# South Carolina Board of Occupational Therapy Board Meeting Friday, February 6, 2015 110 Centerview Drive Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, Room 108 Columbia, South Carolina

### **Board members present:**

Lesly W. James, Ph.D., OTR/L, Chairperson Joyce J. Branham, OTR/L Ricardo Holmes, Sr., OTR/L Janine P. Turner, OTR/L

### Staff present:

Mary League, Advice Counsel Veronica Reynolds, Administrator Mack Williams, Administrative Assistant

### **Excused Absence:**

Susan Hardin, OTR/L, Vice Chair

Public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the South Carolina Board of Occupational Therapy office, lobby of the Kingstree Building and provided to all requesting persons, organizations and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act. A quorum was present at all times.

# Call to Order

Dr. James, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 10:46 a.m., Room 204, Kingstree Bldg, 110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina.

# Approval of the Agenda

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Mr. Holmes made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and approved.

### **Approval of the Minutes**

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Ms. Turner made a motion to approve the November 7, 2014 minutes with corrections. The motion was seconded and approved.

### Approval/Disapproval of Absent Members

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Ms. Branham made a motion to approve the absence of Ms. Hardin. The motion was seconded and approved.

Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE) Report: Mr. Love presented the statistical report, during the period January 1-December 31, 2014 nine (9) cases received, eight (8) cases closed and two (2) active investigations.

The Board reviewed the statistical report as information.

Mr. Love presented the IRC report to the Board. Case 2014-3 was recommended for dismissal, case 2014-6 recommended for formal complaint and case 2015-1 recommended for a letter of caution.

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Ms. Turner made a motion to accept the IRC recommendations for case 2014-3, 2014-6 and 2015-1. The motion was seconded and approved.

Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) Report: Mr. Hanks, Office of Disciplinary Counsel presented the ODC report to the Board, there were four (4) cases pending, which three (3) cases are in process by ODC one completing the final order and nine (9) cases closed over the past (365) three hundred and sixty five days.

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Mr. Holmes made a motion to accept the ODC report. The motion was seconded and approved.

<u>Finance Report</u>: Ms. Reynolds reviewed the finance report and reminded the Board to file with the ethics commission prior to the deadline of March 30, 2015 at 12:00 noon.

Ms. League, Esq.: Reminded the Board if approached by the media it should coordinate a response through the Office of Communications and if approached by the public in regards to interpretation of a statute or regulation forward the request to the Administrator. She also indicated the Board cannot lobby as a Board member and the Board does not have the authority to recommend or give an opinion on legislation.

Ms. Reynolds reviewed a letter from NBCOT. Would the Board be interested in allowing NBCOT to do their disciplinary reporting to HIPDB. The Board directed the Administrator to get clarification from NBCOT on what services are being offered.

# **Application Hearings**

**Jerdin Capil:** Mr. Capil made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel. The purpose of the hearing was to determine if a license should be granted as an Occupational Therapist.

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Ms. Turner made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice from counsel. The motion was seconded and approved.

[Executive Session:] No votes were taken during Executive Session. 11:49a.m.-11:59a.m.

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Ms. Turner made a motion to come out of Executive Session. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Motion:** In open session, Ms. Turner made a motion to grant a license to practice Occupational Therapy. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Stacey Green:** Ms. Green made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel. The purpose of the hearing was to determine if a license should be reinstated as an Occupational Therapist.

Ms. Turner recused herself from all proceeding.

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Mr. Holmes made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice from counsel. The motion was seconded and approved.

[Executive Session:] No votes were taken during Executive Session. 12:15p.m.-12:33p.m.

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Ms. Branham made a motion to come out of Executive Session. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Motion:** In open session, Mr. Holmes made a motion to issue a provisional license to obtain five hundred (500) clinical practice hours from an onsite licensed Occupational Therapist, take a Board approved course on ethics and complete the online jurisprudence exam. Upon completion of the five hundred (500) hours and ethics course the license will be reinstated. The motion was seconded and approved.

Ms. Wilbanks, SCOTA: Ms. Wilbanks invited the Board to speak at the South Carolina Occupational Therapy Association state conference on June 26, 2015. The Board accepted the invitation.

## **Discussion Items**

**Scope of Practice involving dry needling:** The Board discussed dry needling. The Board will revisit the subject at its next meeting, after conducting further research.

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Ms. Turner made a motion to amend the agenda to correct the erroneous online renewal form. The motion was seconded and approved.

### **Board Elections**

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Ms. Turner made a motion to keep current officers in place until the next meeting. The motion was seconded and approved.

# Adjournment

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Ms. Turner made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and approved. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

Veronica Reynolds

Administrator

Date