

COMMITTEE OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
MINUTES

DATE: February 9, 2007

TIME: 9:00 a.m. C.S.T.

LOCATION: Health Related Boards
227 French Landing, Suite 300
Iris Conference Room
Heritage Place Metro Center
Nashville, TN 37243

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Jeff Snodgrass, Chair
M. Sloan H. Lake, OT
Lisa Short, Citizen Member

MEMBERS ABSENT: Susan Pech, Secretary
Robbie Bell, Ex Officio

STAFF PRESENT: Marva Swann, Unit Director
Mary V. Webb, Board Administrator
Nicole Armstrong, Advisory Attorney
Jerry Kosten, Regulations Manager

STAFF ABSENT: Lea Ann Phelps, Disciplinary Coordinator

GUEST(S): John Williams, OT Lobbyist
Donna Whitehouse, OT Lobbyist
Yvette Hechtl, OT Lobbyist
William Frey, Allied Health Commission Chair
Mike Harkreader, TNPAP Representative
Courtney Cross, Court Reporter

With a quorum being present, Dr. Snodgrass called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.

Office of General Counsel

Ms. Armstrong advised the Committee of the Conflict of Interest policy and for anyone who had not signed exhibit 4 as to their acknowledgement of said policy to do so.

1. Practice act revisions, supervision of students, learning PAMS, stays (06-1328) (Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1150-2-.01, .02, .04, .05, .06, .10, .11, .12, .14, .15, .19) These amendments went to rulemaking hearing on October 26, 2006. They were adopted by the Committee on November 3, 2006, and sent to the Office of the Attorney General for review on November 14, 2006.

Litigation:

The Office of General Counsel currently has three (3) open cases pertaining to the Board of Occupational and Physical Therapy Examiners.

Office of Investigations

Ms. Armstrong, presented to the board the disciplinary/investigative reports in Ms. Phelps absence.

Disciplinary Report – There is currently one (1) occupational therapist being monitored.

Investigative Report – Two (2) new referrals for occupational therapists with one (1) carryover from 2005. One (1) complaint was closed by referral to the Office of General Counsel. One (1) complaint was referred to a screening panel. Two (2) complaints remain open.

Applicant Interviews/File Reviews

Chloe Thomas, licensure by exam, theft of property 4/15/2001 - A motion was made by Ms. Lake and seconded by Ms. Short to approve for licensure by exam. The motion carried.

Laura Hoelting, licensure by reciprocity, DWI/ALCOHOL 12/19/1996 – A motion was made by Ms. Lake and seconded by Ms. Short to approve application for licensure. The motion carried.

Susan Frost, has not practiced since 1998 – A motion was made by Ms. Lake and

seconded by Ms. Lake to deny the application because Ms. Frost has not practiced since 1998 and according to documentation on file, she was not licensed. The motion carried.

Myra Smith, reinstatement – A motion was made by Ms. Lake and seconded by Ms. Short to deny reinstatement until Ms. Smith has submitted documentation of all continued education requirements. The motion carried.

Financial Report

Ms. Webb presented the financial report which indicated that the Committee had a cumulative carryover of \$482,149.75 as of June 30, 2006.

Directors/Administrative Report

Ms. Webb presented to the Committee the Administrator's report. As of January 31, 2007 there were 1646 active occupational therapists and 831 active occupational therapy assistants. There were 413 retired occupational therapists and 132 occupational therapy assistants. There were 1071 occupational therapists and 342 occupational therapy assistants in failed to renew status.

The number of applicants issued a license from 10/31/06 through 2/07/07 were 20 for occupational therapists and 12 for occupational therapy assistants.

Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Lake and seconded by Ms. Short to approve the minutes from the November 3, 2006 minutes. The motion carried.

Discussion

Supervision of occupational therapy assistants – Ms Donna Whitehouse, TOTA Lobbyist, presented to the Committee some of the discussions from the task force regarding supervision of occupational therapists assistants. Dr. Snodgrass and Ms. Sloan Lake contributed to the discussion and requested that the supervision of occupational therapists assistants be sunshined for the next board meeting for a rulemaking hearing.

Email from Ms. Lake regarding the OTD designation - Ms. Armstrong stated that she does not believe that the Committee should comment because it is a non-issue at this time.

Committee members preparing and teaching continuing education courses – Ms. Armstrong stated that the committee members should refer to the conflict of interest policy whenever in doubt regarding ethical decision making. Ms. Armstrong stated that

board members have taught continuing education courses in the past and there did not seem to be a conflict with it.

Presentation from Dr. William Frey – Allied Health Commission -

Dr. Frey addressed the Committee concerning the (Board) entering into grants, agreements and scholarships with the purpose of evaluating and guiding the development of education, distribution and availability of the allied health workforce to provide an improvement in the quality of health care.

Physical Therapy committee members, Dr. Randy Walker, Brigina Wilkerson and Teresa Johnston were present for the presentation.

Legislation – Mr. John Williams, TOTA Lobbyist, stated that the only legislation that was pending was the separation of the physical therapy and occupational boards. Mr. Williams stated that the two professions operate as individual boards and that he expected the Governor to sign the bill.

Ratifications

A motion was made by Ms. Sloan Lake and seconded by Ms. Short to approve the newly licensed and reinstated occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants and modality certifications. The motion carried.

For a copy of the newly licensed, reinstated, and modality certification licensees you may contact the Board of Occupational and Physical Therapy Examiner's office.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

These minutes were ratified at the August 17, 2007 board meeting.