

MINUTES
UTAH
BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
MEETING

May 5, 2015

Room 474– 4th Floor – 9:00 a.m.
Heber Wells Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

CONVENED: 9:03 a.m.

ADJOURNED: 10:09 a.m.

Bureau Manager:
Board Secretary:

Suzette Farmer, Ph.D., RN
Shirlene Kimball

Conducting:

Lezlie Adler, MS

Board Members Present:

Van Neilson, public member
JoAnne Wright, Ph.D.
Lezlie Joan Adler, MS
Loriann Helgeson, OTD OTR/L

Board Members Excused:

Mary Gainer, OTA

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

April 7, 2015 Minutes:

Dr. Wright made a motion to approve the April 7, 2015 minutes as written. Dr. Helgeson seconded the motion. All Board members voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Discussion regarding Rule changes/additions:

R156-42a-102. Definitions:
(2) Manual therapy. Board members agree no changes need to be made to the recommendations made last month. Ms. Adler stated her concern would be for those OT's that are certified hand therapist. The certified hand therapist has additional education and certification that allows them to go deeper than the tissues of the body. Dr. Wright stated the manipulation of bone does not fall under this definition. Dr. Farmer stated this definition is the scope of practice of the general occupational therapist and if the association feels there should be a secondary category, the change would have to be made through legislation.

(3) Physical agent modalities. Dr. Wright stated the

general education of an occupational therapist includes physical agent modalities and there are standards that have to be met in the educational program. Dr. Helgeson indicated she researched other state requirements and some are very detailed in the law and others are very general. Dr. Helgeson stated she feels a generalized practice is the best way to write Rule.

R156-42a-502. Unprofessional Conduct. (2) Engaging in or attempting to engage in the use of physical agent modalities, managing wound care, or using manual therapy when not competent to do so by education, training, or experience. (5) Eliminated the date the Code of Ethics was amended and replace with "current".

R156-42a-601. Practice Standards. Board members suggested: (2) An occupational therapist must complete formal specialized wound care training or certification which includes didactic and clinical components if engaging in the care and management of interruptions in skin and tissue integrity. (3) Treatment must be performed by an occupational therapist or certified occupational therapist assistant who is able to demonstrate and document evidence of theoretical background, technical skill, and competence in the therapies performed.

R156-42a-304. Continuing Education. Dr. Wright indicated she reviewed other state requirements and found there are different number of continuing education hours required. The range is anywhere from 10-16 hours per year. Dr. Wright stated she would like the continuing education to be generic; however, we may want to consider having two hours in ethical and legal practice. Board members determined that 30 contact hours in the two year renewal period would be an acceptable number. A contact hour would equal .50 minutes. All 30 hours could be obtained online but would need to be approved continuing education. It was suggested that requirements for approved continuing education courses be similar to the continuing education rules for the Recreational Therapy Licensing Board.

Dr. Farmer will work on writing the rules as discussed and forward to Board members for review.

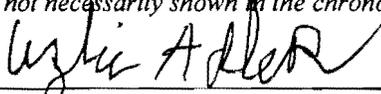
Ms. Adler questioned how the information will be disseminated to the profession. Dr. Farmer stated that usually the association informs the profession regarding changes. Dr. Wright stated there are so few members of the association very few of the profession will be informed of the changes.

Next meetings:

June 30, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. and November 10, 2015.

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.

6/30/15
Date Approved


Lezlie Adler, Chair
Occupational Therapy Licensing Board

6/30/15
Date Approved


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