



AK OT Scope Modernization Work Group - June 3, 2025

Alaska Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing

Tuesday, June 3, 2025 at 7:00 AM AKDT to Tuesday, June 3, 2025 at 9:00 AM AKDT

Zoom

Meeting Details: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/D5BEUR27Tm6X7KPMqUBrsQ>

Agenda

1. Call to Order 7:00 AM

Please update your Zoom to Name, City

A. Roll Call 7:05 AM

Workgroup Members

- [Victoria "Tori" Daugherty, OTR](#) - Board Member
- Kristen Neville - AOTA
- Katie Walker, OTD, OTR/L - AKOTA
- Jean Keckhut, OTR/L, CHT
- Alfred G. Bracciano, MSA, EdD, OTR/L, CPAM, FAOTA
- Kirsten Owen, OTR/L
- Audra Yewchin, OTR/L
- Sarah Rhodes, COTA
- Kathleen Hansen, OTD/OTR/L

B. Review future meeting dates 7:08 AM

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2. Public Comment 7:10 AM

3. Purpose and Summary of Workgroup - review 7:20 AM

Presenter: Victoria Daugherty

A. OT Workgroup Objectives

1. Develop a collaborative plan to address modernization of our scope of practice between all stakeholders (including the state licensing board, AKOTA, national organizations, and licensees) to create statutory change.
2. Identify needs for change/improvement in the current draft of scope of practice language.
3. Modify the current language to address any needs that the workgroup identifies.
4. Address the role of OTAs in scope of practice language
5. Develop and updated draft of scope of practice language for future action steps for recommendation to the PHY Board.

B. Completed Topics

- Physical agent modalities
- Feeding, eating, and swallowing
- Pelvic floor and Women's health
- Diagnostic Imaging
- OTA Definition
- Mental health

C. Open-ended topics:

- Cognitive assessment
- Direct access

4. Review - Statutes vs. Regulations

7:25 AM

Statutes (laws) AS 08.84

Regulations (rules) 12 AAC 54.xxx

5. Discussion Topics

A. Direct Access

7:30 AM

- Do we want to address/protect direct access with our scope of practice? This is currently already in practice in Alaska.
- Draft language

B. Cognitive Assessment

8:00 AM

- Address identified language concerns from AKOTA
- other needs

6. Scope of Practice draft language

8:30 AM

- Review in its entirety
- Make any final changes if needed

7. Legislative Plan of Action

8:45 AM

- Timeline - Scope of Practices Committee Mtg = June 6
- PHY Full Board - unknown timeframe
- Soft overall deadline: August 30
- Discuss how we will collaborate between stakeholders to seek out bill sponsorship
Anyone is welcome to attend Scope of Practices Committee meeting and full Board meeting(s) and speak during public comment period.

8. Action Steps

8:55 AM

1. Tori Daugherty to bring draft language to next Scope of Practices committee
2. AKOTA next steps
3. Sponsorship next steps

9. Adjourn

9:00 AM