

Minutes

The Occupational Therapy Advisory Committee of the Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision met on April 4, 2013 in accordance with the Open Meeting Act. The meeting was held at the office of the Board, 101 NE 51st Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Members present were:

Mary White, OT, Chair
Jamie Nevarez, OTA, Vice Chair
Kari Garza, OT

Others present included:

Alecia George, AAG, Committee Advisor
Robyn Hall, Director of Licensing
Jan Ewing, Administrative Assistant

Noting that a quorum was present, Ms. White called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

The Committee reviewed the minutes from the January 17, 2013, Committee meeting. Ms. Garza moved to approve the minutes. Ms. Nevarez seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

DAVID CRESS appeared in support of his application for Occupational Therapist licensure. Mr. Cress had an arrest in January 2012 for public intoxication. Mr. Cress stated it had not happened before nor since. After review of the application, Ms. Nevarez moved to recommend approval of the application. Ms. Garza seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

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

JACALYN MARIE HAFNER

CYNTHIA AARONSON PIERCE

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

BRENDA HOWELL

ANGELA CHRISTINE PAYNTER

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

WENDY KATE AYDINYAN
SETH D. CHANDLER

TRAGENE ADDIS BRISTO

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

**LINDSAY MARIE CORY
JENNIFER LYNN CRONE
BRIANNA CHRISTINE FOX
KATRINA ANNETTE GILLHAM**

**CANDY ANN CRADDICK
FELICIA DELAPORTE
MALLORY NICOLE FREEMAN
KAMERIE LYNNAE HARRIS**

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

**LAUREN ASHLEY HASKELL
EMILY ELIZABETH KEY
SYDNEY ALANE MANN
PATTI MARSHALL NOWAK**

**MADISON J. HOOKER
SHERRY ANN KIOUS
KELLY KATHRYN NEAL
GABRIELLE M. PERKINS**

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

**MELISSA ASHLEY PHILLIPS
CLINTON JOSEPH SCHOLZ
KATHERINE PAIGE SMITH
ANDREA NICOLE WILLIAMS**

**WENDY NICOLE ROBERTSON
KARLI ELIZABETH SHEPHERD
APRIL LYNNE WHEELER
ANGELA NICOLE WILLIAMS**

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

**CRYSTAL LYNNE FOWER
APRIL C HIGHFILL
ABRINA MARIE KNEELAND
JANA DANIELLE MCCLARNEY
ANGELA R. NAVE**

**TABITHA NICOLE HASLEY
ANGELA JOY HURT
MICHAEL SCOTT LARKINS
BONNIE MEDLICOTT-BENWAY**

Ms. Garza moved to recommend approval of the following applications for licensure as Occupational Therapy Assistants:

**BRANDI COMBES
BRENDA L. FIELDS
TAYLOR PAIGE LINGLE**

**JODIE DENNY
NATHANIEL HENDRIX
GABRIELA C REYES**

She further moved to recommend approval of the following applications for licensure as Occupational Therapy Assistants pending satisfactory completion of the files:

**BRENTYA DESHON ALEXANDER WHITNEY CAPRI BACCUS
JORDAN BUTLER**

Ms. White seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

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

**MEGAN ELIZABETH OTT
HOPE ELIZABETH ROBBINS
KARIANN MICHELLE SMITH
MAUDIE A WEARSTLER
AMANDA D. YOCHAM**

**BRANDIE LYNN PHILLIPS
JANET SMITH
ELIZABETH ASHLEY STEWART
TERESA ANN WELLS**

Continuing education requests for pre-approval were reviewed. Ms. Nevarez moved to approve as reported. Ms. Garza seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. (See attachment #1)

A report on continuing education audits was reviewed. Ms. Hall stated 145 licensees were audited with a 136 approved. Five were presented to the Committee for review. Ms. Hall reported that one licensee's mother is dying so additional time will be given to her to respond. Three licenses have provided no response. Ms. White moved to have Complaints and Citations issued secondary to non-compliance with continuing education audits for the following:

Rochelle Crisp, OTA
Jennifer Marie Goucher, OTA
Diane Aliene Castro, OT

Ms. Nevarez seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Courses submitted by **SANDRA LEE NETTLETON, OT** in response to her audit were reviewed. Ms. White moved to find the additional courses were not relevant to the practice of OT; Ms. Nettleton needs an additional 12.75 hours to be in compliance. Ms. Nevarez seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Courses submitted by **DELA R. COLEMAN-POSEY, OT** in response to the audit were reviewed. Ms. Garza moved to approve the courses and Ms. Coleman-Posey's audit. Ms. White seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Courses submitted by **LORNA LORRAINE GANN-GIBBS, OTA** in response to the audit were reviewed. Ms. Nevarez moved to accept the courses and find Ms. Gann-Gibbs in compliance with the audit. Ms. White seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Courses submitted by **MICAH ANN PROSSER, OTA** in response to the audit were reviewed. Ms. Garza moved to accept the courses and find Ms. Prosser in compliance with the audit. Ms. White seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Courses submitted by **ASHLEE M'KALE BREWER, OTA** in response to the audit were reviewed. Ms. White moved that the courses submitted failed to meet the continuing education requirements adnt hat Ms. Brewer needs 12 more hours. Ms. Nevarez seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

The application of **TAMMY PHILLIPS-BROOKSHIRE** for reinstatement of Occupational Therapy Assistant license was considered. Ms. Phillips-Brookshire had been requested to meet with the Committee but was not present. Ms. Hall reported that Ms. Phillips-Brookshire's license had expired and she had been out of practice since 2009. Ms. White moved to table the application until Ms. Phillips-Brookshire could make a personal appearance before the Committee. Ms. Nevarez seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

The Committee discussed the OTs role in Early Intervention Routine-Based Interviews. Sherry Decker, OT had written a letter asking for clarification of her licensure requirements within the boundaries of SoonerStarts' Early Intervention program. Ms. White said a preset questionnaire is used to obtain input from family regarding their priorities, which makes the Resource Coordinator and other providers more accountable for meeting family goals. Ms. Decker had expressed discomfort with goals written by a non-professional. Ms. White clarified that the goals/routines are set by the family and, as provider, the OT can encourage but can't force them to accept other goals. Ms. White said she was not sure how to address Ms. Decker's concern other than to send the definitions of Occupational Therapy and OT scope of practice. The Committee discussed that Ms. Decker's chief concern was that she would be responsible for goals she did not write and that are outside her scope of practice. Additionally, she feared she may be responsible for services provided by paraprofessionals or nonprofessionals. The Committee directed that staff draft a letter for Ms. White's signature advising Ms. Decker that she is not responsible for services provided by paraprofessionals, only services that she provides. If she is not comfortable providing certain services, then she could state specifically which goals she is addressing. According to Gina Richardson of SoonerStart, the Resource Coordinator can be asked at anytime to have the goals amended if necessary throughout treatment.

A letter from Raffy Ballesteros, PT and Julia Newberry, OT was read. They asked for guidance on the use of telehealth services in occupational and physical therapy. After discussion, the Committee decided to form a subcommittee with representation from occupational therapy, physical therapy and speech therapy. Additional input would be sought from the University of Oklahoma's Technology department, through which telemedicine is being used. Ms. Garza was asked to check with the VA to see if anyone has utilized telehealth there. Ms. Nevarez said she would contact Mickki Patten, OT to see if she or someone she knows will serve. Staff was directed to contact OU's Technology department.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The time was 10:52 a.m.