



AK PT/OT Board - Continuing Competence/Education Mtg May 2, 2024 Minutes

Alaska Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing
May 2, 2024 at 10:00 AM AKDT
@ Juneau - Zoom

Minutes

Present:

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

By authority of AS 08.01.070(2), and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.62, Article 6, a scheduled Continuing Competency/Education Committee meeting of the State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board was called to order at 10: 46 AM AKDT on Thursday, May 2, 2024 and Roll Call was done by Valerie Phelps.

Present: Rebecca Dean and Valerie Phelps, committee members.

Staff present: Shane Bannarbie, Program Coordinator and Sheri Ryan, Licensing Examiner.

2. Review/Approve Agenda

Agenda for 05-02-2024 PHY Continuing Competence/Education Committee meeting approved as submitted.

3. Public Comment

No members of the public connected. No public comment given.

4. Action Items

See Strategic Plan updated 2-15-2024.

- Goal 2.A - Update [FAQs on PT/OT website](#)
- Goal 2.B - Informed Consent - national standards - update website to include information geared towards layperson.
- Goal 3.B - Streamline PT licensing - transcript requirement (duplication?)w/NPTE passing scores
- Goal 4.A - Revise CE requirements as needed
- Goal 4.B - develop additional CE opportunities
- Jurisprudence Questionnaire update
 - PT = [#08-4883](#), New 03/08/2024
 - OT = [#08-4884](#), New 03/08/2024

Updated Purpose Statement = Continuing Competency/Education – Purpose: Better access to information to assist in clarifying statutory/regulatory guidelines as it applies to public safety and review the continuing professional practice and alternatives

requirements and continuing education requirements for physical therapy and occupational therapy and make suggestions for modernization to the board.

Prioritize access to information for first 1-2 years of committee work; review CCE/Professional Practice requirements upon acceptance of Compact licensure; expand opportunities ongoing through current regulatory projects (recommendations to Board).

Cleaning up FAQs –

- Separate section on “How to apply for license”.
 - When was your degree awarded? Clarify how to answer – degree conferred vs. graduated.
 - Do you have AK employment? Clarify how to answer the question – name of facility – not name of individual.
- Keeping your CEs on track
- Change of Address

Review CCE/Professional Practice requirements upon acceptance of Compact licensure. Expand opportunities (ongoing project) through current regulatory projects by making recommendations to Board. Potential regulatory changes to what qualifies as “direct patient care” aka “to ensure the delivery of care.” 12 AAC 54.420(c) + 12 AAC 54.715(c)

Informed Consent – wait until FSBPT provides standardized national resources including definition and stages/structure of proper informed consent – likely 2025 to be started.

Possible methods of adoption

- Principles of Practice incorporation
- Best practices recommendation – Position statement

Streamline PT licensing – Transcript requirement – research requirements for NPTE –

- obtain information from other states – Who else doesn’t require transcripts w/NPTE as approved examination requirement.
- NPTE allows testing within 90 days of graduation date.

5. Next Steps

1. Next committee meeting 10/3/2024. Board meeting 10/24 + 10/25.
2. Reorganize FAQs
 - Categories for questions + group (apply, scope, etc.)
 - Valerie to look at other state websites for inspiration on FAQ categories.
 - Create Guide on How to apply.

- Rebecca to look at other state websites for guides on how to apply examples.

3. Streamline PT licensing requirement -

- Rebecca to research NPTE testing requirements – do other states requires transcripts – possible FSBPT resource on their website?
- Valerie to write request to FSBPT to Christine Sousa at FSBPT re: NPTE testing requirements – Staff to forward email address to Valerie.

6. Adjourn

The State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board Continuing Competence/Education Committee meeting was adjourned at 11:48 am AKDT on Thursday, May 2, 2024. Next meeting for PHY Continuing Competence/Education Committee is Thursday, October 3, 2024.

Approved 10-03-2024 by unanimous vote of the Continuing Competence/Education Committee.