

MINUTES

**UTAH
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
LICENSING BOARD
MEETING**

June 26, 2012

**Room 402 – 4th Floor – 1:00 P.M.
Heber Wells Building
160 East 300 South
Salt Lake City, Utah**

CONVENED: 1:03 P.M.

ADJOURNED: 2:04 P.M.

Bureau Manager:
Board Secretary:

Richard Oborn
Lee Avery

Board Members Present:

Eunice Zee-Chen, Chairperson
Shari Bloom, PA-C, participated via phone
Christopher Noren
Leslie Adler

Board Members Absent:

Mary Heigert-Gainer

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Read and approve the Minutes

Ms. Adler motioned to approve the minutes of September 10, 2011, seconded by Mr. Noren. The motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS:

Deb Bielek, request for approval to supervise 2 COTAs

Ms. Bielek participated via phone. Mr. Oborn reviewed the request for additional supervisees from Jason Henrie. The Board reviewed his resume. The Board expressed concern regarding the length of time Mr. Henrie has held his license and the amount of hours he is currently working. Mr. Henrie was issued his license June 23, 2010. The Board noted that the statute means a supervisor can supervise 2 supervisees at a time. It does not matter if the supervisees are at different locations and employers. The Board advised Ms. Bielek that if Mr. Henrie does not supervise

COTAs within the facility then he can supervise two COTAs in the home health environment. If the facility wants him to supervise two COTAs within the facility, then he cannot, by statute, supervise two COTAs in the home health environment. The Board noted that he could work in other areas of occupational therapy; however, he cannot supervise more than two COTAs. Ms. Adler motioned to deny Ms. Bielek's request because the Board feels Mr. Henrie's experience is not sufficient and he is still in the learning curve of a new licensee, seconded by Mr. Noren. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Review of form to be used for requests to supervise additional COTAs

The Board reviewed a proposed form that would be used by an OT when requesting Board approval to supervise additional COTAs. Mr. Oborn stated that with Board approval, the Division will post this on the DOPL website. The Board expressed its approval for the Division to use this form.

Mr. Oborn reviewed statistics regarding other states supervisor requirements. Some states do not have a limit. Other states have a specific standard. The Board noted that the average is two to three COTAs to one OT.

2. Election of new Board chairperson

Mr. Oborn noted that Ms. Chen's term on the Board expires June 30, 2012. She completed the last year of another Board member's term plus one full term. The Board thanked Ms. Chen for her dedication and service to the Board and industry. Mr. Oborn noted that Ms. Bloom's term on the Board will end June 30, 2012. The Board thanked Ms. Bloom for her dedication and service to the Board and industry. The Board decided to not elect a new chair at this Board meeting.

3. Licensing statistics

Mr. Oborn advised the Board that currently there are 593 licensed OTs and 328 licensed COTAs.

4. Annual Open and Public Meetings Act training

Mr. Oborn reviewed the Open and Public Meetings Act training with the Board.

5. OTA supervision

Discussed above.

