

**BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
RULES TASK FORCE MINUTES**

DATE: July 20, 2018

TIME: 9:00 a.m. Central Time

LOCATION: 665 Mainstream Drive
Poplar Conference Room, 1st Floor
Nashville, TN 37243

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Harris, PTA, Chair
Ronald Barredo, DPT
Kelly O'Connor, Consumer Member
David Finch, PT, Secretary

MEMBER(S) ABSENT: LeAnn Childress, PT

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Sobowale, Unit Director
Mary Webb, Unit Manager
Haley Engle, Board Administrator
Lara Gill, Assistant General Counsel

Guests Present: Dr. Cathy Hinton, TPTA Representative
Dr. Alan Meade, TPTA Representative
Dr. Scott Newton, TPTA Representative
Rebecca Allensworth, Vanderbilt University Law

1. Call to Order

A roll call of board members and administrative staff present was taken. With a quorum present, Mr. Harris called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

2. Discussion of Board Rules

1150-01.01 DEFINITIONS

- (1) The Act- A question was posed as whether or not the term “occupational” needed to remain in this definition. It was determined that it did not need to be changed.
- (8) Clinical Student- A question was posed regarding the term “CAPTE” and whether or not it should remain in this definition. After brief discussion among task force members, it

was decided that the term “CAPTE” would remain as it is the accrediting body for United States schools.

(11) Consultation- Dr. Barredo asked about the possibility of adding “evaluation” and “examination” to the list of discussion points in this definition. Dr. Finch agreed with the idea. Lara Gill explained the process of changing the rules to the task force. It was agreed that the terms “evaluation” and “examination” would come before the word “diagnosis”.

Dr. Barredo has agreed to take notes for the remainder of this meeting.

(12) Continuing Competence- It has been pointed out that this definition is being considered for change to “Professional Development” by FSBPT at some point in the future.

Dr. Alan Meade explained the TPTA’s definition of “consultation” in relation to Definition #11. The task force confirmed that the previous idea of adding “evaluation” and “examination” was satisfactory.

(15) Examination Service- Dr. Barredo questioned what this definition means. It was clarified that it refers to the specific service that provides the exam.

(18) Guide to Physical Therapist Practice- Dr. Barredo pointed out that “preferred practice patterns” is no longer a valid term and moved to strike it from the definition. It was then suggested that Definition #18 be removed from the rules all together and to edit the remaining rules where necessary. Mr. Sobowale questioned whether this would affect 1150-01.14 Ethics, but it was determined that it would not. It was tentatively decided to attempt to remove this definition.

(21) Internationally Educated- Dr. Barredo suggested removing “outside the United States and its jurisdictions” and adding “that is not accredited by CAPTE”. Dr. Hinton suggested leaving in “outside the United States and its jurisdictions” and adding “that is not accredited by CAPTE” to the end of the sentence. After discussion among the task force, Dr. Hinton’s proposal was agreed upon.

(23) Licensee- It has been pointed out that “practice of physical therapy” has been changed to “Physical Therapy Practice” in several different documents from different associations. Lara Gill pointed out that this would have to come from a change in the Tennessee Code.

Mr. Sobowale questioned the possibility of needing to add a “Privilege Holder” definition to the rules, but Lara Gill confirmed that this was not necessary.

(25) Licensed Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) - It was proposed that the word “tasks” be changed to “interventions”. This change was agreed upon by the task force.

(26) Manual Therapy Techniques- There was a proposal to add “and/or Physical Therapist Assistants” behind “physical therapists” and to add “and other instruments” behind “hands”.

Dr. Newton proposed changing the definition to “comprising a continuum of skilled movements to joints and/or related soft tissues at varying speed and amplitudes administered by physical therapists and/or physical therapist assistants”.

(28) Physical Therapist Assistive Personnel-

(a) There was a proposal to add “and/or Physical Therapist Assistants” behind physical therapists.

(b) There was a proposal to add “and/or Physical Therapist Assistants” behind “supervising physical therapist”.

(29) Physical Therapy Treatment Diagnosis- The task force decided to add “and/or consultation” behind the word “examination”.

(32) Relative- After discussion among the task force, it was decided to get rid of the phrase “who resides in the same household” at the end of the definition.

(35) Volunteer Personnel- The taskforce decided to get rid of the phrase “contemplating a career in physical therapy” after “uncompensated individuals” and adjusting the grammar accordingly.

1150-01-.02 SCOPE OF PRACTICE AND SUPERVISION

(1) Scope of Practice

(b) Practice of Physical Therapy

5. Manual Therapy Techniques- There was a reminder made to replace the definition listed here with the new definition of “Manual Therapy Techniques” established by the task force earlier in this meeting.

(c) Substandard Care

1. There was a proposal made to delete “or the lack thereof” from this sentence and replace the word “over” with “improper”. This proposal was agreed upon by the taskforce.

3. The taskforce agreed to delete this sentence altogether.

5. The taskforce agreed to delete this sentence altogether.

(f) The taskforce agreed to delete this section altogether.

(2) Supervision

(a) Supervision of licensed physical therapist assistants-

2. The taskforce decided to alter this section to say “The licensed physical therapist shall assess and document progress, assessments, and modifications in the treatment plan at least every thirty (30) days.” The second sentence of this section will be moved into its own section as number three (3).
3. The taskforce decided to delete the first sentence of this section. The phrase “readily available” will replace the word “available” in the second sentence.

(b) Supervision of physical therapy assistive personnel

2. The taskforce decided to delete the first sentence of this section. The phrase “(nationally certified exercise physiologists or certified athletic trainer and massage therapists, etc)” will be removed from the second sentence. The phrase “shall then co-sign” will be removed from the third sentence and the phrase “and/or physical therapy assistant is responsible for” will replace it.
3. (i) The taskforce decided to delete the phrase “in the department or facility”.

(d) The taskforce decided to delete the word “direct” from the first sentence of this section.

(e) The taskforce decided to add the phrase “and/or physical therapist assistant students” after “physical therapist students”.

(f) The taskforce decided to take out the phrase “and will be in accordance with the APTA guidelines for clinical education which suggest” while adding a period after the phrase “at all times”. The minimum one (1) year requirement will remain in the rules with grammar adjusted accordingly.

Adjournment

There being no further business, David Harris moved to adjourn the meeting and motion was seconded by Mr. Finch. The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

David Harris, Board Chair

Date

These minutes were ratified by the board at the August 10, 2018 meeting.