



AK PT/OT Board - Regulations Committee Mtg November 22, 2024 Minutes

Alaska Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing
11/22/2024 10:00 AM AKST
@ Juneau - Zoom

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Committee Members: Valerie Phelps, Rebecca Dean, Alternate = Tori Daugherty

The Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Regulations Committee Meeting was called to order on Friday, November 22, 2024 by committee member Valerie Phelps at 10:01 am. Roll call taken by Valerie Phelps.

Committee members present: Valerie Phelps, Rebecca Dean and Tori Daugherty.

Staff present: Shane Bannarbie, Program Coordinator 1; Sheri Ryan, Licensing Examiner, and Alison Osborne, Regulations Specialist 2

2. Review/Approve Agenda

Motion by Rebecca Dean to accept the agenda for the November 22, 2024 meeting as submitted. Seconded by Tori Daugherty. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passes unanimously.

3. Public Comment

No public comment given.

4. Regulations Projects

A. Existing Regulations Projects

i. PT and OT Dry Needling Regulations DRAFT

Committee worked on revising draft regulation language to take into concerns for OTA's performing dry needling and training requirements for dry needling for occupational therapy as previously discussed in the Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy October, 2024 Board meeting. Committee reviewed AOTA's PAMIMs position statement and ACOTE educational standards for PAMIMs. OT must "demonstrate" hands on skills while OTA must "define". ACOTE standards don't specifically define dry needling. ACOTE entry level practice standards

don't become effective until 2025. Page 30 - B.3.14 Superficial, Thermal, Deep Thermal, and Electrotherapeutic Agents and Mechanical Devices.

Committee members discussed the collaborative effort when performing an evaluation between an OT and an OTA. It was decided to add the word "independently" before "perform an occupational therapy evaluation..." to differentiate that only an occupational therapist can perform dry needling, and it is the intent of the Board that the service cannot be delegated to an occupational therapy assistant to perform.

Include in FAQs for physical therapy – "diagnosis pertinent for each dry needling session" equals relevant diagnosis for this session as opposed to umbrella diagnosis.

Rebecca Dean motioned to send the revised draft physical therapy and occupational therapy dry needling language as discussed 11/22/2024 to the board to review at the January 23-24, 2025 meeting. Motion seconded by Tori Daugherty. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passes unanimously.

ii. Opening Questionnaires for Regulations Project SB 74

Rebecca Dean to complete opening questionnaires for OT by Examination and Credentials and Examiner Recommendations. Valerie Phelps to complete opening questionnaires for 6-month Post-Graduate FE internship elimination and Supervised Service Delivery. Both Valerie Phelps and Rebecca Dean to work collaboratively through staff on SB74 opening questionnaire.

iii. Define "proration" as related to Clinical Service Delivery Program as related to 12 AAC 54.535 and 12 AAC 54.830.

Committee briefly discussed. Current draft language for Clinical Service Delivery Program chose not to allow proration of a year. Any non-employment in a year equals one year. If draft comes back from review requiring changes, committee will review and revise as needed.

B. New Regulations projects adopted at October 24-25, 2024 Board mtg

i. Greater clarification on supervision of OTAs and PTAs - 12 AAC 54.510 and 12 AAC 54.810

Committee would like to research what other state requirements are for consideration of updating AK regulations. Decision made to gather

information on other state statutory and regulatory requirements of supervision of PTAs and OTAs.

- ii. Definition of employment and professional reference requirements for licensure by credentials - PT and OT.

Philosophical discussion to continue at next meeting. Renewal currently allows PT and OT to use volunteer hours to meet professional practice requirement. Committee wants to explore possibility of “60 hours in past 24 months” to be something other than “paid” employment.

- iii. Expand CEU opportunities for OT and PT – crossover discussion currently within Continuing Competency Committee.

5. Next Steps

1. Staff to forward completed DRAFT PT/OT DRAFT language to Regulations Specialist to review and update. Updated DRAFT to be added to January 23-24 Board meeting for review/approval.
2. Staff to forward Opening Questionnaires for completed draft regulations projects from October, 2024 board meeting to committee members for revisions:
 1. 6-month post graduate FE internship - Valerie Phelps
 2. OT licensure by examination and credentials - Rebecca Dean
 3. Supervised Service Delivery - Valerie Phelps
 4. SB74 - Valerie Phelps and Rebecca Dean to both work on collaboratively through staff
 5. Examination Recommendations - Rebecca Dean
3. Staff to grant access to March 2025 Continuing Competency meeting research on CEU opportunities for Tori Daugherty to access for future regulations project
4. Gather information on other state statute and regulatory requirements of supervision of PTAs and OTAs
 1. Tori Daugherty - MN, WA, CT and AOTA
 2. Valerie Phelps - AZ, UT, TX
 3. Rebecca Dean - OH, CA, NC
 4. Sheri Ryan - FSBPT Licensure Reference Guide
5. Next meeting December 20, 2024 at 10:00 am

6. Adjourn

The Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Regulations Committee Meeting adjourned at 12:02 pm. Next meeting scheduled for December 20, 2024 at 10:00 am.

Approved by unanimous vote December 20, 2024.