

MINUTES OF THE CONFERENCE CALL OF THE NORTH DAKOTA BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
June 26, 2018

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

This was the second meeting of the rules task force as set during the annual PT board meeting on May 14th2018. 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 61.5-01. The following recommendations will be brought forward to the board for final approval.

61.5-01-02-01 3. Changes telecommunications to telehealth and eliminates language not necessary to the definition.

61.5-01-02 4. Adds the definition of “Telehealth”

61.5-01-02 5. Adds clarification to the definition of “direct supervision”

61.5-01-02 8. Adds clarification to the definition of “onsite supervision” by eliminating supportive personnel and replacing that with physical therapist assistants as they are the ones presently involved with onsite supervision.

61.5-01-02 16 Eliminates “supportive personnel” as in a PT clinic only PTA and PT aides are recognized.

61.5-01-02 17 eliminates the old definition of “Telehealth”

61.5-02-01-03 Specifies payee of exam fees. Re-writes process for repeating exams.

61.5-02-01-04 Adds language to include criminal background checks, a six time lifetime limit for the exam and a 2 time low score limit of 400. This is a national standard.

61.5-02-02-01 1 adds H completion of a criminal background check as a requirement for licensure

2 adds d. completion of a criminal background check for foreign trained applicants.

d. adds physical therapist assistants for foreign trained applicants to allow for licensure of foreign trained PTA's.

4. updates the year of the coursework tool to 2017.

61.5-02-02-02 b. Changes the requirement for license verifications to only request current licensees.

61.5-02-02-02 (3) Replaces education with competence to match the practice act.

61.5-02-02-02 3. Adds language for compact privileges.

61.5-02-02-05. 4. Replaces education with competence.

61.5-02-02-05 5. Replacement language to lump all under change in contact information, consistent with the practice act.

61.5-02-02-02 2. Eliminates this language as it is not necessary in this section.

61.5-02-02-07 24. Adds language to disciplinary definitions to allow for sanctions against licensees undermining the integrity of the national examination.

61.5-02-03-01 4. Adds a fee for the compact privilege.

61.5-03-02-01 eliminates the current language and simplifies the requirements for continuing competency activity. Defines what is considered a certified activity and what is considered an approved activity.

61.5-03-02-02 3. Eliminates this language as it was outdated.

61.5-01-02-01 a. Adds physical therapist assistant as those allowed to perform manual therapy as there are selected components of manual therapy that a PTA is allowed to perform.

61.5-01-02-01 Will add the various components of manual therapy allowed after a task force meeting to discuss changes.

61.5-04-01-01 Adds language that will keep investigative information confidential until disclosure is required by law or is disclosed in the course of the investigation procedure.

61.5-05-01-02 Changes physical therapy duties to “selected components of patient care” as this better defines the roles of a PTA.

61.5-05-01-02 will be reviewed by a task force with recommended changes forwarded to the board for final changes.

61.5-05-01-04 will be reviewed by a task force with recommended changes forwarded to the board for final changes.

61.5-06-01-01 e. adds language specific to physical therapist that have graduated from a DPT program or other doctoral program regarding use of titles.

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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