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Minutes of the South Carolina Board of Occupational Therapy Regular Meeting and Hearing June 27, 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
Joyce J. Branham, OTR/L
Susan M. Hardin, OTR/L
Janine P. Turner, OTR/L

Board members excused absence:

Linda H. Remick, COTA/L

Others present were:

Yari Alexander, LLR Investigator
Keb Ballard
Kate K. Cox, Board Administrator
Rob Douglas Cullens, OTR/L
Wayne Cullens
Eric Gore, Court Reporter
Dana Gray, OTR/L
Stephen John Henry, Esquire
Ryan Holt, LLR Law Clerk
Paula Magarle, LLR Litigation Attorney
Sheridon Spoon, Advice Attorney to the Board
Jamie Saxon, LLR Hearing Officer
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.

Motion: A motion was made by Mrs. Cox to approve an excused absence for Linda H. Remick, COTA. Mr. Holmes seconded the motion. The motion passed

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 March 28, 2008 minutes as printed. Ms. Hardin seconded the motion. The motion passed.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:

Motion: A motion was made by Ms. Turner to have the Chairman's Remarks follow the Board Hearing (RE: MOA) and an appearance of a licensee. Mr. Holmes seconded the motion. The motion passed.

BOARD HEARING – MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH STIPULATIONS (MOA):

Rob Douglas Cullens, OTR/L appeared before the Board with Mr. Henry, his counsel, regarding his signed MOA in a complaint matter. The State was represented by Ms. Magarle. Mr. Saxon was the Hearing officer. Mr. Gore served as the Court Reporter. The Board conducted the hearing. The Board deliberated in Executive Session.

Motion: A motion was made to issue Mr. Cullens the MOA and Stipulations. The motion was seconded. The motion passed.

APPEARANCE BEFORE THE BOARD REGARDING REINSTATEMENT:

Dana Gray, OTR/L, appeared before the Board for consideration for reinstatement of her lapsed license due to failure to renew. Mr. Gore served as the Court Reporter. According to Board policy on Unlicensed Practice, Ms. Gray needed to personally appear as she had practiced more than 60 days on a lapsed license. Ms. Gray made a statement to the Board and was asked questions by the Board and Mr. Saxon. The Board deliberated in Executive Session.

Motion: A motion was made to issue Ms. Gray a Final Order with a Public Reprimand regarding unlicensed practice and to reinstate her to active licensure. The motion was seconded.. The motion passed.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:

Dr. Wilson thanked the Board members for their attendance. She asked to reserve her remarks for later within the meeting.

REPORTS:

Administrator's Report:

Mrs. Cox reported the licensee totals to date are 1,319 licensed occupational therapists and 550 licensed occupational therapy assistants for a total of 1,869 licensees. She reported that she continues to be in contact with the Governor's Office for Board appointments. Mrs. Cox presented Ms. Williams report to track what schools are attended by applicants for licensure and from what states endorsement applicants are applying. The report was distributed.

Mrs. Cox reported on the Licensure Process study and notified the Board that some staff reallocations will be made and the LLR building will undergo some renovations in the late summer and fall which will affect some meeting dates. She announced the National Board of Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) Annual State Regulatory Conference will be held October 24 and 25, 2008 in Phoenix, AZ.

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 discussed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Motion: Ms. Turner made a motion to table the scheduled Unfinished Business on the Board's Agenda for June 27, 2008 until the next meeting of the Board. Mr. Holmes seconded the motion. The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Election of Officers for 2008:

Motion: Ms. Turner made a motion to nominate Dr. Wilson as the Chairman of the Board. Ms. Branham seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Motion: Ms. Turner made a motion to nominate Mr. Holmes as Vice Chairman of the Board. Ms. Hardin seconded the motion. The motion passed.

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

Ms. Turner requested that the Policy for Unlicensed Practice be reviewed at the next Board meeting. Mrs. Cox stated that she will place it on the upcoming Agenda.

Mrs. Cox reported that Jerry Burik of MUSC would like a presentation to be done for the graduating occupational therapy students in July 2008 as a part of the Capstone Program. He would like an overview on licensure and on the disciplinary process. Mrs. Cox stated that she can go on July 25, 2008 and will see about other presenters from LLR to assist in the presentation. Mr. Holmes and Ms. Hardin stated they will also check their schedules for the July 25, 2008 presentation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There was no public comment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Board was asked to be flexible regarding the next board meeting dates in 2008 due to anticipated remodeling in the building and moving of offices. Mrs. Cox stated that any new picture identification badges will be handled at the next meeting of the Board.