

STATE OF NEVADA BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

November 7, 2015

Members Present: Eric Gerken, Kittima Conrad, Linda Frasier, Deena Spaulding, Stacey Henderson
Members Absent: None
Staff Present: Loretta L. Ponton, Executive Director,
Henna Rasul, Senior Deputy Attorney General
Public Present: Sandy McGinnis, Kathleen Mullin, Allison Stone, Paula Berkley

The meeting was called to order by Eric Gerken, Chair at 11:00 a.m. A roll call confirmed a quorum was present.

Public Workshop – NAC 640A

Ms. Ponton welcomed the individuals in attendance and asked each individual and board members to introduce themselves.

Ms. Ponton provided an introduction to the workshop stating the purpose is to solicit comments on proposed regulations which revise provisions concerning the requirements for continuing education and other items relating to the Board.

The regulations have been assigned LCB File No. R048-15 and the proposed regulations as drafted by LCB are available as handouts.

Ms. Ponton summarized each section of the proposed regulations and opened the floor for comments, questions and clarifications as each section was being reviewed. There were no revisions recommended by the public.

Sandy McGinnis requested clarification on carry-over hours. Loretta responded there is no change in the number hours allowed for carry-over; individuals may still carry-over a total of 10 hours of continuing education to the following year.

Ms McGinnis, Ms. Mullin and Ms. Stone all indicated support of the proposed regulations.

Hearing no further questions or public comments, the public hearing was closed at 11:37

Approval of Minutes - Eric Gerken asked if there were any comments or revisions to the minutes of May 30, 2015. Hearing none, called for a motion.

Stacey Henderson made the motion, seconded by Deena Spaulding to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 30, 2015 as presented. The motion passed.

Disciplinary Matters - Eric Gerken asked Loretta Ponton to present.

Loretta Ponton stated the Board is requested to formally approve dismissal of Case #C15-01 as it has been determined there is insufficient evidence to file a formal complaint for hearing before the Board.

Linda Frasier made the motion, seconded by Kittima Conrad to dismiss Case #15-01. The motion passed.

Board Position Statement, Best Practices Guidelines - Eric Gerken stated Loretta Ponton has drafted the position paper on Productivity as developed at the Board's Retreat.

Loretta Ponton explained the draft is presented for further review, revision and/or consideration of adoption by the Board. Ms. Ponton facilitated a discussion and review of the proposed document with the following revisions requested:

Documentation - clarify that records must comply with federal and state regulations; documentation must demonstrate skilled therapeutic services and billing should be consistent with that documentation

Clinical Integrity vs. Employer Policies - reference establishing unreasonable policy for productivity expectations and clarify that policies should be reflective of each practice setting.

Taking Action - reword the second bullet point to reference policy or practice and also reference the impact of actions.

Add a short introductory or explanatory paragraph before each of the major sections - look at the format utilized in the AOTA standards of practice and the Consensus Statement.

Loretta stated she will again contact the Board of Physical Therapy and the Speech Board to elicit interest in a joint State Consensus Statement.

Executive Director's Report - Loretta Ponton directed the members to the written report.

Ms. Ponton provided a summary of licensure statistics and status of license renewals.

The 4th Quarter FY 2015 and 1st Quarter FY 2016 financial statements were summarized with no questions from the Board.

The Board sponsored seminar participation statistics and summary of seminar evaluations were provided. There were a total of 95 individuals who attended the two seminars. Discussion of providing sponsored seminars for 2016 was heard. Topics under consideration are neuro-based, occupation based and evidence based practice, telehealth - use of technology, applications and hardware, entrepreneurial opportunities; clinical implementation of new HMO requirements and productivity issues. It was suggested a survey of licensees be conducted to narrow the selections.

Loretta Ponton concluded reporting the CE and COTA supervisory audits are underway and that there are two pending complaints under investigation.

Kittima Conrad made the motion, seconded by Deena Spaulding to approve the executive director's report as presented. The motion passed.

Report from Board Chair - Eric Gerken reported that NBCOT will be holding a national Forum for Board Chairs and Administrators in May 2016; his term will be ending in December and perhaps the new Chair would be interested in attending.

The next meeting is scheduled in Las Vegas on February 6, 2016.

Report from Legal Counsel - Henna Rasul stated she had nothing to report.

Public Comments – No public comments were made.

Adjournment – Linda Frasier made the motion, seconded by Stacey Henderson to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.