

Minutes

The Occupational Therapy Advisory Committee of the Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision met on October 21, 2021 in accordance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act. Advance notice of this regular meeting was transmitted to the Oklahoma Secretary of State on November 10, 2020. The notice and agenda were posted on the Board's website on October 18, 2021 at 9:18 a.m. pursuant to 25 O.S. § 311.9.

Members Present:

April Tate, Public Member, Chair
Mary White, OT, Vice-Chair
Kari Garza, OT
Jeanne Gallien Gorman, OT
Jennifer Wallace, OTA

Others Present:

Lyle Kelsey, Executive Director
Barbara Smith, Executive Secretary
Lisa Cullen, Director of Licensing
Valeska Barr, Assistant Director of Licensing
Thomas Schneider, AAG, Committee Advisor

Having noted a quorum, Ms. Tate called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Following Committee review, Ms. White moved to accept the meeting minutes of July 8, 2021 as written. Ms. Garza seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

TARA LOONEY, Occupational Therapist, appeared virtually in support of her request to supervise more than four (4) Occupational Therapy Assistants. Ms. Looney advised the Committee that there are other OTs at her facility but they are unable to supervise OTAs at this time. They are a specialty clinic and located in a rural area and that makes it difficult to find practitioners. She currently meets with all OTA staff for 30-45 minutes one day per week either in person or virtually. She stated that her staff OTAs are not allowed to see more than six patients per day. An OTR has been hired who will begin supervising one of Ms. Looney's OTAs upon graduation. Ms. Garza stated in the past the Committee has looked at how many weeks the OTAs are being supervised. Ms. White stated that also in the past a supervision log was required for OTs who supervise more than four OTAs. Following discussion, Ms. White moved to recommend approving the request for a period of one year from October 21, 2021 with a supervision log submitted for review prior to the regularly scheduled January 27, 2022 Committee meeting with a personal appearance if requested. Ms. Garza seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Lisa Cullen will send an example of a supervision log to Ms. Looney to use as a template.

TIFFANY TRAXLER did not appear virtually in support of her application for reinstatement of her Occupational Therapy Assistant licensure. Ms. White moved to table this

matter pending a personal appearance. Ms. Wallace seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

The Committee then reviewed applications for licensure. Ms. Gorman moved to recommend approval of the following incomplete applications for Occupational Therapy Assistant licensure pending completion of the files. Ms. White seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**FRAZER, KRISTEN
RATION, CHEYENNE J
LANE, SYDNEY
LAWRENCE, MACKENNA LYNN
ELLISON, KYLI LOVE**

**THOMPSON, CIELO M
SCHNEIDER, MEREDITH
KUHLMAN, TERESA
SLADE, JENNIFER ANN**

Ms. Wallace moved to recommend approval of the following incomplete applications for Occupational Therapy Assistant licensure pending completion of the files. Ms. White seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**PLUMB, BREANNE N
BURLESON, MARISA
CONE, LENA KRYSTAL
MILLER, AIMEE LYNN**

**WATSON, KIRSTIN NICOLE
PARKER, CALLISON FAITH
BOUNDS, KHARISSA RYAN**

Ms. White moved to recommend approval of the following complete applications for Occupational Therapy Assistant licensure. Ms. Garza seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**ADAMS, ANGELA JANELL
BECKHAM, CALLIE LAUREN
CHANCEY, ASHLEY R
ADY, MARY TEKLA**

**HOGGATT, SYDNEY NICHOLE
BROOKS, JOSEY DESLYNN
WELTY, ABBY RUTH
BLAYLOCK, DELANEY CHRISTINE**

Ms. Garza moved to recommend approval of the following complete applications for Occupational Therapy Assistant licensure. Ms. Gorman seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**SPENCER, MARIE DIXON
SIMMONS, JOHN MAYTON
ECHELLE, SHANNON MARIE
BRESHERS, AMELIA VICTORIA
RAMIREZ, CRISTINA**

**LOE, BRIANNE MICHAELA
HILL, BRIANNA NICOLE
GRITTS, SARAH
CANTRELL, NATHANIEL QUENTIN
LANE, MEAGAN DARLENE**

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

**DUNAGAN, TYLER JORDAN
MATTHIESSEN, ANGELA
HAWXHURST, PAMELA**

**MERHOUT, LAUREN MONET
GALLEA, ELISABETH GRAYCE**

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

MCLENNON, LEAH BETH

HOLMAN, CHERYL D

Ms. Wallace moved to recommend approval of the incomplete application of **CHARLOTTE LISTON** for reinstatement of her Occupational Therapist licensure pending completion of the file. Ms. Garza seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

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

REDISKE, SARAH

MILLER, JORDAN NICOLE

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

**DEGARMO, BETH ASHLEY
SMITH, MCKENZIE REECE
YOUNG, PAULA G**

**TRESS, ALEXANDRIA
SCHROEDER, CHRISTINE MARIE**

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

**WIDENER, BAILEY RENEE
EAGER, HEATHER MICHELLE
PEREA, RAQUEL**

**JACOBSON, EMILY ANN
POOL, COURTNEY LYNN
HARKEY, LORIANA CARMAE**

Lisa Cullen presented courses previously recommended for approval by the subcommittee. Ms. Garza moved to approve the CEU courses previously recommended for approval. Ms. White seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. *(See Attachment #1)*

Ms. Garza moved to table CEU course numbers 224, 225 and 226, which were previously recommended for denial by the subcommittee, for further review. Ms. Gorman seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. *(See Attachment #1)*

Ms. Garza opened a discussion regarding providing "CEU expectations" to all interested parties. Ms. Garza advised that she and Ms. White will be presenting at OKOTA at the meeting scheduled for October 22, 2021. She issued a staff directive to revise the CEU document on the website to show two hours of telehealth CEUs and add a checkbox for teleworking, if applicable. Mr. Kelsey stated that if practitioners are practicing telehealth, the application can be changed to ask if telehealth is being practiced and then that may be tracked. Lisa Cullen then presented a demo to the committee on the PT CEU portal. The Committee thanked Lisa for the demonstration. Ms. Garza requested that a report regarding the OKOTA meeting and CEU reporting options be placed on the next agenda. Ms. Garza then provided information from the 2021 Certification Databook (National Disciplinary Action Summary 2019-2020 Breakdown.) The Committee thanked Ms. Garza for the information. *(See Attachment #2)*

The OTA students from Oklahoma City Community College, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma were welcomed. The Committee opened the floor for a question-and-answer session. The Committee and licensing staff answered questions of the students and the students thanked the Committee for its time.

There being no further business, Ms. Garza moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. White seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. The time was 10:40 a.m.