

MINUTES
UTAH
BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
MEETING

September 17, 2013

Room 475 – 4th Floor – 9:00 a.m.
Heber Wells Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

CONVENED: 9:10 a.m.

ADJOURNED: 10:00 a.m.

Bureau Manager:
Acting Board Secretary:

Debra Hobbins, DNP, APRN, LSUDC
Boyce Barnes

Conducting:

Leslie Adler

Committee Members Present:

Leslie Joan Adler
Loriann Helgeson
Van Neilson, public member
JoAnne Wright, Ph.D.

Committee Members Excused:

Mary Gainer

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Introduction of Debra Hobbins, Bureau
Manager:

Dr. Hobbins introduced herself and gave a brief overview
of Bureau 7.

June 26, 2012 Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the June 26, 2012
minutes. The motion was seconded. All Board members
voted in favor of the motion.

Oath of Office:

Dr. Hobbins administered the Oath of Office for Loriann
Helgeson, Van A. Neilson and JoAnne Wright.

Election of Chair:

Mr. Neilson made a motion nominating Leslie Alder as
Board chair. JoAnne Wright seconded the motion. All
Board members voted unanimously to approve Ms. Alder
as Board chair.

Environmental Scan – discussion of issues
and updates regarding the Occupational
Therapy profession:

Dr. Hobbins reported that there were fewer licensed OTAs
this renewal period. Board members indicated there are
fewer OT/OTA jobs and the reasons for this may be due
to health care changes, full-time jobs becoming part-time
jobs and women choosing to stay home and raise children.

OTA supervision - can the COTA see a child on a regular monthly visit without supervision:

The Board discussed OTA supervision. Supervision is address in the OT Practice Act, subsection 52-42a-306. Dr. Hobbins reported changes to the Practice Act would need to go through the legislative process.

COTA discharging a patient:

The Board determined that a COTA could discharge a patient if there are no changes to the evaluation; the patient has completed or met their clearly defined goals; and the occupational therapist co-signs the discharge.

Board members recommended the addition to the Utah Occupational Therapy Act Rule under R156-42a-102. Definitions: (add a new number 3) (3) Discharge procedure means a COTA, after consultation with a supervising OT, may discharge an individual from ongoing service provided there is no evaluation component required. The supervising OT shall co-sign the documentation.

A motion was made to adopt the addition to Rule. The motion was seconded. All Board members voted in favor of the motion.

Open and Public Meetings Act Training:

Dr. Hobbins provided training on the Open and Public Meetings Act.

Next meeting:

The Board discussed having quarterly meetings. The next meeting will be held either January 14, 2014 at 9:30 a.m., or January 28, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.

1/28/14

Date Approved



Leslie Adler, Chair
Occupational Therapy Licensing Board

1/28/14

Date Approved



Debra Hobbins, Bureau Manager,
Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing