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Board of Occupational Therapy



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Minutes of the South Carolina Board of Occupational Therapy  
Regular Meeting  
March 23, 2007  
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, Room 108  
110 Center view Drive, Columbia, South Carolina

Board members present were:

Lesly S. Wilson, PhD, OTR, Chairman  
Joyce J. Branham, OTR  
Susan M. Hardin, OTR  
Ricardo Holmes, Sr., OTR  
Linda H. Remick, COTA  
Janine P. Turner, OTR

Staff present was:

Kate K. Cox, Board Administrator  
Eric Gore, Court Reporter  
Julia B. Hetherington, OTR  
Sandra Williams, Administrative Assistant  
Richard P. Wilson, Deputy General Counsel, Advice Attorney to the Board

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 11:00 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 amended to move the Appearance of a Licensee from New Business to follow the approval of the Agenda. Mr. Holmes seconded the motion. The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Julia B. Hetherington, OTR, appeared before the Board for consideration for reinstatement of her lapsed license due to failure to renew her license. A court reporter was in attendance for the record. According to Board policy on Unlicensed Practice, Ms. Hetherington needed to personally appear as she had practiced more than 60 days on a lapsed license. Ms. Turner and Ms. Branham were recused in the matter. A quorum was noted. Ms. Hetherington made a statement to the Board and was asked questions by the Board and Mr. Wilson.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Mr. Holmes to go into Executive Session. Ms. Remick seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Ms. Remick to come out of Executive Session and return to Open Session. Ms. Hardin seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Ms. Hardin for the Board to issue Ms. Hetherington a Final Order with a public reprimand regarding unlicensed practice. It was noted there would be no fine or other sanction in this matter. Ms. Remick seconded the motion. The motion passed. Mrs. Cox noted Ms. Hetherington will be reinstated from temporary licensure to full licensure.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**Motion:** A motion was made by Ms. Turner to accept the November 3, 2006 minutes as printed. Mr. Holmes seconded the motion. The motion passed

#### CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:

Chairman Wilson thanked everyone for their attendance and reserved any remarks for later in the meeting.

#### REPORTS:

##### Administrator's Report:

Mrs. Cox reported the licensee totals to date are 1,131 licensed occupational therapists and 448 licensed occupational therapy assistants for a total of 1,579 licensees. She reported that four complaints have been investigated for reporting to the Board in FY 06 - 07.

Mrs. Cox reported the on-line renewal was very successful and the Board received numerous compliments on the availability of the on-line renewal and the prompt receipt of the renewal cards. She reminded the Board that the Random Audit of Continuing Education (CE) for licensees will be in late May 2007. The Board asked Ms. Branham, Mr. Holmes, and Ms. Hardin to serve as the audit committee. Mrs. Cox reviewed the Random Audit of Continuing Education (CE) process and the verification of audited licensees' National Board of Certification in Occupational Therapy's (NBCOT) certification. Mrs. Cox reported the NBCOT credential bank will not be available for use by their certificants until May or June of 2007 and reported that NBCOT will not verify the hours submitted to the credentials bank.

Ms. Cox also reviewed the on-line services available to the Board and the on-line services that are being developed for the Board.

##### Financial Report:

Mrs. Cox stated that the Financial Report is provided as information. She noted for the record revenue is collected biennially and is expended over a two-year period.

LEGAL:

Mr. Wilson reviewed the statement he prepared for the Board to use to explain the South Carolina Supreme Court's decision on the Physical Therapy Practice Act in regards to physician owned physical therapy services or POPTS. He stated the Occupational Therapy Practice Act does not have language within the Act regarding physician owned services that would affect the practice of occupational therapy.

DISCIPLINARY ISSUES:

Mrs. Cox presented the Investigative Review Committee's (IRC) report concerning one disciplinary issue.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Ms. Turner to accept the IRC's recommendation on Case Number 2006-6 for Formal Complaint. Ms. Hardin seconded the motion. The motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

Dr. Wilson discussed her presentation in Alabama on the impaired practitioner. She introduced the need for the writing of a Board policy regarding impaired practitioners. Discussion followed. Ms. Turner said she would assist in drafting the policy with Dr. Wilson. Dr. Wilson asked the Board to consider any other needs for policy statements.

Mr. Wilson opened the floor for nominations for officers for the Board. For Board Chairman Ms. Turner nominated Dr. Wilson. Ms. Remick seconded the nomination. Dr. Wilson was elected by acclamation. For Board Vice Chairman Ms. Remick nominated Mr. Holmes. Ms. Hardin seconded the nomination. Mr. Holmes was elected by acclamation.

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

Dr. Wilson discussed writing articles on a quarterly basis for the South Carolina Occupational Therapy Association's newsletter, the *Script*. Articles regarding licensure, continuing education, impaired practitioners, and information for students and supervisors in the field were discussed. Board members were asked to participate in writing the articles for future *Script* publications. Ms. Turner suggested the Board policies could be printed periodically in the *Script*.

Ms. Turner discussed the need for a table of contents to be made for the Board's policy statements. Mrs. Cox said she would make a table of contents for the Board's Position Statements as well as a table of contents for the Board's Policies and Procedures .

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There was no public comment.

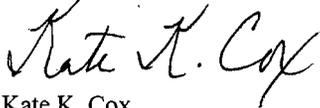
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mrs. Cox announced the Board meetings for 2007 were to be June 22, September 28, and December 7. She also announced that the Economic Interest Statements for the South Carolina Ethics Commission will be due April 15, 2007. Mr. Holmes announced the South Carolina Assistive Technology Expo will be held March 29, 2007 at the Columbia Metro Convention Center in Columbia, South Carolina. Mrs. Cox reminded the Board that there is still one vacancy on the board for a consumer member. Term expiration dates were announced for all serving Board members.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kate K. Cox".

Kate K. Cox  
Administrator