

**THERAPEUTIC RECREATION COMMITTEE  
of the Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision**

**Minutes of the Meeting for August 18, 2011**

The Therapeutic Recreation Committee met on August 18, 2011 in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

Members Present:

Jerry Jordan, Ph.D., TRS  
David Welch, TRS  
Jerel Cowan, Ph.D.

Members absent:

Amy Whitmarsh, MS, TRS  
Mr. Scott Jordan

Others Present:

Kathy Plant, Executive Secretary  
Robyn Hall, Director of Licensing

Noting that a quorum was present, Dr. Jordan called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

The minutes from the January 20, 2011, meeting were reviewed. Mr. Welch moved to approve as written. Dr. Cowan seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Billy Stout, MD and Mr. Lyle Kelsey presented information on the Allied Professional Peer Assistance program. Mr. Kelsey explained the need for the program, the history of the development of the program, and the organization and staffing of the program. Dr. Stout said Medical Board members had always been concerned about inconsistencies in the way allied professionals were evaluated and treated compared to physicians, most likely for economic reasons. This program was developed to provide a consistent, economic, but quality, professional, state-of-the-art program for the allied professionals licensed by the Board.

The application of **JENNIFER LYNNE BRIDGES** for licensure as a Therapeutic Recreation Specialist was reviewed. The Committee discussed requiring one month of supervised practice since she had not practice Therapeutic Recreation for five years. Dr. Cowan moved to recommend approval of the application pending satisfactory completion of one month of practice under the director supervision of a licensed TRS. Mr. Welch seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

The application of **REBECCA DYAN BUSH** for licensure as a Therapeutic Recreation Specialist was considered. Dr. Cowan moved to recommend approval of the application. Mr. Welch seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

The application of **SANDRA GLORIA BLACK** for licensure as a Therapeutic Recreation Specialist was considered. Mr. Welch moved to recommend approval of the application pending satisfactory completion of her file. Dr. Cowan seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

The Committee discussed education and marketing promoting Therapeutic Recreation Specialist Licensure. Dr. Jordan said the state association has tried the past couple of years to get word out about licensure but he thought more needed to be done. The Committee discussed sending out information to hospitals and rehab facilities about the need for licensure. Staff was directed to get mailing list from the Oklahoma Healthcare Authority, the Department of Health, and the Oklahoma Hospital Association and send a mailing regarding licensure.

The terms of Committee members were reviewed. Dr. Jordan reported that Amy Whitmarsh is resigning so a list of nominees is needed from TRAO. He would ask them to send a list to the Board.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The time was 3:40 p.m.