 from 7/8/2024 into OnBoard with original question and draft response recommendation for review/approval by full board to go to Department of Law for review. DOL response to come back to board for further action.
6. Staff to respond to OT 150-hr internship – 07-24-2024 question directly. Application filed and coming to full board for review.
7. Tina McLean to draft response for PTA Scope of Practice – 8-2-2024 question for review at next committee meeting 9/13/2024.
8. Staff to draft responses for Capstone Project – 7-23-2024 and Student Research Participation Request 7-23-2024 using previously approved template and load into OnBoard for review/approval by full board with original question and draft response recommendation.
9. Tori Daugherty to draft response for COTA_PTA Progress Notes – 8-6-2024 question for review at next committee meeting 9/13/2024.
10. Term protection – Staff to add committee's recommended draft language for term protection to October full board meeting agenda Oct 24-25 for board approval and bill introduction.

11. OT statutory changes – staff to add to October full board meeting agenda Oct 24-25 – committee recommendation to create OT Statutory workgroup with stakeholder involvement to champion OT bill introduction.
12. PT statutory changes – Staff to add to October full board meeting agenda Oct 24-25 – committee recommendation to create Physical Therapy Statutory workgroup with stakeholder involvement to work on language.

11. Adjourn

The Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Scope of Practices Committee meeting adjourned at 11:01 am on Friday, August 16, 2024. Next Scope of Practices committee meeting scheduled for Friday, September 13, 2024 at 9:00 am.

Minutes approved by the Scope of Practices Committee September 13, 2024 by unanimous vote.