



AK OT Scope Modernization Work Group - April 8, 2025

Alaska Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing

Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 12:00 PM AKDT to Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 2:00 PM AKDT
Zoom

Meeting Details: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83028654693>

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Agenda

1. Call to Order

12:00 PM

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A. Roll Call

12:05 PM

Brief Introductions

- [Victoria "Tori" Daugherty, OTR](#) - Board Member
- Sheri Ryan, Licensing Examiner 3
- Reid Bowman, Program Coordinator 2
- Shane Bannarbie, Program Coordinator 1

Update on workgroup members

- Kristen Neville, AOTA
- Jean Keckhut
- Sarah Huot

B. Review future meeting dates

12:10 PM

- April 22 - 12pm - 2pm
- May 13 - 12pm - 2pm - scheduling conflicts for several members - reschedule?

2. Public Comment

12:15 PM

3. Purpose and Summary of Workgroup - review

12:30 PM

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.

4. Physical Agent Modalities

12:35 PM

Discussion of wording for Physical Agent Modalities (PAMs) in the new draft scope of practice language.

5. Feeding, eating, and swallowing

12:50 PM

- Discuss concerns that this topic has been omitted from the new draft scope of practice language
- Create initial draft language

6. Pelvic Floor and Women's Health

1:05 PM

- Comment made at last meeting that this topic was not explicitly referenced; but comment also made that this topic was likely included in other language. Do we need to explore this topic further?

7. Diagnostic Imaging

1:15 PM

- How do we support/justify OT's role and skillset to order diagnostic imaging?
- Does an OT/OTA have the skill to perform a diagnostic ultrasound during a treatment session? If so, is this an entry level skill or advanced education?

8. Definition of OTA

1:30 PM

- Review current language for OTA
- Discuss language re: competency as related to performing advanced skills
- Create a list of additional needs to include in this language and attempt an initial draft

9. Brainstorm

1:45 PM

Explore additional topics/concerns

10. Action Steps

1:55 PM

1. PAMS
2. Feeding, eating and swallowing
3. Pelvic floor and Women's Health
4. Diagnostic Imaging
5. Definition of OTA
6. New Topics

11. Adjourn

2:00 PM