



PTA Program Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2018
6:45 PM

Attendees: Justin Berry (PTA Program Director), Shelley Koerber (PTA ACCE), Gary Schindler (UND-PT faculty member), Jenna Hjelden (PTA Program alumni member), Jessica Strand (PT member), Amber Finseth, PTA (PTA member), Rachel Johnston (PT member), Katelyn Stasney (1st year PTA student representative), Andrea Moses (NCTC Registrar's Office), Rob Jung (NCTC Biology faculty member)

Topic	Discussion/Outcome
1. Call to Order	Meeting was called to order at 6:45
2. Report from Program Director	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Demographics and outcomes for the program were reviewed.2. NPTE-PTA results from the past 3 years were reviewed3. The Program Sustainability Report was reviewed, with the program having 5/6 areas with a (+) from the college, placing the program in the highest level (green) for sustainability.4. PEAT (mock licensure exam) scores from the past 4 years were reviewed. Starting this year, it is more difficult to obtain a passing grade on the PEAT and NPTE (licensure exam). The program would like to increase the minimum required written exam average to help offset this increase. The average is currently at 75% minimum. Justin and Shelley will analyze the past several years of student data and report back to the advisory committee.
3. Clinical Education Update & Update on revised hours of Clinical Introduction	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The program currently has 68 clinical contracts (compared to 65 a year ago) at a total of 176 clinical sites (up from 167 clinical sites a year ago). This translates into a maximum of 384 clinical education positions available to the program annually (223 in

	<p>outpatient settings; and 159 in inpatient settings. This shows the program has an adequate number and variety of clinical sites.</p> <p>2. The revised scheduling for Clinical Introduction, the part-time clinical in the 2nd semester, from half days to some full-days, is going well; with positive feedback from students and clinical sites.</p> <p>3. The PTA Program and UND-DPT will be co-hosting an APTA CI Credentialing course this April.</p>
4. CAPTE Update	1. The program is continuing to ensure it is in compliance with the new CAPTE standards and elements.
5. Program Admissions Discussion	<p>1. Justin reviewed the current program admission requirements along with the discussion regarding the increased expectations for PTA educational programs as well as their graduates (revised NPTE scoring). Justin and Shelley both stated that if a revision to the grading scale is performed, it would be recommended to also revise the admission requirements (increasing the minimum TEAS exam score to 60-62% for the composite score). Justin will analyze exam scores and email information out to the advisory board for feedback. Advisory committee members were in favor of increasing the minimum TEAS score for the program.</p> <p>Following the meeting, Justin emailed members regarding analyzed student data and recommended an increase in the minimum TEAS score for program admission to 62%. No committee members stated opposition to the idea and all members who replied were in favor of the increase.</p>
6. Discussion on PTA reimbursement changes with Medicare	1. As part of the signed bill regarding eliminating the therapy cap, PTA reimbursement under Medicare Part B will only be paid at 85% starting in 2022. It is unknown what effect this may have on PTA employment and PTA educational programs.
7. NDBPT	1. The North Dakota Board of PT may initiate a task group this May to look at supervision and delegation of PTAs within North Dakota, and Justin has been asked to serve on this group if it is formed. This may fit in with a current research project Justin and some 1 st year students are conducting, which includes asking all ND licensed PTAs questions regarding PTA supervision and delegation.
8. Committee Nominations	Jamie Bowman, PT; Brittany Johnson, PTA, Pete Wyman, PTA, Jeremy Worden, PTA, Scott Holm, PT, Alicia Backer, PTA, and Dani Rowecamp were all nominated.
9. Other items	1. The increasing number of PTA Programs and the regional PTA job market were also discussed
10. Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM

Next Meeting: October 2018