Minutes

UTAH BOARD
OF
RECREATIONAL THERAPY

April 18, 2017
Room 475 – 4th Floor
Heber M. Wells Building
160 E. 300 S. Salt Lake City, Utah

CONVENE D: 9:07 A.M.

Bureau Manager: Dane Ishihara
Board Secretary: Lee Avery

Board Members Present: Kristina Couron, Chairperson
Mindy Smith, Vice Chairperson
Julie Powelson
Paul Killpack

Guests: Shea Sheeran
Pam Egelund
Karie Swenson
Alison Conover

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:
1. Read and Approve the minutes
The minutes dated October 15, 2017 were reviewed. Mr. Killpack made a motion to approve as is. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS:
9:12 A.M. – Shea Sheeran, review application and CH
Ms. Shea Sheeran met with the Board regarding her application and criminal history. Ms. Couron conducted the interview. Ms. Sheeran reviewed her criminal history with the Board. She has been clean since November 2012 and completed parole March 28, 2017. Since release from prison she went to Provo City and completed the PRT program and have been working at Steps Recovery. Ms. Sheeran stated she plans to continue moving forward working in the field and continuing her education. When she is able, she will have her criminal history expunged. Mr. Ishihara advised the Board the Division is looking for the Board’s recommendation for one of the following:
1. Deny Ms. Sheeran a license due to her criminal history
2. Issue her a license with conditions (probation license)
3. Issue her a license with no conditions
Ms. Powelson made a motion to approve license without conditions. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

9:29 A.M. — Alison Conover, review education program she is developing
Ms. Conover met with the Board to review the education program she is developing for recreational therapists. Ms. Conover stated she is currently working as a TRS, CTRS and in the Health Promotion and Education Master’s program at the University of Utah. This program does not have a dedicated TR "emphasis" area. She is making her program TR focused. Ms. Conover noted that she has an MTRS and a Psychiatrist on her graduate committee and is developing a Therapeutic Recreation Resiliency program for people with eating disorders to help transition them from residential facilities to outpatient care. For her project she will be piloting this program as a Therapeutic Recreation Specialist in the community. The Board encouraged Ms. Conover to continue with her current education program at the U of U, obtain her license and then work on her program. The Board encouraged her seek input from fully licensed Recreational Therapists with expertise in the area of eating disorders.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:
1. Open & Public Meeting Act Training
Mr. Ishihara reviewed the Open & Public Meeting Act Training with the Board. He encouraged members to contact him with any questions.

2. Administrative Rule Update
The Board reviewed proposed language change to R156-40 Recreational Therapy Practice Act Rule. Mr. Ishihara will make the recommended changes. The Board decided to have an electronic meeting May 2, 2017 at 10:00 A.M. to review the updated language change. Mr. Ishihara

3. DOPL’s role in ensuring licensing qualification in the survey process.
The Board expressed concern regarding surveyors going to agencies and reviewing the agencies Compliance with the current statutes and rules. Mr. Ishihara advised the Board that DOPL is a complaint driven agency. DOPL Investigators respond to a complaint received. Randomly go to agencies to verify licensee’s compliance with licensure statutes and rules. Mr. Ishihara Noted that “surveyors” are from Utah Health Care and the agencies need to work with them directly.

4. University of Utah degree title —
The Board briefly reviewed the transcripts for the University of Utah degree, noting the education requirement is appropriate for the recreational therapy profession.

5. Elect Chairperson
Mr. Killpack nominated Ms. Couron as Chairperson. Ms. Smith seconded the nomination. The nomination carried unanimously.
6. Elect Vice Chairperson
Ms. Smith nominated Ms. Powelson for the Vice Chairperson. Mr. Killpack seconded the nomination. The nomination carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR: 
May 2, 2017, electronic meeting to review updated proposed language change to R156-40.

October 17, 2017

ADJOURN:
The Board meeting adjourned at 10:13 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.

Date Approved
10/4/17

Chairperson, Utah Recreational Therapy Licensing Board

Date Approved
10/17/2017

Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing