

Minutes of the July 19, 2016 Board of Occupational Therapy Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Mary Walsh-Sterup, Chairperson, called the meeting of the Board of Occupational Therapy to order at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 19, 2016, in the Nebraska State Office Building, Lower Level Conference Room B, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. The meeting was duly publicized by distribution of the Notice of Meeting Agenda at least 10 days prior to the meeting and posting the agenda at the entrance of the Department of Health and Human Services at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Ms. Walsh-Sterup announced that this is a public meeting and the Open Meetings Law was posted.

The following Board Members and Department Staff were present at the meeting: Lisa Andersen, Nancy Peetz, Linda Storz, Mary Walsh-Sterup, Claire Covert-ByBee, Program Manager, Jacye LaFayette-Dymacek, Health Licensing Coordinator, Ami Huff, Assistant Attorney General, and CJ Roberts, Department Legal Counsel.

Ms. Peetz moved, seconded by Ms. Storz to adopt the agenda. Voting aye: Andersen, Peetz, Storz, and Walsh-Sterup. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

Ms. Peetz moved, seconded by Ms. Storz to approve the minutes from the January 26, 2016 meeting. Voting aye: Andersen, Peetz, Storz, and Walsh-Sterup. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Ms. Andersen moved, seconded by Ms. Peetz to go into closed session at 9:03 a.m. to hear discussions regarding confidential information and to protect the reputation of individuals named or referenced in such discussions. Voting aye: Andersen, Peetz, Storz, and Walsh-Sterup. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

OPEN SESSION

Ms. Peetz moved, seconded by Ms. Storz to return to open session at 9:31 a.m. Voting aye: Andersen, Peetz, Storz, and Walsh-Sterup. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

DECISIONS

Ms. Andersen moved, seconded by Ms. Storz to declare that Jenna Holt passed her oral jurisprudence examination regarding 172 NAC 114, the Rules and Regulations Relating to Occupational Therapy. Voting aye: Andersen, Peetz, Storz, and Walsh-Sterup. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE

After discussion, Ms. Andersen moved, seconded by Ms. Storz that it is the opinion of the Board that kinesiotaping is within the scope of practice of a Nebraska licensed Occupational Therapist and that no additional physical agent modality certification is required. Voting aye: Andersen, Peetz, Storz, and Walsh-Sterup. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

After discussion, Ms. Andersen moved, seconded by Ms. Storz that it is the opinion of the Board that an individual does not need to be licensed as an Occupational Therapist to use paraffin wax in a nursing home, but if the individual is licensed as an Occupational Therapist in the State of Nebraska, they must have their

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PAMS certification issued by the State. Voting aye: Andersen, Peetz, Storz, and Walsh-Sterup. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS

After discussion, Ms. Storz moved, seconded by Ms. Peetz to table the topic of Occupational Therapy via telehealth in Nebraska to obtain additional information for review at the next meeting. Voting aye: Andersen, Peetz, Storz, and Walsh-Sterup. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

After discussion, Ms. Andersen moved, seconded by Ms. Storz that it is the opinion of the Board that continuing education obtained via NBCOT Navigator may be acceptable as long as it meets the requirements outlined in 172 NAC 114-009. However, NBCOT certification cannot be used to show proof of meeting the continuing competency requirement for renewal in Nebraska. Voting aye: Andersen, Peetz, Storz, and Walsh-Sterup. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

Ms. LaFayette-Dymacek provided a copy of the ACOTE Accreditation Actions from April and May 2016. This was for informational purposes only.

After discussion, Ms. Peetz moved, seconded by Ms. Storz that it is the opinion of the Board that case management and other critical coordinating or managing activities are well within the professional scope of practice; this is well documented in the profession's body of knowledge provided it follows the definition of occupational therapy services as outlined in 172 NAC 114-002. Voting aye: Andersen, Peetz, Storz, and Walsh-Sterup. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the Conviction Review Guideline document that the Department utilizes when reviewing applications in order to determine if it needs to be reviewed by the Board. A draft based on the discussion will be brought to the next Board meeting for approval.

Ms. LaFayette-Dymacek provided an updated application processing report. This report was for informational purposes only.

The next meeting will be held September 27, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the Lower Level B Conference Room of the Nebraska State Office Building in Lincoln.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Storz, Secretary

Prepared by: Jacye LaFayette-Dymacek, Health Licensing Coordinator