

MINUTES OF THE CONFERENCE CALL OF THE NORTH DAKOTA BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

June 12, 2018

Present: Board members , Jeanne DeKrey, Dave Relling, Reed Argent; Executive Officer Bruce Wessman; Board Counsel Jack McDonald;

This was the first meeting of the rules task force as set during the annual PT board meeting on May 14th 2018. The meeting started via conference call @ 6:30 and ended at 8:30. A public phone was available at the Wheeler Wolf law firm in Bismarck. The rules task force went over Chapter 43-26.1. the following recommendations will be brought forward to the board for final approval.

43-26.1-01 4. Eliminates a PT aide from the definition of “onsite supervision” as a PTA requires direct supervision.

43-26.1-01 5. Adds the definition of direct supervision. The key is that the PT should not delegate to a PT aide any service that is considered skilled PT.

43-26.1-01 12,13,14,15,16,17 adds definitions that are included in FSBPT’s model practice act.

43-26.1-02 Changes the make-up of the board. Changes from 2 to 1 the number of licensed physicians, adds one PTA and adds an additional citizen. This brings the total number of board members to 7. The rationale is that it is increasing difficult to recruit a physician member, an odd number board seems more appropriate to settle ties in voting and adding another citizen gives the general public more input into board decisions.

43-26.1-03 7. Adds physical therapist assistants as this was an oversight previously

43-26.1-03 11. Adds contact information and also includes e-mail addresses.

43-26.1-04 1e. Adds “Obtain a criminal background check” as this was an added requirement for licensure

43-26.1-04 2. Adds a physical therapist assistant. The rationale for this is that there are now foreign PTA graduates. 2f adds “Obtain a criminal background check” this is for foreign trained PT/PTA.

43-26.1-05 5. Adds FSBPT newer regulations regarding testing limits for the NPTE. Eliminates the need for remediation as this prevented ND from participating in the alternate approval pathway for NPTE registration.

43-26.1-08 adds change in contact information and eliminates the other language that was lacking full contact information.

43-26.1-10 5. Adds a fee for PT compact participants.

43-26.1-11 4. Eliminates physical therapy aides. This is re-enforcement that PT aides should not be providing selective components of care that are deemed skilled therapy services.

43-26.1-11 5. Adds physical therapist assistants as they also document and bill services.

43-26.1-11 6. Adds language for communication of plan of care. Improves overall client relationships.

43-26.1-13 24. Adds language from the MPA regarding exam integrity. allows for discipline of a licensed PT/PTA

43-26.1-14 1. Adds physical therapy assistant as the PT rules do allow a PTA to perform soft tissue mobilization which is considered manual therapy.

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43-26.1-15 5. Adds clarity to the use of the title "Doctor of Physical Therapy" This is language recommended by FSBPT.

The rules committee will meet again within the next few weeks to go over the administrative rules using this same format. All of the suggested changes to the practice act and administrative rules will be voted on by the entire PT board before proceeding with legislation and enactment.

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