



OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PRACTICE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 22, 2022
9:00 AM

This meeting was available by webinar only.

On April 22, 2022, the Occupational Therapy Practice Board met by webinar. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notices were sent to individuals requesting notification of meetings.

MEMBERS PRESENT

WALTER GRUENWALD, OT, CHAIR
MARY SPORES, OT, VICE CHAIR
NING BARFIELD, OT
SHARI ROBERTS, PUBLIC MEMBER

STAFF PRESENT

KATHY WEED, PROGRAM MANAGER
TRINA CRAWFORD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SANDIE PEARSON, PROGRAM REPRESENTATIVE
SIERRA McWILLIAMS, AAG

MEMBERS ABSENT

JOAQUIN OLIVAS, COTA

OTHERS PRESENT

KRISTEN NEVILLE, AOTA STATE AFFAIRS MANAGER
GENIE CHARVET, WOTA PRESIDENT
MELISSA JOHNSON
JANET CHEN

Friday, April 22, 2022 – 9:00 a.m. – OPEN SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Walter Gruenwald, OT, at 9:00 a.m.

1.1 Introductions

The board, staff and audience members introduced themselves.

1.2 Approval of Agenda

A motion was made to approve the meeting agenda as presented. The motion was seconded, and the board voted to approve the agenda as presented.

1.3 Approval of the January 21, 2022, Meeting Minutes

Board members reviewed the January 21, 2021, meeting minutes. A motion was made, seconded and the board voted in favor of approving the meeting minutes as presented.

2. CORRESPONDENCE – The board reviewed, discussed and considered taking action on the drafted response to correspondence received previously regarding if an OT may provide services to a client who has been evaluated by a physical therapist. Information provided by Walter Gruenwald, OT, Chair

Mr. Gruenwald shared that in 2008 and 2011 the board issued a letter stating that an OT can't work under an evaluation from a physical therapist or some other evaluation from any other discipline. Recently the question regarding if that included evaluations for birth to 3 years old. Mr. Gruenwald worked with Ms. Weed and Sierra Williams, AAG to clarify the guidance in the response. The board requested the letter be posted to the website and be sent out to the interested parties list. Ms. Roberts suggested also sending to OSPI as well as WOTA.

3. INTERSTATE LICENSURE COMPACT – The board received an update and discussed the passage of the OT interstate licensure compact bill. Information was provided by Kathy Weed, Program Manager.

Ms. Weed shared that legislation to enter an OT interstate compact passed. WA State is the 11th state to sign onto the compact. The board needs to designate a delegate for the compact commission. The compact commission will work to determine the rules and standard operating procedures. A motion was made to designate Ms. Weed to the delegate position. The motion was seconded. The board voted in favor of the motion.

Ms. Weed shared that rule writing regarding the compact may be needed in the future after the compact commission determines the rules and procedures. Rules regarding fees will be needed after a fee study is completed by the department.

4. AOTA CONFERENCE BRIEFING – Information was provided by Mary Spores, OT, Vice-Chair

Ms. Spores reported back on the AOTA Conference she attended virtually; March 31-April 3, 2022. The theme of the conference was "Empowering Everyday Living". Dr. Beatrice Barry was the keynote speaker. She also shared that the conference was very dynamic, and she enjoyed attending.

5. **PRESENTATION ON BOARD MEMBER ROLES** – Presentation on public meetings, public records, and ethics as a board member. Presentation by AAG, Sierra McWilliams.

Sierra McWilliams, AAG presented information regarding public meetings to the board. She reviewed the Open Public Meetings Act (OMPA) as well as the Ethics in Public Service Act. She highlighted additional information useful to the board and where they could find more information.

6. **REVIEW OF LISTS AND LABELS REQUESTS** – The board reviewed lists and labels requests and determined whether the request should be approved or denied.

6.1 Therapy Management – The board reviewed, discussed and a motion was made to deny the lists and labels request from Therapy Management. The board voted in favor of denying the request.

6.2 Therapeutic Movement Seminars – The board reviewed, discussed and a motion was made to approve the lists and labels request from Therapy Management. The board voted in favor of approving the request.

7. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT** – Information presented to the board by Trina Crawford, Executive Director

7.1 Budget update – Ms. Crawford presented a budget update. The program budget is in good shape with revenue continuing to exceed expenditures. The overall fund balance is well within the allotment and currently there are no concerns about the programs budget. Ms. Crawford shared the estimated cost of HELMS is projected to be approximately \$217,880 over the next two years.

7.2 Legislative update – Ms. Crawford updated the board on recent legislation that passed. She shared that legislation regarding the interstate compact passed. Also passing this session was a bill that will increase board members compensation from \$50 per day to \$250 per day.

7.3 In-person meetings – Ms. Crawford shared that the board could meet in person, however there are no DOH rooms currently available as they are undergoing renovations. There will be costs for room rental, IT equipment, and travel. They may want to look at 2023 for meeting in person.

8. **PROGRAM MANAGER REPORT** – Information was provided to the board by Program Manager, Kathy Weed.

8.1 Business plan – Ms. Weed presented the current business plan to the board. She reviewed the goals and shared that the business plan is a living document and can be updated at any time.

9. **AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS** – The board discussed adding the following items to future agendas for discussion:

- Update on compact
- Correspondence update

The board also discussed changing the date of the next meeting. A motion was made and seconded to move the next meeting date to July 22, 2022. Board members voted in favor of moving the meeting to July 22, 2022.

10. **OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

An audience member thanked the board for their service.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

The board adjourned at 11:00 a.m. The next regularly scheduled board meeting is July 22, 2022, and will be held by webinar only. Updated meeting information will be posted on the Occupational Therapy website.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Kathy Weed
Program Manager

Walter Gruenwald, Chair
Occupational Therapy Practice Board