

PHYSICAL THERAPY PATIENT ACCESS REVIEW

COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, November 18, 2015 | 10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Woman's Hospital, Conference Room 1
100 Woman's Way Baton Rouge, LA 70817

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AGENDA ITEMS

I. Welcome and Roll Call – 10:41 AM

Rudy Gomez, Committee Facilitator and Partner with SSA Consultants, asked the Committee members to find their seats to begin the Physical Therapy Patient Access Review Committee meeting. Committee members were asked to provide their name and organization for the record. The following Committee members were present at the meeting.

1. Stephen Walker, MD – Louisiana Association of Health Plans
2. Ray Castle, PhD, LAT, ATC – Louisiana Athletic Trainers' Association
3. Sabrina Noah – Louisiana State Medical Society
4. Brandi Cannon – Louisiana House of Representatives
5. Leah Beyl – Coalition for Patients' Rights
6. Don Cassano, MPT, DPT, OCS – Louisiana Physical Therapy Board
7. Mark Milligan, PT, DPT, OCS, FAAOMPT – Evidence in Motion
8. Valerie Viosca, L.AC – Acupuncture Association of Louisiana
9. Cristina Faucheux, PT – Bayne-Jones Army Community Hospital
10. David Qualls, PT – Private Practice Section of the American Physical Therapy Association
11. Becky Lege, PT, COS-C – Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy

12. Suzanne Tinsley, PhD, PT, NCS – LSU HSC Shreveport – School of Allied Health Professions
13. Jane Eason, PhD, PT – LSU Health Science Center – New Orleans
14. Judith Halverson, PT – American Physical Therapy Association
15. Paul Hildreth, PT, DPT, MPH – Louisiana Physical Therapy Association
16. Cindy Bishop – Louisiana Orthopaedic Association
17. Tina Gualdo, PT – Health Policy and Administration Section of the American Physical Therapy Association
18. Joe Shine, PT, DPT, COMT – American Academy of Orthopaedic Manual Physical Therapists

The 18 Committee members present constituted a quorum of the Committee. Al Moreau, PT, MPT, Chairman of the Committee, called the meeting to order.

The following organizations named to the Committee by Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR) 19 of the 2015 Louisiana Legislative Session were not present at the meeting:

1. Louisiana Senate
2. Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals
3. Louisiana Department of Insurance
4. American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons
5. Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners
6. Louisiana State Board of Chiropractic Examiners
7. Chiropractic Association of Louisiana

II. Facilitator Introduction – 10:46 AM

Al Moreau, PT, MPT, Chairman of the Committee, welcomed Committee members to the last Committee meeting and expressed his appreciation for the time and commitment shown by each member throughout this process. The Chairman reminded Committee members of the last meeting activities including approval of the Committee's recommendation. He then asked Rudy Gomez, Committee Facilitator and Partner with SSA Consultants, to outline the purpose and goals for this meeting.

The Committee's work would be focused on the reviewing the draft report created by SSA Consultants and previously circulated to Committee members. Committee members would be able to offer edits to the report for consideration by the Committee. After the report is approved in a final version, SSA Consultants would prepare the report for submission to the Louisiana Legislature as directed by SCR 19.

III. Review and Consideration of Recommended Edits to Committee Report – 10:50 AM

Rudy Gomez, Committee Facilitator, then asked Committee members to review the draft report provided to Committee members and offer any edits to the report for Committee consideration.

Sabrina Noah, designee for the Louisiana State Medical Society, offered edits to report language to provide greater clarification to the section of the report documenting the evidence and arguments against direct access. Al Moreau, PT, MPT, Chairman of the Committee, opened the floor for questions regarding suggested language edits and a discussion was held by the Committee members. The Chairman then called for a vote to amend the draft report with the suggested edits. The vote carried with 14 in favor, 0 opposed, and 4 in abstention.

Paul Hildreth, PT, DPT, MPH, designee for the Louisiana Physical Therapy Association, offered the addition of an appendix with a list of references in support of physical therapy direct access. The appendix would be referenced to the section outlining the evidence and arguments in support of patient direct access. Al Moreau, PT, MPT, Chairman of the Committee, opened the floor for questions regarding suggested language edits and a discussion was held by the Committee members. An additional edit was proposed to add another appendix or to include within the proposed appendix a list of references against physical therapy direct access.

The Chairman then called for a vote to amend the draft report with the suggested appendix with a list of references in support of physical therapy direct access. The vote carried with 14 in favor, 2 opposed, and 2 in abstention.

The Chairman then called for a vote to amend the draft report with the additional edit to the appendix with a list of references against physical therapy direct access with SSA Consultants (SSA) allowed the latitude to create two appendices or to include both sets

of evidence in one appendix as they saw best. The vote carried with 14 in favor, 2 opposed, and 2 in abstention.

The Chairman also asked SSA to confirm any references included with these additions be references previously submitted to the Committee. SSA agreed to crosscheck any references included in the additional listing.

Paul Hildreth, PT, DPT, MPH, designee for the Louisiana Physical Therapy Association, offered additions to the report language included in the evidence and arguments for physical therapy direct access section. The edits were for three separate paragraphs to the report. The Chairman opened the floor for questions regarding suggested language edits and a discussion was held by the Committee members. The Chairman then called for three separate votes to approve the three separate paragraphs proposed as edits to the report language. The votes carried with 16 in favor, 0 opposed, and 2 in abstention with the same members voting in abstention for all three votes.

Paul Hildreth, PT, DPT, MPH, designee for the Louisiana Physical Therapy Association, offered the edits to the report language headers and wording (evidence vs. arguments).

The Chairman opened the floor for questions regarding suggested language edits and a discussion was held by the Committee members.

After discussion, the edits were withdrawn from consideration and the Committee offered a substitution request to SSA for consistency in language – evidence and arguments – in both sections presenting in favor of and in opposition of physical therapy direct access. The Chairman opened the floor for questions regarding substitution request and a discussion was held by the Committee members. The Chairman then called for a vote to approve the substitution request. The vote carried with 16 in favor, 0 in opposition, and 2 in abstention.

The Chairman next made a last call to Committee members for any additional edits to the report language. There were none offered by Committee members.

IV. Consideration of Final Draft Report – 11:36 AM

Rudy Gomez, Committee Facilitator, reviewed with Committee members the approved edits to the draft report language and asked the Committee to approve the report as amended. With the Committee's approval, SSA would finalize the report and work with the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board to submit on behalf of the Committee the final version with supporting documentation as required by SCR 19. The Committee would be dissolved upon submission of the report as outlined by SCR 19.

The Chairman then placed a motion on the floor for consideration by Committee members to approve the draft report as amended for submission to the Louisiana Legislature. Paul Hildreth, PT, DPT, MPH, designee for the Louisiana Physical Therapy Association, seconded the motion for approval. The Chairman then called for a vote of the Committee to approve the report. The vote carried with 17 in favor, 0 against, and 1 abstention. The one abstention was from Brandi Cannon, the designee for the Louisiana House of Representatives.

V. Public Comments – 11:40 AM

Charlotte Martin, MBA, Executive Director for the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board, expressed her thanks to the Committee members for their commitment and service to the Committee over the past several months.

VI. Adjournment – 11:42 AM

Several members of the Committee took this opportunity to express their appreciation of the other members of the Committee, the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board for hosting, and the professional nature of the Committee. The Chairman then adjourned the meeting after his closing comments that expressed a similar sentiment of appreciation.

NOTE: The Committee did not formally receive and approve the November 18, 2015 meeting minutes. These minutes were compiled by SSA Consultants and reviewed by the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board.