



AK PT/OT Board - Scope of Practices Committee Mtg - December 20, 2024 Minutes

Alaska Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing

12/20/2024 1:00 PM AKST

Videoconference

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Committee Members:

Tina McLean, Enlow Walker, Tori Daugherty

The Alaska Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Scope of Practices Committee meeting was called to order on Friday, December 20, 2024 at 1:01 pm by Tina McLean.

Roll call taken.

Committee members present were Tina McLean, Tori Daugherty, and Enlow Walker.

Staff members present for the meeting were Shane Bannarbie, Program Coordinator I and Sheri Ryan, Licensing Examiner with CBPL and Donald Enoch, Education Administrator II with the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development.

Guests present were Clarissa Dickson, Director and Therese Mastrangelo, Rehab Manager, with Providence Home Health.

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. School Based Occupational Therapy Services (Presenters: Donald E. Enoch, Jr, PhD - Education Administrator II)

Donald Enoch, Jr., Education Administrator II with the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development provided insight for the board on IEPs and the Special Education (SPED) department. <https://education.alaska.gov/sped> Regulation change pending over 2 years regarding OT, PT, Speech language Pathology - see 1x/month and allow visits by other means than on-site, i.e. virtual such as Zoom meeting. Currently out for public comment. Current regulations say on-site. Department of Education 4 AAC 52.250 and 52.252(b). Committee discussed some of the questions received over past year regarding OT in school settings. Great questions to defer to the SPED team -->sped@alaska.gov
Action items:

Don Enoch to send mark-up w/track changes on regulatory changes for 4 AAC 52.250 and 12 AAC 520.252 to PHY board for review and comment.

4. Approve Minutes - 11/15/2024

Enlow Walker moved to approve the November 15, 2024 minutes as written. Motion seconded by Tori Daugherty. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passes unanimously.

5. Public Comment

6. Correspondence Items

A. Patient Treatment - School Based and Outpatient - 11-08-2024

Tina McLean moved to send draft response Patient Treatment - School Based and Outpatient - 11-08-2024 through OnBoard to full board for review and approval. Motion seconded by Tori Daugherty. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passes unanimously.

B. Occupational Therapy School Based Ethics Question - 11-01-2024 - Tabled from 11/15 mtg

Committee discussed concerns. Tori Daugherty to draft response. Separate out what is OT under 08.84 and what is under SPED and direct those questions to SPED@alaska.gov for response.

C. School based IEPs and Supervision - 11-12-2024

School based IEPs and Supervision - 11-12-2024 - Staff to send email directing Ms. Marthinsen to sped@alaska.gov.

D. PTA Scope of Practice Question - 9-18-2024 (referred from Oct Board mtg)

Committee discussed conflicts between 7 AAC 12.521(a)(6) + (b)(6) eff. 9/6/1996 Register 139: am 5/14/2021, Register 238 and 12 AAC 54.510 and difficulties this creates in applicable daily practice standards.

Heidi Hedberg, Dept. of Health Commissioner.

Conflicts to be identified by Tina McLean in letter to Deputy Director Glenn Saviers.

E. PT Scope Question - Dietary Recommendations - 10-29-2024

Committee discussed letter. 08.84.190(6) does contain element of wellness + healthy lifestyles. Tina McLean to draft response for review at next Scope of Practices committee meeting. PT scope does include "general" principles of dietary.

F. DPT Designation Credentials - 11-07-2024

Committee discussed DPT Designation - credentials - 11-07-2024 correspondence. Referenced APTA - appropriate use of designation. Tina McLean to draft response for review at next Scope of Practices committee meeting 2/7/2025.

7. Next Steps

1. Don Enoch to send mark-up w/track changes on regulatory changes for 4 AAC 52.250 and 12 AAC 520.252 to PHY board for review and comment.
2. Tori Daugherty to draft response for OT Ethics Question – School Based – 11-01-2024 (Whitney Poser) for review at next meeting 2/7/2025.
3. Staff to send committee approved draft response for Patient Treatment – School Based and Outpatient – 11-08-2024 to Board for review/approval through OnBoard.
4. Staff to answer question from Andrea Marthinsen 11-12-2024 – send SPED@alaska.gov as resource
5. PTA Scope of Practice Question – 09-18-2024 (Clarissa Dickson) – Tina McLean to write letter to Deputy Director Glenn Saviers about conflict between 12 AAC 54.510 monthly on site/teleconference with the PTA requirement and 7 AAC 12.521(a)(6) + (b)(6) biweekly onsite with the patient requirement [creates dilemma for home health settings].
6. Tina McLean to draft response for review on PT scope question - dietary recommendations – 10-29-2024 at next meeting 2/7/2025.
7. Tina McLean to draft response for review on DPT designation credentials – 11-07-2024 at next meeting 2/7/2025.
8. Next committee meeting 2/7/2025 agenda devoted to statutory language projects (4). Push all incoming questions to the 3/7/2025 meeting.
 - i. OT scope of practice update
 - ii. PT scope of practice update
 - iii. DPT/ODT term protection
 - iv. Executive Administrator position

8. Adjourn

The Alaska Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Scope of Practices Committee meeting was adjourned at 2:36 pm on Friday, December 20, 2024.

Next virtual meeting scheduled for Friday, February 7, 2025.

Approved by unanimous vote at the Scope of Practices Committee August 1, 2025.