PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: Board of Occupational Therapy Practice

MEETING DATE AND TIME: January 6, 2010 at 4:30 p.m.

PLACE: 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware
Conference Room A, Cannon Building

MINUTES APPROVED: February 3, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT

Nancy Broadhurst, Professional Member, Chairperson
Wendy Mears, Professional Member, Vice-Chairperson
Kimberly Pierson, Professional Member
Rosemarie Vanderhoogt, Public Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Eileen Heeney, Deputy Attorney General
Gayle Melvin, Administrative Specialist III

ALSO PRESENT

Megan Bever
Robin Walls

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Mears called the meeting to order at 4:39 p.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the November 4, 2010 meeting. Ms. Vanderhoogt made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pierson to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was unanimously carried.
NEW BUSINESS

Ratify Applications for Occupational Therapist/Occupational Therapy Assistant

Ms. Vanderhoogt made a motion, seconded by Ms. Mears to ratify the following applications:

Nikki Couloumbis – Occupational Therapist
Geraldine Healy Marini – Occupational Therapist
Melody Johnson – Occupational Therapy Assistant
Lysa Shocket – Occupational Therapist
Kara Simmeth – Occupational Therapist
Pauline Zangrillo – Occupational Therapist
Thomas Schmelzer – Occupational Therapy Assistant
Brenda Burditt – Occupational Therapy Assistant
Tammy Blades – Occupational Therapy Assistant

The motion was unanimously carried.

Review of Continuing Education Activities

Ms. Mears made a motion, seconded by Ms. Broadhurst to approve the following continuing education courses:

Institute for Natural Resources
   Left-Handedness & Right Handedness – 3 hours

Core Seminars, LLC
   The Shoulder – Injury and Disease: Evaluate and Treat – 7 hours
   Aerobic Exercise for Aging Adults – 1.5 hours
   Progressive Resistance Exercise With Elastic Bands – 1.5 hours

Therapy Services of Delaware
   Sensational Principles: Using Sensory Integration with Diverse Populations – 6.25 hours

PRO Physical Therapy
   Examination and Intervention of the Brachial Plexopathy Patient – 10 hours

Medtronic, Inc.
   Focus on Rehabilitation: Advances in Spasticity Management – 4 hours

Kim Pierson
   Special Children, Special Needs: A Team Approach to Meeting the Challenges – 5 hours

The motion was unanimously carried.

Ms. Mears made a motion, seconded by Ms. Broadhurst to table the following continuing course for additional information:

Christiana Connors – Delaware Academy of Medicine
   Mini Medical School
The motion was unanimously carried.

Election of Officers

Ms. Pierson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Mears to nominate Ms. Broadhurst as Chairperson. The motion was unanimously carried.

Ms. Pierson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Vanderhoogt to nominate Ms. Mears as Vice-Chairperson. The motion was unanimously carried.

Ms. Vanderhoogt made a motion, seconded by Ms. Mears to nominate Ms. Pierson as Secretary. The motion was unanimously carried.

HEARING

4:45 p.m. – Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Revisions to the Rules and Regulations

Ms. Broadhurst called the Public Hearing to order at 4:53 p.m. The Board proposed to revise its Rules and Regulations. The Board proposed a new Rule and Regulation 4.0 which addresses licensee competence to administer various treatment modalities. Pursuant to this amendment, at the request of the Board or a member of the public, a licensee will be required to provide documentation of training or education to demonstrate competence. In addition, the Board proposed to amended Rule and Regulation 1.3.3 to clarify the parameters of an occupational therapist’s supervision of an occupational therapy assistant. Provisions are added pertaining to submission of applications for licensure. A new rule and regulation 3.1.2.4 gives the Board authority to conduct hearings and impose sanctions regarding licensees' failure to comply with the Board’s continuing education requirements. Finally, the Board proposed minor typographical revisions and re-numbering of the rules and regulations to accommodate the addition of the new rules and regulations. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in two Delaware newspapers. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the Delaware Register of Regulations. Verbatim testimony was recorded by Ms. Melvin. No written comments were received. No public comments were received. At 4:55 p.m., the Board went off the record and held deliberations. At 4:57 p.m., the Board went back on the record. Ms. Mears made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pierson to accept the proposed revisions as written. The motion was unanimously carried. The Public Hearing closed at 4:58 p.m. Board members signed the final order.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (for discussion only)

There was no other business before the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this meeting.
NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 3, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. in Conference Room A, 2nd floor, Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Mears made a motion, seconded by Ms. Vanderhoogt to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle L. Melvin
Administrative Specialist III