



AK PT/OT Board - Scope of Practices Committee Mtg - November 15, 2024 Minutes

Alaska Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing

11/15/2024 9:00 AM AKST

@ Juneau - Zoom

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Committee Members: Tina McLean, Enlow Walker, and Tori Daugherty.

The Alaska Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Scope of Practices Committee meeting was called to order on Friday, November 15, 2024 at 9:00 am by Enlow Walker. Roll call taken. Committee members present were Tori Daugherty and Enlow Walker. Tina McLean's absence was approved. Staff members present for the meeting were Reid Bowman, Program Coordinator II and Sheri Ryan, Licensing Examiner.

2. Review/Approve Agenda

Motion by Tori Daugherty to approve the meeting agenda as submitted. Seconded by Enlow Walker. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passes unanimously.

3. Approve 09-13-2024 Minutes

Motion by Tori Daugherty to approve the meeting minutes from 09/13/2024 as submitted. Seconded by Enlow Walker. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passes unanimously.

4. Public Comment

No public comment given.

5. Correspondence Items

Committee members briefly discussed the Occupational Therapy School Based Ethics Question received 11-01-2024. More information is needed from the Department of Early Education, State Board of Education, and/or possibly school districts on IEP process as to whether this is a board of licensure issue.

Action items:

- Occupational Therapy School Based Ethics Question - 11-01-2024
Correspondence to be tabled to 12/13/2024 Scope of Practices meeting for discussion.

- Staff to reach out for educational resources/contacts for board re: school based occupational therapy services.
- Tori Daugherty to forward letter from OSEP re: IEP meeting for consideration at 12/13/2024 meeting.

Committee members discussed any conflicts for treatment of a the same patient by an occupational therapist both in a school based setting and in an outpatient setting - Patient Treatment - 11-08-2024. There are no statutory conflicts in 08.84 or regulatory conflicts in 12 AAC 54 with regards to licensure of an occupational therapist. An Alaska licensed occupational therapist can treat an Alaska patient anywhere in the state. Board discussed that any conflicts that may arise from the occupational therapist's employment contract with the school or other employer are not within the purview of the state licensing board to comment on.

Action items:

- Tori Daugherty to draft response letter for consideration at 12/13/2024 committee meeting. AS 08.84.190(3) Scope of Practice for occupational therapy; 08.84.030(b) Qualifications for licensure as occupational therapist.

6. Revised Correspondence for Board review

Committee members reviewed and briefly discussed revised Telehealth Response letter. All changes were made as discussed from October 24-25, 2024 Board meeting using Telehealth statute AS 08..02.130 as basis for response.

Tori Daugherty motioned to send the letter about Telehealth therapy to the full board for a vote via OnBoard. Enlow Walker seconded. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passes unanimously.

Action Item:

- Staff to load revised draft PT Telehealth Scope Question - 06-05-2024 response into OnBoard for board review and approval.

Committee members reviewed and briefly discussed revised COTA_PTA Progress Notes - 08-06-2024 response letter. All changes were made as discussed from October 24-25, 2024 Board meeting. Revised response included citations as discussed - 12 AAC 54.810 and 12 AAC 54.510, emphasizing the collaborative roles and referenced the resources reviewed/discussed at the October board meeting.

Tori Daugherty motioned to forward the letter about OT/OTA and PT/PTA supervisory models and cosigns of progress notes to the full board for a vote via OnBoard. Enlow Walker seconded. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passes unanimously.

Action Item:

- Staff to load revised draft COTA-PTA Progress Notes - 08-06-2024 response into OnBoard for board review and approval.

7. Next Steps

1. Occupational Therapy School Based Ethics Question - 11-01-2024
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8. Adjourn

The Alaska Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Scope of Practices Committee meeting was adjourned at 9:27 am on Friday, November 15, 2024.

Next virtual meeting scheduled for Friday, December 13, 2024.

Approved by unanimous vote at December 20, 2024 committee meeting.