

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY MINUTES

March 19, 2004

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sue Elcik, Shelley Rau, Mary Woodbury, Julie Kadnar, and Sherlee Keough

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Diane Staples, Board Clerk; Penny Vaillancourt, Administrator;

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Sue Elcik at 9:25 a.m.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Shelley Rau and seconded by Mary Woodbury to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2004 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

LICENSE APPROVALS

A motion was made by Mary Woodbury and seconded by Julie Kadnar to approve 13 occupational therapists, 7 temporary occupational therapists, and 1 temporary occupational therapy assistant since the last meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATORS COMMENTARY

Penny Vaillancourt reported that the department will send out an advisory notification to all new applicants regarding the new federal requirement that immigrants/non-immigrants must obtain a Health Care Worker Certification by July 26, 2004, and will post the contact information on the department's website.

Effective July 1, 2004, all of OLR's health-related boards that are responsible for reporting to Healthcare Integrity Protection Data Bank (HIPDB) will require an applicant to submit a self-query report from HIPDB as part of the application process to obtain prior disciplinary action taken in another state/jurisdiction.

COMPLAINT OFFICERS REPORT

Shelley Rau reported no new complaints.

Sue Elcik reported that Rebecca Dick's supervisor as sent in the quarterly report per the consent agreement.

CORRESPONDENCE

Sue Elcik received an e-mail from a therapist who works in the school system and has been asked to sign an authorization of services form for reimbursement from Maine Care. The terminology on the form is "licensed practitioner of the healing arts". The therapist wanted to know if this was acceptable with the board's rules. The board discussed that they are using the term to blanket several occupations and that there is a place to write in on the form that it was for OT services and the signature should include the licensure designation so the Board feels that this does not violate any of the Board's statutes. Sue Elcik will respond to the licensee.

Sue Elcik responded to an e-mail regarding the issue of modalities that the board does not restrict practice.

NBCOT sent a report that there has been a decline in testing. They also send copies of the candidate handbook and a survey regarding the authorization to test letter.

AOTA sent the board a state affairs group newsletter, the continuing competence guidelines, and a review of the definition of OT Practice.

MISCELLANEOUS

Judy Peters will be on vacation from May 6, 2004 to May 11, 2004.

Karen Demmons has submitted the continuing education units to fulfill the consent agreement. The board accepted the submission.

Julie Kadnar proposed a question regarding a conference which is being given at the University of Maine and whether it would be considered academic or workshop for continuing education. The Board deemed that this would be a workshop.

Shelley Rau's travel to the annual conference in April has been approved.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Julie Kadnar moved and Mary Woodbury seconded to re-elect Sue Elcik as Chair of the Board. Motion passed unanimously.

Mary Woodbury moved and Julie Kadnar seconded to re-elect Shelley Rau as Complaint Officer. Motion passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING

The Board decided to cancel the April meeting.
The next meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2004 at 9:15 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane L. Staples, Board Clerk