



OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PRACTICE BOARD CONFERENCE CALL MEETING MINUTES

January 17, 2014
11:00 AM
By telephone

On January 17, 2014 the Occupational Therapy Practice Board met by phone. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notices were sent to individuals requesting notification of meetings.

MEMBERS PRESENT VIA PHONE

KARIN SCHULZE, OT, CHAIR
BRENDA LEMPE, COTA, VICE-CHAIR
BETH ROLLINGER, OT
BARBARA MUNROESTRUCK, OT
VERONICA CHASE, PUBLIC MEMBER

STAFF PRESENT VIA PHONE

JANETTE BENHAM, PROGRAM MANAGER
SANDIE PEARSON, PROGRAM SUPPORT
TRINA CASTLE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
DEBRA DEFREYN, AAG
JANET STAIGER, STAFF ATTORNEY
PEGGY OWEN, DISCIPLINARY CASE MANAGER

GUESTS PRESENT VIA PHONE

NO GUESTS PRESENT

Friday, January 17, 2014 – 11:00 a.m. – OPEN SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by board chair, Karin Schulze, at 11:04 a.m.

1.1 Introductions

Board members and staff who were present by phone introduced themselves. There were no guests in attendance. Karin Schulze welcomed Trina Castle as the new Executive Director.

1.2 Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved as presented.

1.3 Approval of December 16, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Board members reviewed the December 16, 2013 Meeting Minutes. Corrections to minor typographical errors were made to Item 3 and Item 4. The December 16, 2013 Meeting Minutes were approved as corrected.

1.4 Approval of Disciplinary Meeting Minutes

Board members reviewed the Disciplinary Meeting Minutes. The Disciplinary Meeting Minutes were reviewed and approved as presented.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

The board nominated and unanimously elected Karin Schulze to serve another year as board chair for 2014. Beth Rollinger was nominated and unanimously elected to serve as vice-chair for 2014.

3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT – Information was provided to the board by Executive Director, Trina Castle.

3.1 Current Budget Report – Trina Castle, Executive Director, presented the budget report to the board. Ms. Castle said the report shows that the board is currently underspent and that the overall budget looks good.

3.2 Legislative Update/Meet-Me-Call Update – Ms. Castle provided an update on the legislative meet-me-calls that occur on Tuesday mornings. Legislative bills discussed during the last call include:

- House Bill 2149 – Medical marijuana regulation
- House Bill 2160 – Allowing physical therapists to perform spinal manipulations
- House Bill 2173 – Concerning the use of hydrocodone products by licensed optometrists
- House Bill 2430 – Allowing athletic trainers to treat injured workers and allowing the department to develop rules for continuing education.

4. PROGRAM MANAGER REPORT – Information was provided to the board by Program Manager, Janette Benham

4.1 Licensing Statistics – Janette Benham, Program Manager, provided updated information regarding the number of licensed occupational therapists and assistants, and the number of pending applications for both. Statistics included information from January of 2013 and January of 2014. Information regarding the number of OTs with endorsements was also provided. Ms. Benham noted that

the number of active licenses has increased for OTs and OTAs. She also reported an increase in the number of endorsements for both wound care and sharp debridement. Licensing statistics for the Occupational Therapy Program are as follows:

	OT Jan. 2013	OT Jan. 2014	OTA Jan. 2013	OTA Jan. 2014
Active Licenses	2971	3089	658	828
Inactive License	103	95	15	18
Expired License	2374	2505	668	730
Revoked License	2	2	1	1
Suspended License	3	3	3	4
Pending Licensure	69	81	25	23

OT ENDORSEMENT TYPE	Jan. 2013	Jan. 2014
Wound care management	53	64
Sharp debridement	45	51

4.2 Recruitment update for occupational therapist position – Board members were updated on the recruitment announcement for the position currently held by Ms. Munroestruck. Ms. Benham hopes to be able to forward an application package for appointment to the Governor’s Office prior to the next meeting. Ms. Munroestruck agreed to continue serving on the board until a replacement is appointed. Ms. Benham thanked her for continuing to serve.

4.3 Update on suicide training rules – Ms. Benham updated the board on the suicide training rules. The CR 103 has been approved and is waiting to be filed with the Code Reviser’s Office. The rule became effective January 1, 2014. Ms. Benham is working to update the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ’s) page on the website to include information regarding the suicide training rule.

5. REVIEW OF LISTS AND LABELS REQUEST

The board reviewed a lists and labels request from Verisys Corporation to determine whether the request should be approved or denied. Debra Defreyn, AAG, provided background information regarding the request. The board discussed the request. A motion was made and seconded to send a letter to Verisys requesting more information be sent to the board within 30 days. The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote of the board. Ms. Benham will work with Ms. Defreyn on drafting the letter to Verisys.

6. RULES WORKSHOP/DISCUSSION OF:

WAC 246-847-030 – Occupational Therapists Acting in a Consulting Capacity

WAC 246-847-068 – Expired License
WAC 246-847-070 – Inactive Credential
WAC 246-847-125 – Applicants Currently Licensed in Other States or Territories

The board reviewed the draft language of the above listed rules. The discussion focused around draft rule language for WAC 246-847-055 Initial application for individuals who have not practiced within the past four years. Board members had concerns about how applicants wanting to re-enter the profession would obtain the supervised clinical portion. Ms. Schulze agreed that the intent of the supervised clinical is great, however it is problematic to implement as applicants may not be able to provide hands-on care. Board members asked whether there were re-entry courses offered by recognized educational programs. Ms. Benham reported there is one in Minnesota that she knows of, but none locally. Ms. Munroestruck asked whether there were restrictions for re-entry applicants sitting for the NBCOT exam. Ms. Benham reported she didn't know of any restrictions. Ms. Rollinger suggested possibly creating a 30-day temporary permit that would allow applicants time to gain the clinical experience. Debra Defreyn, AAG, informed members that creating a temporary 30-day permit is not within the board's authority and would require legislation. Board members voted in favor of deferring the rules to the next meeting to allow Ms. Benham to research how other states regulate the licensure requirements for OTs who want to re-enter the profession. The board also wants to look at requirements for supervisors at the next meeting.

7. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

The board requested the following items be on the agenda for future meetings:

- Re-entry requirements of other states
- Educational requirements for OTs and OTAs

8. CONSENT AGENDA – GENERAL INFORMATION

8.1 The current issue of “The Sentinel News for DOH Employees” was provided to board members.

9. OTHER OPEN SESSION BUSINESS

CLOSED SESSION – 12:13 p.m.

10. APPLICATION REVIEWS

Applicant A-72 – Foreign Trained – Approved to license

11. DISCIPLINARY CASE REVIEWS

See Disciplinary Meeting Minutes

OPEN SESSION – 12:10 p.m.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The board adjourned at 12:10 p.m. The next regularly scheduled board meeting is April 25, 2014 and is scheduled to be held in Tumwater, WA. Information will be posted on the Occupational Therapy website.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Janette Benham
Program Manager

Karin Schulze, Chair
Occupational Therapy Practice Board