

Nova Scotia Physiotherapy Advisory Group

NSPAG Meeting –Oct. 16, 2009, 8:30 – 10:30 AM

Meeting Minutes

Present: L. Langley(recorder), T. Dutton, K. Grosweiner, A. Fenety, D. Titus, C. James, D. Purcell, S. Rennie, A. Read

Regrets: S. Anderson, R. Tresidder, J. Ross, K. Taylor, C. King

Item #1 Review of Last Meeting Minutes

There were no questions arising from the September minutes.

Linda Langley would act as recorder.

Item #2 Agenda Items

- Minister of Health: Follow-up visit
- 2nd Priority discussion
- Update on Action Plan for 1st Priority

Item # 3 Minister of Health: Follow-up visit

Letters have been sent to Premier and Minister of Health.

NSPA went to a stakeholder meeting with Minister of Health. She asked for innovative ideas. We cannot ask for money.

B.C. has advocated and was successful for a provincial Coordinator of Rehabilitation a year ago.

Messages/Key points for the meeting:

- Model of Care is what we need to look at rather than ask for money. Currently this project is not moving forward. Really we want re-direction of dollars. MOCINS – ask status
- Existing resources
- PTAs and delegation and integration
- Direct access. Some employers still require referrals for staff to access PT services. Eg.: NSCC.
- Emergency and PT role. How can we work with John Ross.
- Primary Health Care
- Health of N.S.

Item #4 NSPAG Priorities

Priority # 2 Enabling PTs to be influential leaders

Discussion of present situation with physiotherapy leadership:

- PTs are not adept in advocating for our intervention. We do not push as much as we should for clients to get really what they need. We do not commit our knowledge to paper. Long-term goal setting is not a strength.
- Few leadership roles in PT in working with other professions. For example, patient case manager, coordinator of services.
- Use of title. We need to clarify with college.
- Thinking the big picture versus dealing with day to day business is not a strength.
- Need to add more to the "Art" of Physiotherapy.
- Need to create educational opportunity to develop leadership and public speaking skills.

To complete at next meeting: Clarification of intent/Desired Outcome/Action Plan

Item #5 Next meeting

- Friday, Nov. 20, 8:30 am
- Proposed agenda:
 - o Review minutes
 - o Confirm agenda
 - o Complete Priority #2 with Action Plan
 - o Update on Action plan for 1st Priority
 - o Julie Gregg, NS College of RNs