

## Minutes

The Occupational Therapy Advisory Committee of the Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision met on October 20, 2011, in accordance with the Open Meeting Act. The meeting was held at the office of the Board, 101 NE 51<sup>st</sup> Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Members present were:

Maggie Snook, OT, Chair  
Mary White, OT, Vice Chair  
Jamie Nevarez, OTA  
Anne Marie Grassmann, OT

Member absent:

Kristin Ford

Other present included:

Ruth Orr, Administrative Assistant  
Kathy Plant, Executive Secretary  
Bill O'Brien, Assistant Attorney General  
Elizabeth Scott, Assistant Attorney General

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. The first item of business was approval of the minutes from the June 30, 2011, Committee meeting. Ms. White moved to approve the minutes. Ms. Grassmann seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

A public hearing on permanent rule amendments was held. Amendments to **OAC 435:30 1 2. Definitions [AMENDED]** and **OAC 435:30-1-16. Responsible supervision [AMENDED]** were reviewed. Written comments from Christie O'Connor, OT and Ginger Castleberry, OT were reviewed. Further discussion of the rule was tabled until copies of the proposed language could be provided to members of the audience.

**LORNA SCHRINER, OT** appeared in response to a Complaint that had been filed against her by the Board alleging substance abuse. Ms. Scott briefed the Committee on Ms. Schriners on arrests for DUI, her previous discipline by the Board, her relapse into alcohol abuse and subsequent retreatment. Ms. Schriner had not practiced since June 2011. Ms. Schriner testified regarding her disease, treatment and recovery. Ms. Scott asked the Committee for their recommendation for disciplinary action. She said staff would propose an indefinite probation with close monitoring, a short suspension, continued counseling, medication management by a psychiatrist, sign a contract with APPA, and comply with court ordered items. The Committee discussed having her place of employment approved by the Board Secretary and letting the Board determine the length of suspension. Ms. Grassmann moved to accept staff's recommendation. Ms. White seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

The Committee continued with the public hearing on the proposed rule amendments. Persons appearing to offer comment were Peggy Renshaw, Jackie Reeves, OT, and Amy Jones, OTA applicant. Based on the comments the proposed amendments were modified to state that the primary supervisor must have access to the client's plan of care, require the OT to maintain a record of all consultations with the OTA and document rather than countersign the patient treatment record. Additionally, all occurrences of "Patient" were changed to "Client" to

accommodate various practice settings. Ms. Grassmann noted one difficulty for alternate supervisors was the inability for them to look up who they are listed as alternates for. Staff said they would look into adding that capability. Ms. White moved to recommend the Board adopt the proposed rule changes as amended. Ms. Snook seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**ANGELA JUNE AVERY, OTA** appeared in response to a Complaint that was filed for failure to comply with continuing education requirements and fraud in renewing OTA license. After the case was filed, Ms. Avery provided documentation of continuing education obtained during the appropriate compliance period. She explained that she had been living in the dorms while attending school and did not receive the notices and certified letter from the Board notifying her of the audit. After discussion with Ms. Avery, Ms. White moved to recommend the case be dismissed and a letter of no tolerance be placed in Ms. Avery's file. Ms. Grassmann seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**CARLA CATHLEEN LOTT** appeared in support of her application for reinstatement of Occupational Therapist licensure. Ms. Lott had been out of practice since 2005. She had met with the Committee in 2010 and was told to get 54 hours of CEUs and two months' practice under supervision. She said she was unable to meet the requirements at the time because she had to care for her children. Ms. White moved to recommend approval of the application pending satisfactory completion of two months (at least 264 hours) of practice under direct supervision and 64 hours of continuing education. Ms. Grassmann seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**GLEND A DARLENE BARNES** appeared in support of her application for Occupational Therapist licensure. Ms. Barnes had not practiced since 2009 but she had maintained her continuing education for her Texas license. Ms. Grassmann moved to recommend approval of the application pending satisfactory completion of her file and five continuing education hours to match Oklahoma requirements. Ms. Nevarez seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**AMY MCHATTAN JONES** appeared in support of her application for Occupational Therapy Assistant licensure. Ms. Jones had appeared before the Committee in 2006 at which time she was directed to obtain 80 hours of continuing education and one month of supervised practice. Ms. Jones testified regarding her work activities, which involved traveling so she was unable to complete the requirements at that time. Her last practice was in 2002. Ms. White moved to recommend approval of the application pending satisfactory completion of two months practice under direct supervision and 100 hours of continuing education, with at least half of those hours on-site. Ms. Nevarez seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

The application of **RICKI CHRISTINE HANNA** for Occupational Therapy Assistant licensure was the next item on the agenda. Ms. Hanna was not present. Ms. Grassmann moved to table the application until Ms. Hanna could appear. Ms. White seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Applications for licensure and reinstatement of licensure were considered. Ms. Nevarez moved to recommend approval of the following applications for Occupational Therapist licensure. Ms. Snook seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**BALARD, CHRISTOPHER WAYNE  
CLINE, SUZANNE MARIE**

**CASTANEDA, DAE SEGUERRA  
FANT, SHAUN RAY**

Ms. Grassmann moved to recommend approval of the following applications for Occupational Therapist licensure. Ms. White seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**GREEN, JASON CHRISTOPHER  
MCCOLLUM, KELLY KAY  
NEWMAN, SHELLY DAWN  
WALKER, ELAINE ALLEN**

**MOFFITT, ALYSSA LEE  
VOSKUHL, KRISTIN LYNN**

Ms. Snook moved to recommend approval of the following applications for Occupational Therapist licensure pending satisfactory completion of the files. Ms. Grassmann seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**EASTLAND, TAMARA KAY  
KALICH, NICOLE HELENE  
QUERUBIN, VIRGILIO PASA**

**GANN, JENNY LYNN  
KENNEDY, LAUREN MARIE**

Ms. White moved to recommend approval of the following application for reinstatement of Occupational Therapist licensure. Ms. Nevarez seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**ALEXANDER, VICTORIA LYNN  
PAYNE, HEIDI ELLEN**

**LINK, GLADYS BERNELLE**

Ms. Snook moved to recommend approval of the following applications for licensure as Occupational Therapy Assistants. Ms. Nevarez seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**ARIAS, SUAN ANN  
BANKS, HEATHER LEIGH  
COCHERAN, TIFFANY DAWN  
HENRY, JAIMIE DANIELLE  
PRIVETT, TASHA NIKOLE**

**AUBREY, KATHY LEE  
BELDSOE, ELIZABETH RENATÉ  
GRAY, KAREN KAY  
PATTERSON, KORY DON**

Ms. Grassmann moved to recommend approval of the following applications for licensure as Occupational Therapy Assistants pending satisfactory completion of the files. Ms. Nevarez seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**BROWN, JAMIE LYNN  
COLLINS, JOSHUA JERELL  
DEVONSHIRE, MAURINE NICOLE  
LEDUC, DENISE  
NELSON, LESLIE DAWN**

**CAMERO, OMAR TAREK BADON  
DANIELS, KELLIE RENÉE  
EMMONS, REGINA ANN  
MOORE, AMBER DAWN**

Ms. Nevarez moved to recommend approval of the following applications for licensure as Occupational Therapy Assistants pending satisfactory completion of the files. Ms. Snook seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**NEWTON, MARLEE BLAIR**  
**SCHOW, MELISSA MARY KATHRYN**  
**SUTTON, LESLIE ANN**

**OWENS, RUSTY RAY**  
**STONE, SHILA DEEANN**  
**ZOSCHKE, MEGHAN ELIZABETH**

A request from Christy O'Connor to supervise an additional OTA was considered. Ms. Grassmann moved to approve the petition since the additional OTA would practice only in the absence of other OTAs. Ms. Nevarez seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Continuing education requests for pre-approval were reviewed. Ms. Grassmann moved to approve the course *Evidence-Based Practice for Clinicians: It's Easier than You Think!* Offered by OUHSC Department of Rehab Sciences for 3.5 hours. Ms. Nevarez seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Ms. Nevarez moved to approve the course *Wound Care* offered by OUHSC Department of Rehab Sciences for five hours. Ms. Snook seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Ms. Nevarez clarified that the online format was not optimal for OTs learning wound care. An onsite course would be more effective.

Ms. Snook moved to deny the course *Spontaneous Muscle Release Technique: Head and Neck, with SMRT Cranial Sacral* Therapy offered by Full Circle based on lack of relevance to OT. Ms. Grassmann seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Ms. Snook moved to approve *Interventions for the Falling Patient* offered by Rehabsource for eight hours. Ms. Nevarez seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Ms. Nevarez moved to approve *Utilizing Dynasplints with the Neurological Population* offered by Dynasplint Systems for one hour. Ms. Grassmann seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Ms. Snook moved to approve *Enhancing the Therapist: Therapist Assistant Partnership* offered by OUHSC for three hours. Ms. Nevarez seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Ms. Grassmann moved to approve *Foundations of Dementia Care* offered by the Alzheimer's Association for 21 hours. Ms. Nevarez seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Ms. Grassmann moved to accept the recommendations of the Continuing Education Subcommittee on the remaining requests for continuing education credit. Ms. Snook seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. (See attachment #1)

Ms. Snook moved to set the following as meeting dates for 2012: April 5, July 19, October 18. Ms. Grassmann seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

The Chair called for new business. Ms. Snook said recently she has had several phone calls on OTAs performing reevaluations on recertification for continuing therapy for patients. Not permitted by practice act. A OTA can do standardized tests, collect data and make recommendations to their OT, but cannot change treatment goals. The Committee discussed

doing a short newsletter to educate OTs, OTAs and their employers about the role of OTAs in evaluations as set out in the rules at OAC 435:30-1-17. The Committee also discussed sending letters to some of the larger companies clarifying what an assessment is, which part is appropriate for the OTA and which part is required to be done by the OT.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The time was 11:57 a.m.