

Minutes of the South Carolina Board of Occupational Therapy
Regular Meeting
November 3, 2006
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
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 12:05 p.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. Ms. Remick seconded the motion. The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion: A motion was made by Ms. Turner to accept the June 30, 2006 minutes as printed. Ms. Hardin 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 1,247 licensed occupational therapists and 481 licensed occupational therapy assistants for a total of 1,728 licensees. She reported that three complaints have been investigated for reporting to the Board in FY 06 - 07. She noted that the Board has a hearing scheduled for March 23, 2007. She stated the hearing will follow the business meeting on that day.

Mrs. Cox reminded the Board that next renewal for licensees will be in March 2007. She reported it will be an on-line renewal with licensees being informed by the web site, by mailed notification, and by an article in the South Carolina Occupational Therapy Association (SCOTA) newsletter, *Script*. She reviewed the Random Audit of Continuing Education (CE) that will follow the renewal and the verification of audited licensees' National Board of Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) certification. Mrs. Cox stated she would bring information to the Board on the acceptable means of licensees reporting their CE hours. Ms. Cox also reviewed the on-line services available to the Board and the on-line services that are being developed for the Board.

She announced Mr. Holmes had attended the NBCOT's Annual Conference in Alexandria, Virginia on September 30, 2006 and she attended the SCOTA Conference on October 14, 2006. She provided a report from NBCOT that gave percentage results on the pass/failure rate on the national for the nation and for South Carolina for a twelve month period.

NBCOT Annual Conference Report:

Mr. Holmes reported on the NBCOT Annual Conference with the theme of Using Evidence in Occupational Therapy; he discussed AOTA resources and the new Model Practice Act; and he reported trends in regulation and status of regulation in the states. He also brought HIPDB and NPDB information to 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 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 occupational therapy. He provided copies of the decision. Ms. Turner asked Mr. Wilson to prepare a statement that the Board could use to explain the court's decision in case inquiries come to the Occupational Therapy Board regarding the matter.

DISCIPLINARY ISSUES:

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

Motion: A motion was made by Ms. Turner to accept the IRC's recommendation on Case Number 2006-2 for Dismissal. Ms. Ranson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Motion: A motion was made by Ms. Hardin to accept the IRC's recommendation on Case Number 2006-1 for Dismissal and Case Number 2005-1 for Formal Complaint. Ms. Remick seconded the motion. The motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Chairman Wilson reported that the Recovering Professional Program (RPP) discussion and the signing of a contract with RPP would be held over pending the determination of the cost of participation/membership. Mrs. Cox reported LLR and the Board continue to support the use of the services of RPP to protect the public. She reported that this matter is now in LLR management departments for decisions. She stated that when decisions were made by LLR she would report to the Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

Forms for reporting continuing education hours were discussed to include the form provided by the Board and the printed form that will be available from NBCOT's credential bank at some point. Mrs. Cox was asked to call to see when the credential bank will be available for use and for reporting CE hours. She was also asked to inquire on the verification methods NBCOT will use to verify the hours submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There was no public comment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mrs. Cox gave the membership status of the Board as one vacancy for a public member. She announced the Board meetings for 2007 were to be March 23, June 22, September 28, and December 7. She asked the Board to protect these dates on all calendars. She also announced that the Economic Interest Statements for the South Carolina Ethics Commission will be sent out by early 2007.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate K. Cox
Administrator