Core Standards
Administration and Business Standards

A1 – Legal structure: written documentation and personnel description
A2 – Liability insurance: written documentation
A3 – Organization chart: written documentation and personnel interview
A4 – Job descriptions: written documentation
A5 – Procedure for consulting health professional, DNA if no health professional: interview
A6 – Federal, state, local laws: discussion
A7 – General health and safety concerns and procedures: written documentation
A8 – Contract with therapist/health professional, DNA if therapist/health professional not paid or if no therapist/health professional: written documentation randomly selected
A9 – Contract with mental health professional, DNA if not mental health professional: written documentation
A10 – Contract for equines: written documentation
A11 – Policy for eligibility and discharge of participants: written documentation and interview for each sub-part
A12 – Dismissal of guests/volunteers: written documentation and interview
A13 – Registration information: written documentation randomly selected
*A14 – Liability release, on-site: written documentation randomly selected
A15 – Photo release, activity site: written documentation randomly selected
A16 – Health history, on-site: written documentation randomly selected
A17 – Medical clearance, AAI, on-site: interview and observation of forms randomly selected
A18 – Information release form, DNA if no medical/mental health treatment: written documentation randomly selected and interview
A19 – Address precautions and contraindications: interview
A20 – Record confidentiality, securely maintained and disposed of to regulations: written documentation and interview
A21 – Information to updated annually and record of update: written policy and documentation randomly selected, interview
A22 – Occurrence documentation: written documentation
A23 – Safety regulations and training: written documentation and interview
A24 – Volunteer and personnel orientation, responsibilities, emergency, confidentiality, safety, intro to population: interview
A25 – Volunteer attire, DNA if no volunteers: explanation
A26 – Health professional training, orientation, responsibilities, emergency, safety, intro to equines, DNA if no health professional: explanation
A27 – Personnel training for driving, DNA if no driving: assistance, emergency operation: written documentation and interview
A28 – Volunteer and personnel training for interactive vaulting, DNA if no interactive vaulting: interview and observation of session
A29 – First Aid and CPR: written documentation
*A30 – Helmet: observation of tags
*A31 – Non-helmet use for interactive vaulting, DNA if wearing helmet or no interactive vaulting: written documentation, observation and interview
A32 – Appropriately credentialed PATH Intl. individual checks, selection and equipment of equine, participant equipment and assignments: observation and description
A33 – Equipment fit to equine and participant, DNA if no equipment: observation and explanation
A34 – PATH Intl. credentialed individual safety checks: observation
A35 – Guidelines for leader, sidewalker, DNA no leader/sidewalker: written documentation
A36 – Conducting research efficacy studies, DNA not conducting studies: written procedure
Facility Standards

F1 – Maintenance routine, good repair and clean: observation and description
F2 – Barrier-free entrance, DNA if no buildings: observation and explanation
F3 – Off-limits posted, DNA if no off-limit areas: observation
F4 – ADA restrooms: observation
F5 – Parking, accessible, no hazards, designated parking, DNA if no parking area: observation and interview
F6 – Lighting and out of reach, DNA does not operate at night: observation and interview
F7 – Rodent and pest control: observation and explanation
F8 – Ventilation, DNA no stable area or indoor arena: observation and interview
F9 – Designated are for parents, etc: observation
*F10 – Private area for EFP or mental health participant, DNA if no EFP or mental health participant: observation
F11 – Walking service stable area, DNA if no stable area or no aisles: observation and explanation
F12 – Stalls, clean, safe, water and feed, size, DNA if no stalls: observation and interview
F13 – Cross-ties or tie-ropes, DNA if never tied: observation
F14 – turnout, no hazards, fencing, fresh water, DNA no turnout area: observation
F15 – activity/treatment area, defined, no obstruction, maintained, level footing: observation and description
F16 – Size of activity/treatment area: observation and discussion
F17 – Valeting area size, DNA if no interactive valeting: observation
*F18 – Telephone and emergency numbers: observation, verification and written information
F19 – Fire extinguishers, visible and tested: observation, explanation and written documentation
F20 – Human first aid kit: observation and written documentation of maintenance
F21 – Equine first aid kit: observation and written documentation
*F22 – Tack and equipment safe and good repair: observation and explanation
F23 – Inspection of harness proper fit and maintenance, DNA if no driving: written documentation and description
F24 – Tack and equipment organized, obtainable: observation and interview
F25 – Supplies stored, DNA if not responsible for maintenance: observation
*F26 – Vehicle maintained, DNA if no driving: written documentation and description
F27 – Auditory signal, DNA if no driving: observation and verification
F28 – Working gate, DNA if no arena: observation
F29 – Gate closed, DNA if not in arena: observation
F30 – Physical barrier around arena, DNA if no arena: observation
F31 – Arena clear, DNA if no arena: observation and interview
F32 – Grooming and tacking areas, DNA if not groomed or tacked: observation and interview
F33 – Minimize distractions: observation and interview
F34 – Minimize dust: observation and explanation
F35 – Mounting ramp, DNA if no mounting ramp: observation and interview
F36 – Mounting block, DNA if no mounting block: observation and interview
F37 – Valeting barrel, DNA if no vaulting barrel: observation and interview

Equine Welfare and Management Standards

EQM1 – Initial screening for equines: observation and interview
EQM2 – Introductory screening of equines: written documentation
EQM3 – Permanent removal of equines: written procedure
EQM4 – Guidelines for equines in driving, DNA if no driving: interview
EQM5 – Training and conditioning program: interview and description
Equine Welfare and Management Standards Cont.

*EQM6 – Training and conditioning for interactive vaulting, DNA if no vaulting: interview and description
EQM7 – Check physical soundness and remove unsound equines: observation and description
EQM8 – Limit workday for equines: description
EQM9 - Hours equine can work in hippotherapy program, DNA if no hippotherapy: written documentation and description
*EQM10 – Limit workload of equine in interactive vaulting, DNA if no vaulting: written documentation and description
*EQM11 – Equine’s schedule in T-HPOT, DNA if no T-HPOT: written documentation
EQM12 – Equine health records on-site, DNA if equines not under center’s jurisdiction: written documentation and interview
EQM13 – Feed chart, DNA if center not responsible for feeding, observation of written chart
EQM14 – Clean water: observation
EQM15 – Provide shelter, DNA if equines not under center’s jurisdiction: observation and interview

Activity Standards
Mounted Activity Standards

*MA1 – Riding instructor certification: written documentation and observation
MA2 – Mount and dismount and list of trained personnel: observation, written list and interview
*MA3 – Stirrup policy, DNA if no saddles or stirrups: written documentation and observation
MA4 – Equestrian skills of therapist/health professional in T-HPOT, DNA if no T-HPOT: written documentation and interview
MA5 – Use of tack in T-HPOT, DNA if no T-HPOT: observation and interview

Driving Activity Standards

*DA1 – Driving instructor certification: written documentation and observation
*DA2 – Attaching lead rope: observation
DA3 – Vehicle suitable for participant: observation and description
*DA4 – Equine put to vehicle: observation
*DA5 – Procedure for entering/exiting vehicle: observation and interview
*DA6 – ABW holds reins when entering/exiting and has second set of reins, DNA advanced independent drivers: observation
DA7 – Wheelchair secured in vehicle, DNA if no wheelchair present: observation and interview
*DA8 – Procedures for wheelchairs in vehicle, DNA if no wheelchair present: observation and explanation
*DA9 – Procedures for power wheelchairs in vehicle, DNA if no power wheelchair present: observation and interview
DA10 – Certified driving instructor and ABW checks turnout: observation and interview
*DA11 – ABW qualifications: interview of instructor and ABW
*DA12 – If ABW has impairment that limits, DNA if ABW has no impairment: observation and description
DA13 – Assign volunteers trained in driving: observation and interview
DA14 – Trained headers: observation and interview
DA15 – Vehicle and terrain suitable for equines: observation, written documentation and interview
DA16 – Area for beginning participants: observation and interview

Interactive Vaulting Activity Standards

*VA1 – Interactive vaulting certification: written documentation and observation
VA2 – Assignment of vaulting equipment: written records
Interactive Vaulting Activity Standards Cont.

*VA3 – Additional person present: interview and observation
VA4 – Vaulter attire: explanation and observation

Ground Activity Standards

*GA1 – Certification requirements: written documentation

Service Standards

Equestrian Skills Standards

ESK1 – Progress notes on-site: written documentation randomly selected, description
ESK2 – Initial evaluation on-site: written documentation randomly selected, description

Medical/Mental Health Standards

*MMH1 – Health/mental health professional credentialed/licensed/certified: written documentation
*MMH2 – Health/mental health professional liability insurance, DNA if liability insurance not available: written documentation
*MMH3 – PT, OT, SLP, PTA, COTA requirements, DNA if no hippotherapy: written documentation of certifications, written policy on supervision, observation of training log
*MMH4 – ESMHL present for all EFP sessions, DNA if no EFP: written documentation
*MMH5 – Direct service health professional credentialed/assisted by, DNA if no direct service health professional: observation
MMH6 – Supervision/consultation needs with all involved with EFP session, DNA if not EFP: description
MMH7 – Training for therapist/hippotherapy team, DNA if no hippotherapy: written documentation and description
*MMH8 – Equine handler training for hippotherapy, DNA if no hippotherapy: observation and interview
MMH9 – T-HPOT, COTA/PTA training and supervision, DNA if no T-HPOT or if person is licensed therapist/health professional: interview and written evidence
MMH10 – Consent for evaluation/treatment for EFP, DNA if no EFP: written documents
MMH11 – Rational/assessment for T-HPOT, DNA if no T-HPOT: written documentation
MMH12 – T-HPOT session requirements for volunteers and therapist/health professional, DNA if no T-HPOT: written documentation, interview and observation
MMH13 – T-HPOT session requirements for participant and equine, DNA if no T-HPOT: written policy/forms, description and observation
MMH14 – Direct service health professional-evaluations, treatment plans, progress notes, etc. on-site, DNA if no direct service health professional: observation of randomly selected documents
MMH15 – Therapist/health professional-prescription, treatment plan, progress notes, etc. on-site, DNA if no hippotherapy: randomly selected documents
MMH16 – Mental health professional-intake, treatment plan, progress notes, etc. activity site, DNA if no EFP: written documentation randomly selected
*MMH17 – Personnel and volunteers involvement in EFP session, DNA if no EFP: observation, interview and written documents randomly selected
MMH18 – Billing policy/procedures, DNA if does not bill: written policy/procedures