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RULES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Via Google Meet Video Conferencing
Virtual Attendance
AUGUST 5, 2024

Committee Members Present: Peg Hiller, PT Chairperson; Karen Bustillo, PT, DPT, CLT; Lori Bordenave, PT, DPT, PhD; Blair Packard, PT, MS, FAPTA; Linda Thunn, PT, DPT; Helene Fearon, PT.

Committee Members Absent: JJ Bercel, PT, DPT; Jim Lynskey, PT, PhD; Giovanni Leone, PTA

Assistant Attorney General Available by Phone: Marc Harris, Assistant Attorney General

Board Staff Present: Judy Chepeus, Executive Director

Board Staff Absent:

RULES COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

- 1) **Call to order:** Ms. Hiller called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. (A recording of the meeting is available on the Board’s website.)
- 2) **Roll Call:** See above
- 3) **Minutes: Review, consideration, and action:**

A. July 15, 2024 Rules Committee Minutes

Ms. Hiller moved, seconded by Dr. Bustillo to APPROVE the July 15, 2024 Rules Committee Minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

VOTING	Ms. Hiller	Dr. Bustillo	Mr. Leone	Dr. Bercel	Dr. Bordenave	Dr. Lynskey	Mr. Packard	Dr. Thunn	Ms. Fearon
AYE	X	X			X		X	X	X
NAY									

Recused									
Abstained									
Absent			X	X		X			

Ms. Chepeus informed the Committee members that the August 5, 2024 meeting agenda contained a numbering discrepancy where the agenda items after agenda item number three, restarted at agenda item number one again rather than the intended number four. These minutes reflect the agenda numbering as it was posted.

1) Research Task number 4 A.A.C. R4-24-208 Renewal requirements of those licensed in the second year of a compliance cycle

Review, discussion, and possible action regarding research task number 4; A.A.C. R4-24-208 Renewal requirements of those licensed in the second year of a compliance cycle.

Ms. Hiller moved, seconded by Dr. Thunn to incorporate research task 4 (A.A.C. R4-24-208 Renewal requirements of those licensed in the second year of a compliance cycle) into research task 12 (A.A.C. R4-24-401 through 403 Continuing competence) for discussion and possible action. The motion passed unanimously.

VOTING	Ms. Hiller	Dr. Bustillo	Mr. Leone	Dr. Bercel	Dr. Bordenave	Dr. Lynskey	Mr. Packard	Dr. Thunn	Ms. Fearon
AYE	X	X			X		X	X	X
NAY									
Recused									
Abstained									
Absent			X	X		X			

2) Research Task number 12 A.A.C. R4-24-401 through 403 Continuing competence

Review, discussion, and possible action regarding research task number 12; A.A.C. R4-24-401 through 403 Continuing competence.

Dr. Bustillo provided a summary of their research findings related to continuing competence and the potential inclusion of an ethics and/or jurisprudence requirement.

Dr. Bustillo moved, seconded by Mr. Packard to ADOPT the recommendations from task group 12 for A.A.C. R4-24-402(A) as written in the existing rules. The motion passed unanimously.

VOTING	Ms. Hiller	Dr. Bustillo	Mr. Leone	Dr. Bercel	Dr. Bordenave	Dr. Lynskey	Mr. Packard	Dr. Thunn	Ms. Fearon
AYE	X	X			X		X	X	X
NAY									
Recused									
Abstained									

Absent			X	X		X			
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Dr. Bustillo moved, seconded by Ms. Fearon to ADOPT the recommendations from task group 12 for A.A.C. R4-24-402(B) as provided in the task group’s recommended language. The motion passed unanimously.

VOTING	Ms. Hiller	Dr. Bustillo	Mr. Leone	Dr. Bercel	Dr. Bordena ve	Dr. Lynskey	Mr. Packard	Dr. Thunn	Ms. Fearon
AYE	X	X			X		X	X	X
NAY									
Recused									
Abstained									
Absent			X	X		X			

Ms. Hiller moved, seconded by Mr. Packard that Task group 12 will return to the committee with updated suggestions regarding the proposed language for R4-24-402(C), ethics requirements and the hours therein; and waiver of continuing competence requirements during the first renewal cycle, whether it be partial or complete; and inclusion of R4-24-403. The motion passed unanimously.

VOTING	Ms. Hiller	Dr. Bustillo	Mr. Leone	Dr. Bercel	Dr. Bordena ve	Dr. Lynskey	Mr. Packard	Dr. Thunn	Ms. Fearon
AYE	X	X			X		X	X	X
NAY									
Recused									
Abstained									
Absent			X	X		X			

3) Research Task number 5 Therapeutic relationship between patients and providers

Review, discussion, and possible action regarding research task number 5; Therapeutic relationship between patients and providers.

Mr. Packard provided a summary of their research findings related to Therapeutic relationship between patients and providers.

Mr. Packard moved, seconded by Dr. Bustillo to ADOPT the recommendations from task group 5 for Therapeutic relationship between patients and providers to include additional definitions as submitted to the committee including:

- Inserting a definition of discharge/conclusion of an episode of care
- Expansion of the definition of sexual misconduct referencing A.R.S. § 32-2044(10)
- Striking the “Guides for professional conduct” from the definition of the recognized standards of ethics.

The motion passed unanimously.

VOTING	Ms. Hiller	Dr. Bustillo	Mr. Leone	Dr. Bercel	Dr. Bordena	Dr. Lynskey	Mr. Packard	Dr. Thunn	Ms. Fearon
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AYE	X	X			X		X	X	X
NAY									
Recused									
Abstained									
Absent			X	X		X			

4) Research Task number 6 A.A.C. R4-24-303 Supervision of PT Assistants and aides

Review, discussion, and possible action regarding research task number 6; A.A.C. R4-24-303 Supervision of PT Assistants and aides.

5) Research Task number 10 A.A.C. R4-24-303 Requirement of 2,000 hours of practice under on-site supervision

Review, discussion, and possible action regarding research task number 10; A.A.C. R4-24-303 Requirement of 2,000 hours of practice under on-site supervision.

Ms. Hiller moved, seconded by Dr. Thunn to combine research task 10 (A.A.C. R4-24-303 Requirement of 2,000 hours of practice under on-site supervision) with research task 6 (A.A.C. R4-24-303 Supervision of PT Assistants and aides). The motion passed unanimously.

VOTING	Ms. Hiller	Dr. Bustillo	Mr. Leone	Dr. Bercel	Dr. Bordenave	Dr. Lynskey	Mr. Packard	Dr. Thunn	Ms. Fearon
AYE	X	X			X		X	X	X
NAY									
Recused									
Abstained									
Absent			X	X		X			

Mr. Packard provided a summary of their research findings related to Supervision of PT Assistants and aides in conjunction with the requirement of 2,000 hours of practice under on-site supervision.

Ms. Hiller moved, seconded by Dr. Bordenave to ADOPT the recommendations from task group 6 for A.A.C. R4-24-303 Supervision of PT Assistants and aides as submitted for sections A, B, and C and amending section D to exclude “Or physical Therapist Assistant”, as well as the proposal from task group 10 to eliminate the requirement for PTA’s to obtain 2000 hours experience under on-site supervision. The motion passed unanimously.

6) Research Task number 8 A.A.C. R4-24-303 Documentation of communication between PT and PTA on each date of service.

Review, discussion, and possible action regarding research task number 8; A.A.C. R4-24-303 Documentation of communication between PT and PTA on each date of service.

Ms. Hiller moved, seconded by Dr. Bustillo to TABLE the discussion from task group 8 for A.A.C. R4-24-303 Documentation of communication between PT and PTA on each date of service until the committee’s next meeting.

VOTING	Ms. Hiller	Dr. Bustillo	Mr. Leone	Dr. Bercel	Dr. Bordena ve	Dr. Lynskey	Mr. Packard	Dr. Thunn	Ms. Fearon
AYE	X	X			X		X	X	X
NAY									
Recused									
Abstained									
Absent			X	X		X			

7) Future Meetings and Timelines

Review, discussion, and possible action regarding the future meeting dates and project timelines.

The committee discussed future timelines and additional meetings.

8) Future Agenda Items

Discussion, review, and possible adoption for the following research task items:

- The combined task group 4 - Article 2, R4-24-208 Renewal requirements of those licensed in the second year of a compliance cycle and 12 - Article 4, R4-24-401 through 403 Continuing competence
- 8 - Article 3, R4-24-303 Documentation of communication between PT and PTA on each date of service

Review adopted rule recommendations prior to submission to the Board.

9) Adjournment

Mr. Packard moved, seconded by Dr. Bustillo to ADJOURN. The motion passed unanimously.

VOTING	Ms. Hiller	Dr. Bustillo	Mr. Leone	Dr. Bercel	Dr. Bordena ve	Dr. Lynskey	Mr. Packard	Dr. Thunn	Ms. Fearon
AYE	X	X			X		X	X	X
NAY									
Recused									
Abstained									
Absent			X	X		X			

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Prepared by



Judy Chepeus
Executive Director

Approved by,

Peg Hiller, PT
Chairperson