

**MINUTES**  
**UTAH**  
**BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY**  
**MEETING**

**May 6, 2014**

**Room 475– 4<sup>th</sup> Floor – 9:00 a.m.**  
**Heber Wells Building**  
**Salt Lake City, UT 84111**

**CONVENED:** 9:00 a.m.

**ADJOURNED:** 9:52

**Bureau Manager:**  
**Board Secretary:**

Debra Hobbins, DNP, APRN  
Shirlene Kimball

**Conducting:**

Leslie Adler, Chair

**Committee Members Present:**

Leslie Joan Adler, MS  
Van Neilson, public member  
JoAnne Wright, Ph.D.

**Committee Members Excused:**

Mary Gainer, OTA  
Loriann Helgeson, OTD OTR/L

**TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION**

**DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

January 28, 2014 Minutes:

Dr. Wright made a motion to approve the January 28, 2014 minutes as written with a notation that the Practice Act changes were not submitted to the 2014 Legislature, but will be presented to the 2015 Legislature. Mr. Neilson seconded the motion. All Board members voted in favor of the motion.

Rule:

Dr. Hobbins indicated that the changes to the Occupational Therapy Rule went into effect April 21, 2014. The current Rule is posted on the Division's web site. Dr. Hobbins indicated that the changes were based on the discussion at the last Board meeting. Ms. Adler questioned how the Board responds to comments received now that the Rules are in effect. Dr. Hobbins indicated that the Division only received three comments for these Rule changes. A Rule Hearing is not scheduled if are fewer than ten comments. Ms. Adler questioned whether the comments from the Utah OT Association came from an individual or the Association. Ms. Adler stated she was concerned that the Association may have had issues

with the changes since they were not involved in making the change. Dr. Hobbins stated the e-mail appeared to be sent as an individual, not as an Association representative.

Mr. Neilson, public member on the Board, questioned what the practice of an occupational therapist involves. Board members explained that the occupational therapist provides assessment and education in developing, improving or restoring an individual's daily living skills, including emotional, cognitive and physical abilities. The occupational therapist identifies goals and measures changes. Ms. Adler stated some occupational therapists might specialize in either children (newborn to 21) or adult (21 to death).

Environmental Scan,  
Review e-mail regarding wound care:

Dr. Hobbins indicated she received an e-mail regarding the occupational therapist providing wound care. Dr. Hobbins indicated that the OT Practice Act does not allow the OT to provide wound care. Dr. Wright stated that the national organization does recognize some forms of wound care as within the scope of practice of an occupational therapist; however, it is not part of the basic training of an occupational therapist. The individual indicated he took an additional course and feels he should be allowed to provide wound care. Dr. Wright indicated this individual contacted her and she had indicated since the national organization recognizes wound care for the OT practice, he probably could, but would need to check with the Division. Dr. Wright stated that the Practice Act may need to be changed to allow wound care if the individual can document additional course work. She indicated she would speak with the Association to see if they would like to address this issue during the next Legislative session. Dr. Hobbins suggested that if the Association would like to add this to the OT statute, she would suggest the association contact all stakeholders including physical therapists, physicians, and nurses. A Board member can contact the Association and report on Board discussion items.

Dr. Hobbins indicated that if members of the profession contact Board members asking questions of a Board member, the Board member should refer the individual to the Division or have them direct their questions to the whole Board for discussion. It is not appropriate for individual Board members to respond to questions from

the public.

NBOCT Requirements e-mail:

Dr. Hobbins indicated that the current statute requires a bachelor's degree; however, NBCOT changed its requirement for sitting for the examination in 2013 to a master's degree. Dr. Hobbins indicated she discussed this issue with Ray Walker, the Division's legal counsel. Mr. Walker stated he felt that it was not necessary to open up the statute at this time because certification is required for licensure. However, if the statute is opened for other issues, the changes could be made at that time.

Next meeting:

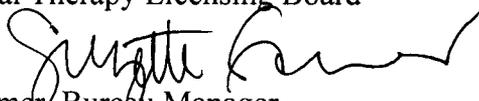
October 21, 2014.

*Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.*

October 21, 2014  
Date Approved

(ss) Leslie Adler  
Leslie Adler, Chair  
Occupational Therapy Licensing Board

October 21, 2014  
Date Approved

  
Suzette Farmer, Bureau Manager,  
Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing