

STATE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY LICENSURE BOARD
Bureau of Occupational Licenses
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Board Meeting Minutes of 9/9/2016

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Corwin Sutherin - Chair
Kristin Guidry
Michael Spero

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Caren Deangelis
Diann Davis-Martin

BUREAU STAFF: Tana Cory, Bureau Chief
Dawn Hall, Administrative Support Manager
Lori Peel, Investigative Unit Manager
Maurie Ellsworth, General Counsel
Mitchell Toryanski, Legal Counsel
Debbie Toncray, Technical Records Specialist II

OTHERS PRESENT: Mel Henderson, Brown Mackie College
Chuck Willmarth, American Occupational Therapy Association
Kari Thompson, Idaho Occupational Therapy Association (IOTA),
Children's Therapy & Learning Center
Jen Howerton, Fieldwork Coordinator, Brown Mackie College
Kristine Atkinson, Brown Mackie College Student
Sarah Miller, Brown Mackie College Student
Jordin Jenkins, Idaho Occupational Therapy Association (IOTA),
All Care Home Health
Marissa Montamat, Brown Mackie College Student
Kay Lee Gould, Brown Mackie College Student
Erika Martin, Brown Mackie College Student
Kandice Johnson, Brown Mackie College Student
Jonathan Pay, Brown Mackie College Student
Joshua Johansen, Brown Mackie College Student
John Watts, Idaho Occupational Therapy Association (IOTA),
Veritas Advisors

The meeting was called to order at 9:12 AM MDT by Corwin Sutherin.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Guidry made a motion to approve the minutes of 3/4/2016, 4/8/2016, and 6/21/2016.
It was seconded by Mr. Spero. Motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Ms. Cory gave the legislative report. She talked briefly about Legislative deadlines, but the Board does not have any proposed laws or rules for the 2017 Legislative session.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Ms. Hall gave the financial report, which indicated that the Board had a cash balance of \$133,476.35 as of 8/31/2016.

2017 BOARD CONTRACT

Ms. Hall reviewed the 2017 contract with the Board. Mr. Spero made a motion to approve the 2017 Board Contract and have the Chair sign on behalf of the Board. It was seconded by Ms. Guidry. Motion carried.

INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

Ms. Peel gave the investigative report, which is linked above.

OPEN MEETING LAW PRESENTATION

Mr. Toryanski reviewed the open meeting law with the Board.

OLD BUSINESS

To Do List – The Board reviewed the to do list and no action was taken.

REVIEW DRAFT OF POSTCARD

The Board reviewed the draft language for a postcard to be sent to licensees regarding the recent rule changes for PDUs and the decrease in number of supervised hours to qualify to use deep thermal and electrotherapeutic modalities and wound care. Ms. Guidry made a motion to approve the postcard and have the Bureau send it to current licensees. It was seconded by Mr. Spero. Motion carried.

TELEHEALTH

Mr. Sutherin reviewed the question sent to him by an occupational therapist and his answer regarding telehealth and the type of supervision required within a school district setting. The Board discussed the rules regarding supervision and how licensees would follow those rules within a telehealth setting. Ms. Guidry made a motion to add the topic of the definition of supervision related to telehealth to the next agenda, and to have her work with Mr. Toryanski and consult with Mr. Henderson with Brown Mackie College, Mr. Willmarth with the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), Mr. Jenkins and Ms. Thompson with the Idaho Occupational Therapy Association (IOTA), and Mr. Conway with the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) on a draft of proposed language to present to the Board at its next meeting. It was seconded by Mr. Spero. Motion carried.

DISCIPLINE

Mr. Nelson presented a memorandum regarding case number OCT-2016-2. After discussion, the Board gave recommendations for appropriate discipline.

NEW BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Guidry made a motion that the Board go into executive session under Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(d) to consider records that are exempt from disclosure under the Idaho Public Records Law. The purpose of the Executive Session was to consider license application materials. It was seconded by Mr. Spero. The vote was: Mr. Sutherin, aye; Ms. Guidry, aye; and Mr. Spero, aye. Motion carried.

Ms. Guidry made a motion to come out of executive session. It was seconded by Mr. Spero. The vote was: Mr. Sutherin, aye; Ms. Guidry, aye; and Mr. Spero, aye. Motion carried.

APPLICATIONS

Ms. Guidry made a motion to approve the following for licensure:

OCTA-1660	Celeste Komanec
OCTA-1672	Rachel Newman
OCTA-1669	Taryn Riley (limited permit and then OT license)

It was seconded by Mr. Spero. Motion carried.

CE FOR REINSTATEMENT

The Board reviewed and approved the CE for reinstatement.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Ms. Guidry made a motion to re-elect Mr. Sutherin as the Chair. It was seconded by Mr. Spero. Motion carried.

NATIONAL BOARD FOR CERTIFICATION IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY (NBCOT) PRESENTATION – SHAUN CONWAY, SENIOR DIRECTOR OF EXTERNAL AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Mr. Conway gave a presentation regarding the services and the relationship of NBCOT with the state boards of occupational therapy. He provided a review of the NBCOT Navigator which is a web-based skills assessment which offers a series of tools and resources for registered occupational therapists (OTs) or occupational therapy assistants (OTAs). Mr. Conway said that NBCOT Navigator has tools that will help OTs and OTAs complete continuing education and professional development in line with various states' laws and rules and gain further competence, knowledge, and skill in various occupational therapy practices.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Sutherin invited those in attendance to make comments or ask questions. Mr. Henderson commented on the use of the tools in the NBCOT Navigator, and also urged the Board to review its CE rules to ensure that licensees are completing continuing education that will enhance their competency in providing OT services.

Mr. Willmarth with the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) agreed that the NBCOT Navigator is a useful tool but he has concerns regarding the acceptance of this tool for purposes of completion of continuing education requirements. Mr. Willmarth suggested that the Board set specific limitations for the use of the tools within NBCOT Navigator as qualifying continuing education for renewal purposes. He suggested that the Board take time to hold public hearings and receive comments prior to any further rule making for acceptable continuing education.

Mr. Willmarth said that the tools within NBCOT Navigator are not considered “traditional” continuing education but only as assessments of knowledge and skills, so he asked that the Board continue to be open to accepting other CE providers if it chooses to accept the tools within NBCOT Navigator. He suggested that the Board review the CE rules for the Texas OT Board along with a recent AOTA report about continuing education. Mr. Willmarth said he was opposed to the option of completion of the NBCOT certification as being acceptable as full satisfaction of the required continuing education for license renewal. He wants the Board to continue to have additional state requirements versus simply allowing NBCOT requirements as acceptable CE for license renewal.

Mr. Henderson inquired about the recent rule change to eliminate the Professional Development Unit (PDU) requirement. Mr. Sutherin and Ms. Guidry reviewed the Board’s process regarding the recent revisions to the CE rules.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Sutherin asked Ms. Toncray to obtain a copy of the AOTA Manual which was offered in the email sent by AOTA.

NEXT MEETING was scheduled for December 9, 2016 at 9:00 AM MST.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Guidry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:10 PM MDT. It was seconded by Mr. Sutherin. Motion carried.

Corwin Sutherin, Chair

Kristin Guidry

Caren Deangelis

Diann Davis-Martin

Michael Spero

Tana Cory, Bureau Chief