

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY MINUTES
September 21, 2001

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Julie Kadnar

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Jan Corson at 9:20 a.m.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Sue Elcik and seconded by Sherlee Keough to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2001 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

LICENSE APPROVALS

A motion was made by Sherlee Keough and seconded by Mary Woodbury to approve 12 occupational therapists, 1 occupational therapy assistant, 4 temporary occupational therapists, and 1 temporary occupational therapy assistants since the last meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTARY

Elaine could not attend this meeting, as her presence was required at a Social Work hearing.

COMPLAINT OFFICER'S REPORT

Complaint Number OT-009 has been filed. There has not been a response received from the licensee as of yet. After the response is received, the complaint will be investigated and put on the agenda for a meeting in the future.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board received correspondence from Alpha One with questions regarding supervision guidelines for Occupational Therapists that may not fit the standard model for practicing. If the person is providing occupational therapy, the rules need to be followed, and if not, then we do not regulate it. Alpha One also asked what had been the nature of the complaints that had caused the change in the rules. (The rules changes were not based on complaints, but from licensees requesting guidance in supervision issues and for the protection of the public. All of the complaints received have been based on ethical violations.) Jan will draft a letter based on the comments and discussion.

The Board received a letter asking for guidance on the legal implications of three issues. 1) Can the administrator of a health care facility direct that a PT do an OT patient evaluation? A PT may not override a doctor's order for OT. 2) Can administration direct that PTs administer OT treatments? No, that is practicing without a license. 3) Can the OT plan of care be disregarded, if this results in inadequate frequency of treatments? No. Jan will write a letter addressing these questions.

The Board received a letter from Anne O'Sullivan thanking them for the acknowledgement for her work on the Board's Rules.

The Board received a letter from AOTA regarding the rules changes dealing with the certification and designation section. Jan will respond.

The Board received a letter from NBCOT announcing Paul Grace as their new Executive Director.

MISCELLANEOUS

Temporary license for Katey McFadden: She failed the exam and requests a renewal of the temporary license. She has a letter from her supervisor and place of employment. Sue Elcik moved to extend the temporary license. Sherlee Keough seconded. Passed unanimously.

Temporary license for Katherine Pike: She failed the exam and has letters from her supervisor and place of employment. Sue Elcik moved to extend the temporary license. Sherlee Keough seconded. Passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2001 at 9:15 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane L. Staples, Board Clerk