

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY MINUTES
January 18, 2002

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

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Jan Corson at 9:15 a.m.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Sue Elcik and seconded by Sherlee Keough to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2001 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

LICENSE APPROVALS

A motion was made by Sue Elcik and seconded by Sherlee Keough to approve 15 occupational therapists, 4 occupational therapy assistants, 7 temporary occupational therapists, and 1 temporary occupational therapy assistant since the last meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION

Alpha One-The Board had copies of the information that Alpha One had sent. The issue is the role of Occupational Therapy Assistants. Kathy Adam from Alpha One presented information regarding the personnel at their facility regarding mixed professionals in health fields. They are non medical, non prescribed, and not referred by a physician. Alpha One is consumer directed. They have three COTAs that are not providing care and treatment and are consultative only. They are advanced level COTAs. They complete a standard medical form assessment. They are not billing for OT services except for wheelchair assessment which is done by a COTA with an OT co-signing. They do sign the forms with their credentials of COTA. The Board stated that if the COTA is using the initials after their name (Medicaid requires an OT or an RN signature for billing), then the public perception and Medicaid perception is that Occupational Therapy services have been provided. Therefore, if the credentials are being used, then the rules regarding supervision must be followed.

ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTARY

Elaine --

- announced that the Board Training Seminar will be June 13, but it will be only a half-day, rather than an all day training.

- the legislature is in "short session", in which carry-over bills from the odd-numbered years and emergency bills are intended to be considered, but some new legislative documents have been proposed. One of these (LD #1911, "An Act Regarding Certain Educational Requirements for Licensed Social Workers") would reverse the requirement, legislated last year to take effect on July 1, of this year, that applicants for a LSW license have a BSW degree: Only 22% of current LSWs have a BSW and 52% have related degrees, and 26% have degrees in unrelated fields.

- gave a budget update.

COMPLAINT OFFICER'S REPORT

Sue Elcik reported that there is one complaint pending that is not ready for presentation as of yet.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board received:

- A letter from Barbara Plummer informing the Board of the institution of an organization called OTCBA (Occupational Therapy Certification Board of America), which intends to confer a lifetime credential,
- A letter from AOTA regarding continuing competence,
- A letter from Mary Buxton, a previous Board member, informing the Board of her travels, and
- A draft of physical agent modalities paper from Denise Wilson of MEOTA. Jan sent her back her comments.

MISCELLANEOUS

Jan received a call from Pat Plummer with questions regarding the rules pertaining to the discharge of patients with a team assessment.

Sue received a call regarding COTAs doing assessments and the difference between "assessments" and "evaluations." KVTEC is saying that COTAs can do assessments but not evaluations. Sue advised her to write a letter to the Board requesting clarification. Jan will call KVTEC regarding this issue.

The Board approved a new supervisor's affidavit, to include the addition of place of employment and the instruction to provide a separate form for each place of employment.

The NBCOT conference has been rescheduled for April 5, 6, and 7. Julie and Jan had been planning to go in September, but Jan has a schedule conflict in April, and recommended that someone else be sent in her place. Sue made a motion, which Sherlee seconded, to have Julie Kadnar and Mary Woodbury attend the conference. Motion passed unanimously. Diane will send the travel forms to Julie and Mary.

Sherlee Keough moved to keep the current officers in place for this year, Mary Woodbury seconded. Motion passed unanimously that Jan Corson will remain Chair of the Board and Sue Elcik will stay in the position of Complaint Officer.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2002 at 9:15 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane L. Staples, Board Clerk