

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY MINUTES

July 13, 2001

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sue Elcik, Julie Kadnar, Sherlee Keough, Jan Corson, and Mary Woodbury

OTHERS PRESENT: Diane Staples, Board Clerk; Elaine Thibodeau, Board Administrator; Judy Peters, AAG

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Jan Corson at 9:25 a.m.

Jan introduced new Board Member Mary Woodbury, OTR/L to the Board.

Board members presented Administrator Elaine Thibodeau and Board Clerk Diane Staples with copies of letters of commendation they had sent to the Governor's Office and an expression of appreciation for their ongoing service to the Board, which had just concluded a comprehensive revision of its rules.

CONTINUING EDUCATION REVIEW

The Board reviewed CEU submissions at the beginning of the meeting.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Sue Elcik and seconded by Sherlee Keough to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2001 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

LICENSE APPROVALS

A motion was made by Sherlee Keough and seconded by Sue Elcik to approve 11 occupational therapists, 1 occupational therapy assistant, 8 temporary occupational therapists, and 5 temporary occupational therapy assistants since the last meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTARY

Elaine reported that --

- legislation has been enacted regarding the granting of hardship deferments for continuing education (Public Law 2001, Chapter 285, "An Act to Allow Boards of Professions to Grant Hardship Deferments"). OL&R will be conducting an across-the-board rulemaking exercise at some time within the next few months.
- there is a rulemaking hearing this morning pertaining to the treatment of late renewals. The late fee, which currently is \$10 for most boards, will be increased to \$50.00 across the board, but no penalties will be imposed by this office for unlicensed practice during the first 90 days following what would have been the normal renewal date. (The ability of third-party payors, such as Medicare and insurers, to withhold reimbursement for services rendered by unlicensed practitioners will be unaffected by this change.) The comment period ends July 27, 2001.
- disciplinary actions are now being posted on the website for 2000 and 2001. This Board has only one posted for that time period.
- Staff Attorney Jeff Frankel is working on a Board member newsletter which will be e-mailed to board members and posted on the OLR website (<http://www.state.me.us/pfr/olr/index.htm>).

COMPLAINT OFFICER'S REPORT

OT-008: Judy Peters and Sue Elcik presented the complaint with a recommendation to dismiss. Julie Kadnar moved and Sherlee Keough seconded to dismiss the complaint on the grounds that there is no evidence of a violation. Motion passed with 4 in favor and 1 recusal (Sue Elcik).

Judy Peters explained the complaint process.

CORRESPONDENCE

A licensee whose license lapsed in 1997 and her NBCOT had lapsed also. She had taken the test 20 years ago. The Board decided she would just need to reapply for licensure.

NBCOT- Glitches in the registration process for people who fail the exam and being able to get in for the next exam
Also a press release that they are working with AOTA on a CEU requirement for recertification.

MISCELLANEOUS

An application from Jennifer Cernak in which she has not renewed her NBCOT certification. As she is not current the Board has decided to require verification of her current license. Jan Corson moved that we request verification from Massachusetts and if the verification comes back fine the license will be issued. Sherlee Keough seconded. Passed unanimously.

Sherlee Keough is recovering from knee surgery and has decided she will not be able to attend the conference in September. The Board decided that Jan Corson will go in her place.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for September 21, 2001 at 9:15 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane L. Staples, Board Clerk