

MINUTES

**UTAH
RECREATIONAL THERAPY
BOARD MEETING**

April 8, 2013

**Room 402 – 4th Floor – 9:00 A.M.
Heber Wells Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84111**

CONVENED: 9:04 A.M.

ADJOURNED: 11:02 A.M.

Bureau Manager:

Noël Taxin

Board Secretary:

Karen McCall

Board Members Present:

Patrick R. Park, MTRS, Chairperson
Susan P. Call, TRS
Paul Killpack

Board Members Absent and Excused:

Kristi Webb, TRT
Vacant Position

Guests:

Michelle Beal
Sandra Negley
Kari Swenson
Monica Dixon
Kristina Couron

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Swearing in of Paul Killpack as a Board Member

Ms. Taxin conducted the swearing in of Mr. Killpack. **Board members welcomed him.**

MINUTES:

The minutes from the May 14, 2012 Board meeting were read.

Ms. Call made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Mr. Park seconded the motion. **The Board vote was unanimous.**

APPOINTMENTS:

9:15 am

Review Rules and Suggested Changes

Ms. Taxin explained the Rules were rewritten last year and the requirement of continuing education (CE) was put in those Rules for the first time. Ms. Taxin stated she and her staff have received numerous telephone calls requesting clarification. She stated if the Master Therapeutic Recreation Specialist (MTRS) and the Therapeutic Recreation Specialist (TRS) have retained their national certification they will not be required additional CE as that will meet the requirements, but the Therapeutic Recreation Technician (TRT) will need to obtain CE. Ms. Taxin explained at the time the Rules were being rewritten there were questions about the education for the Master Therapeutic Recreation Specialist and the Therapeutic Recreation Specialist but it was decided to wait to make changes in the education portion of the Rules.

Ms. Negley explained she rewrote the MTRS education section as per DOPL recommendations and discussion with the Utah Recreation Therapy Association (URTA) and the proposed language is in line with NCTRC certification requirements.

The Board reviewed the recommended changes which are attached.

Mr. Park asked why specific hours are included in the education portion.

Ms. Taxin responded there are other graduate degree professionals who seek licensure and the specific courses/hours are in place so those individuals may still obtain licensure.

Ms. Negley stated the frequency of consultation is not addressed as more discussion needs to take place prior to a proposal.

Following addition review and discussion, Ms. Call made a motion to submit the recommended proposed Rule changes.

Mr. Killpack seconded the motion.

The Board vote was unanimous.

Ms. Taxin stated she will make the minor revisions to the draft and submit the proposed Rules. She stated if there is a Rules hearing she will inform the Board.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Legislative Update

Ms. Taxin briefly reviewed the following Legislative Bills:

HB 48
HB 51
HB 135
SB 77

The Board thanked Ms. Taxin for the information.

CE Information

Ms. Taxin referred the Board to Ms. Beal's notification of Norma Stumbo coming to Utah for a CE presentation. She stated it is also easy to go online and obtain CE. Ms. Taxin stated there was a random audit conducted and those who were audited are submitting completed documentation.

The Board thanked Ms. Taxin for the update.

Annual Board Member Training

This item was deferred to a later meeting as Ms. Webb was absent today.

Ms. Taxin informed the Board that names have been submitted to fill the vacant position on the Board.

Informal Hearings

Ms. Taxin reviewed the new informal hearing procedures and stated the Board would conduct these hearings for the following reasons:

1. If a probationer is out of compliance with their probation;
2. If the Division denies a renewal of a license; or
3. If action has been taking in another State.

She stated she will present the information to the Board and make a recommendation and then the Board may discuss the information and make a formal

motion and vote back to the Division. Ms. Taxin stated practitioners may then go through the District Courts with their appeals. She stated if an informal hearing proceeding occurs she will more formally educate the Board as to the process.

The Board thanked her for the information.

Review Board Survey Regarding Online
Disciplinary Documents and Make a
Recommendation

The Board reviewed the survey.

Mr. Killpack made a motion to recommend number 1 – We believe disciplinary documents posted on DOPL;s website should only be found through a search someone performs within DOPL’s website. General internet searches shouldn’t be allowed to display or embed disciplinary documents as a search result.

Ms. Call seconded the motion.

The Board vote was unanimous.

FAQ’s on Website

The Board reviewed the current FAQ’s and determined no additional information is needed at this time.

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR:

October 28, 2013

ADJOURN:

The time is 11:02 am and the Board meeting is adjourned.

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.

4/7/14

Date Approved



Chairperson, Utah Recreational Therapy Licensing Board

4/15/13

Date Approved



Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing