

**PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**  
Occupational Therapy Licensing Board

The Oregon Occupational Therapy Licensing Board met **Friday October 26-27, 2012** in Hood River, Oregon at Best Western, Hood River Conference Room at OTA/O conference. Board members present were: Alan King, OTR/L, Chair; Robert Bond, B.A. public member and Vice-Chair; Mashelle Painter, B.S., COTA/L; Linda Smith, OTR/L. Felicia Holgate, Director was present. With a quorum present, Alan King called the Friday meeting to order at 3:32 a.m. Chrissy Van Osdol, representing OTA/O was present for part of the public meeting.

**1. Minutes:** The Board reviewed August 9 - 10, 2012 Public meeting minutes. Linda Smith MOVED THAT THE PUBLIC MINUTES OF August 9-10, 2012, BOARD MEETING BE APPROVED. Robert Bond SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT PASSED WITH ALL PRESENT.

The Board reviewed Confidential August 9 - 10, 2012 meeting minutes. Mashelle Painter MOVED THAT THE CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF THE August 9-10, 2012 BOARD MEETING BE APPROVED WITH ONE NAME CORRECTION FROM Mary to Michelle. Linda Smith SECONDED THE MOTION AS AMENDED AND IT PASSED WITH ALL PRESENT.

**2. Ratify List of Licensees:** Licenses issued since the last Board meeting were distributed. Linda Smith MOVED TO RATIFY THE LIST OF LICENSEES ISSUED SINCE THE LAST BOARD MEETING. Robert Bond SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT PASSED WITH ALL PRESENT.

**3. Report of the Director:** Director, Felicia Holgate sends monthly reports.

**Board member appointment:** **Juanita Shepherd** has met with Robert Bond and Felicia Holgate and is interested in the public member position. Her application has been sent to the Governor's office. The Governor's Senate Appointments will next be either in December or in 2013 session. We hope she will be confirmed by the Senate in time to attend the February Board meeting.

**Budget Review:** The Director gave a **fiscal summary**. Monthly revenue, expenditure, and payment statements are scanned and sent to Board members. The Board is in good fiscal shape.

**2012 Expenditures:** **July \$8,131; August \$14,844, Sept. \$11,708.** The higher August costs are from the 2 day board meeting. The Board has an average budgeted amount of \$15,000 per month. There are some annual bills paid, including Shared Client Services.

**2012 Revenues:** **July \$3,037; August \$7,894, Sept. \$3,712.**

As of October 15 there are 297 OT Assistants and 1495 OT for a total of 1792 licensees. We estimated about 1800 licenses by the end of 2012.

The Director presented the second form to the Governor's 10 year Enterprise Oregon Safety Team. The Agency Budget binders, two CD's and an electronic copy were submitted August 22 to Salem.

**4. Disciplinary/Investigations/Complaints:** In accordance with ORS 192.660, which allows the Board to meet in Executive Session on matters to consider information obtained as part of investigations of licensees, the following cases were considered:

- **OT 2011 – 07:** Continued
- **OTA 2012 – 04:** Continued
- **OT 2012 – 05:** Continued
- **OT 2012 – 06:** Continued
- **OT 2012-07:** Reinstatement. No action.
- **OT 2012-08:** Continued.

**5. OTA conference presentation:** The Board reviewed its presentations for the conference:

Presentation as a case study on the DUI issue:

The Board discussed their presentation at the Saturday lunch time at the OTA conference making it interactive to keep licensees engaged. What is the big picture? Licensees are held to a higher standard and the Board must consider issues in their personal life affecting their professional life. What any one licensee does affects the whole OT profession. The Board must protect the public but also maintain standard of the profession.

The Board outlined how it would do a presentation with involvement of the OTs at the conference during their ½ hour after lunch at 1:10 to 1:45 to be interactive and relevant to licensees. One case study using a DUI example will be presented given the short time, with discussion by tables, and summarize and conclusion of the case and board action. The power point case will be “Personal vs. Professional Conduct: your role and responsibilities to co workers, licensing board and clients”.

Board members will attend portions of the OT Association of Oregon state conference and be available to talk to therapists about the Board and their role on it.

Presentation on supervision: Mashelle Painter prepared the panel presentation on supervision to include herself, Director Felicia Holgate, former board member, Genevieve deRenne and John Siberz, COTA who has worked in a SNF/Rehab for 12 years. Supervision continues to be an issue for the Board. The Board staff continues to follow up with OT Assistants and their supervisors to keep them current on filing and being appropriately supervised.

Board members and the Director were available during the conference and at the poster session with a licensing board table and posters about the Board members and their work.

**6. Scope of Practice Question on Pelvic Floor Rehab:**

OT from NC, Miriam Reid provided the Board with documentation, including AOTA on a specialty on pelvic floor rehab, a course she is taking from provider Herman & Wallace Pelvic Rehab Institute targeting their courses to PT, OT, nurse practitioners, nurses and Physician Assistants and physicians. The letter of October 17, 2012 states that pelvic floor rehab is also recognized in North Carolina, Wisconsin, Florida, Texas and Virginia as within the scope of OT. The materials included OT Practice “Treating Incontinence and Pelvic Floor Disorders (March 23, 2009) and discusses assessment, treatment and the role of OT.

The Board also reviewed the March, 2009 OT practice article “The Role of OT in the Treatment of Incontinence and Pelvic Floor Disorders” and agreed that this practice would be within the scope of practice for an OT in Oregon: “rehabilitation for bowel, bladder, and pelvic floor disorders requires a comprehensive approach that addresses their complexity. According to AOTA’s Scope of practice Position Paper and Occupational Therapy OT Practice Framework: Domain and process, conservative treatment of incontinence and pelvic floor disorders is within the domain of occupational therapy “as it is related to supporting performance and engaging in occupations and activities targeted for intervention”.

The Oregon law states in ORS 675.320 under Powers of the Board that it has the power “(14) to adopt rules that define the scope of the practice of occupational therapy and that reflect national standards for the practice of occupational therapy”.

Since AOTA finds this within the OT scope and the goal is for pain management or improving incontinence for better quality of life, the goals align with the OT perspective and this does fall within the OT scope in Oregon. The Oregon OT Board concluded that this is clearly advanced practice, and the OTs would need to show they have the education, training and experience and be able to demonstrate competency for this specialty area of intervention.

## **7. New Business:**

Telehealth: This topic is on the Agenda for the Feb. Board meeting. At this meeting the Board reviewed again the AOTA position paper and adopted it to be added to the board Policies and procedures. The intent of the adoption is to allow Telehealth in appropriate situations as outlined in the AOTA position paper and to allow Telehealth to be practiced in Oregon taking into consideration the ethic considerations as long as both the OT therapist and the patient are in Oregon.

One of the issues on Telehealth and how it affects payments under the Oregon payments for OTs in schools is whether supervision can be done not face to face but by video conferencing. Since the Oregon OT rules do not have anything about allowing 2-way video conferencing, there is a question whether Telehealth would be reimbursed.

The PT Board has in its rule on supervision of PT Assistants that a PT must be available for consultation either in person or by means of telecommunications. The Speech Board has that direct supervision of assistants’ means “on-site, within sight and/or sound, or live videoconference observation and guidance by a speech-language pathologist while a speech-language pathology assistant performs a clinical interaction”.

Linda Smith MOVED and Mashelle Painter SECONDED A MOTION TO ADOPT THE AOTA TELEHEALTH POSITION PAPER.

At a future meeting the Board will look into whether to specifically write a rule that would allow supervision to be provided by 2 way video conferencing.

**Board meetings in 2013:**

Feb. 8, 2013 at Portland State Office Building.

May 3, 2013: in Corvallis

August 2, 2013 in Roseburg: with a community meeting planned and perhaps CE on ethics.

October 2013 board meeting when OTA0 meets end of the month in Portland

The Board meeting was adjourned by the Board Chair Alan King at 6:02 p.m. The meeting did not need to continue to the next day.

Drafted by Director Felicia Holgate October 31, 2012