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Minutes of the South Carolina Board of Occupational Therapy
Regular Meeting
November 14, 2008
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, Room 108
110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina

Board members present were:

Lesly S. Wilson, PhD, OTR/L, Chairman
Ricardo Holmes, Sr., OTR/L, Vice Chairman
Susan M. Hardin, OTR/L
Linda H. Remick, COTA/L
Janine P. Turner, OTR/L

Board member excused absence:

Joyce J. Branham, OTR/L

Others present were:

Kate K. Cox, Board Administrator
Sheridon Spoon, Advice Attorney to the Board
Sandra Williams, Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER:

The Regular Session of the South Carolina Board of Occupational Therapy was held at the Synergy Office Park, Kingstree Building, 110 Centerview Drive, Room 108, Columbia, South Carolina. Whereas, proper notice of date, time, place and agenda information having been properly provided to THE STATE NEWSPAPER and ASSOCIATED PRESS and proper notice also having been posted at the LLR Office Building 24 hours prior to the time scheduled for the meeting and a quorum having been noted as present, Chairman Wilson called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m. A quorum was present. All votes referenced herein were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion: A motion was made by Ms. Turner to approve the Agenda as presented. Mr. Holmes seconded the motion. The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion: A motion was made by Ms. Turner to accept the June 27, 2008 minutes as printed. Ms. Hardin seconded the motion. The motion passed.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:

Dr. Wilson reported on the National Board of Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) Annual State Regulatory Conference that was held October 24 and 25, 2008 in Phoenix, AZ. She reported that Mrs. Cox also attended. The theme was reported being on continuing competency. Dr. Wilson reported that South Carolina had expressed interest in continued competency at the meeting and was seeking additional information for South Carolina to compare to the idea of continuing education. Discussion

followed. The Board expressed interest in the idea of continued competency vs. continuing education and in inquiring into developing a potential partnership with NBCOT for continued competency. It was reviewed that continued competency first needs to be defined, appropriate assessments need to be defined, cost needs to be studied, and timelines need to be discussed.

Regulatory issues were also reported as an important part of the meeting along with professional testing, scope of practice challenges to occupational therapy, and an overview of NBCOT certification statistics and content.

REPORTS:

Administrator's Report:

Mrs. Cox reported the licensee totals to date are 1,395 licensed occupational therapists and 573 licensed occupational therapy assistants for a total of 1,968 licensees. She reported that she continues to be in contact with the Governor's Office for Board appointments and reappointments.

Mrs. Cox reported on the Licensure Process Study has been completed with offices moved and some staff reallocations have been done. She stated renewal licensure will be done by this group as a first phase in using this group, Office of Licensure and Compliance. She reported that new technological equipment is being installed in the conference and meeting rooms with video and audio available. Ms. Turner asked if video sign-in is part of the video conferencing.

Mrs. Cox reported that she and Sharon Dantzler gave a licensure and complaint procedure presentation at the Medical University of South Carolina for their Capstone Program on July 25, 2008. Mrs. Cox also reported that she is monitoring/tracking the Board's complaints and investigations monthly.

Financial Report:

Mrs. Cox stated that the Financial Report is provided as information. She noted for the record that revenue is collected biennially and is expended over a two-year period. She reported that she reviews the Board's budget yearly with LLR.

DISCIPLINARY ISSUES:

There were no Disciplinary Issues discussed.

LEGAL:

There was no Legal Business regarding the Board for discussion.

Mrs. Cox did asked Mr. Spoon to review the labor announcement for employers form LLR regarding the new state Illegal Immigration Reform Act. He stated that LLR is offering training in December 2008 and January 2009 for employers around the state in order for all employers to verify the legal status of employees. Copies were provided for Board members and sent to the local association as information.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Draft of Position Statement Regarding Boundary Issues:

The Board tabled this matter until the next meeting of the Board. The Board asked Dr. Wilson and Ms. Turner to continue their work on this issue for a future discussion.

Draft of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) on Recovering Professionals Program (RPP):

Dr. Wilson presented a draft and discussion followed. The Board edited the draft and asked that it be approved by RPP through Rick Wilson of RPP. The FAQs will be posted on the Board's website.

Draft of Frequently Asked Questions on Telehealth and Practicing Across State Boards:

Ms. Remick and Mr. Ricardo discussed this matter with the Board with references to the Board's statute. It was decided that this should be a position statement by the Board. They asked that in the position statement that "practice of occupational therapy" should be defined and telehealth/telemedicine should be defined. The Board would like the position statement linked to the Board's Code of Ethics, NBCOT Code of Ethics and AOTA Code of Ethics. The Board asked Ms. Remick and Mr. Holmes to continue their work on this issue.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board tabled the Review of the Unlicensed Practice Policy is matter until a future meeting of the Board.

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

There was no further discussion in the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There was no public comment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Board meetings for 2009 were announced to be on March 20, July 17, and November 13.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kate K. Cox
Administrator