

STATE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY LICENSURE BOARD
Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses
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Board Meeting Minutes of 8/5/2022

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Cherie Rotondo - Chair
Jori A Bathina
Heather Corder
Farrell Lindley-Kessler
Cari J Moodie

DIVISION STAFF: Katie Stuart, Executive Officer
Lea Kear, Legal Counsel
Jan Arrasmith, Education and Practice Specialist
Susan Cassell, Board Support Specialist
Susan Villanueva, Board Support Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT: Josh Scholer, DFM
Shaun Conway, NBCOT
Members of the Public

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 AM MT by Cherie Rotondo.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Bathina moved to approve the minutes of May 27, 2022, as written. Ms. Lindley-Kessler seconded. All approved, motion carried.

DIVISION BUSINESS

Division Update

Ms. Stuart informed the board that the Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses' (DOPL) move to Building 4 on the Chinden Campus is complete. The Board is invited to participate in-person for future meetings.

BOARD BUSINESS

NBCOT Presentation

Shaun Conway, OTR, Vice President, External & Regulatory Affairs for the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy, Inc. (NBCOT) gave a comprehensive presentation to the Board about their certification for occupational therapy professionals. NBCOT initial certification is a licensure requirement, and its certification programs are accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA). With the goal of protecting the public, NBCOT has a variety of tools,

resources, guides, and competency assessment units (CAUs) to develop occupational therapy (OT) and occupational therapy assistant (OTA) skills that help practitioners stay current in their field. NBCOT has ambassadors for each state who attend meetings every year.

Compact Discussion

Ms. Stuart informed the Board that the Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact requires a criminal background check, which is more restrictive than Idaho statute, and the Compact Rules are not yet available. The Compact would need a sponsor in order to be considered by the Legislature. Ms. Stuart will continue to present the Board with updates as the Compact takes shape.

Board Training

Ms. Kear provided a PowerPoint presentation on Open Meeting Laws and encouraged the Board to utilize the manual and videos available on the Attorney General's website for further information or to call the Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses (DOPL) with specific questions.

Zero Based Regulation (ZBR)

Ms. Stuart presented the Board with a memo and three sections of the Occupational Therapy Rules to review, IDAPA 24, 24.06.01; 012.

Rule 012: The Board discussed the list of Physical Agent Modalities (PAMs) and suggested striking the list of modalities because it is restrictive, and modalities are often updated. The College of Western Idaho submitted a public comment supporting striking the illustrative list.

Ms. Rotondo stated that once you are trained in a modality, you retain that knowledge and are considered trained and that it is the practitioner's responsibility to stay current and obtain training as needed or to refresh skills.

Ms. Stuart stated that she will work with DOPL management on the next steps to adding modalities to the definitions of OT and OTA practice while striking the Rule. This may be done before the ZBR process is completed during the 2024 Legislative Session. The Board agreed to proceed, Ms. Stuart will also reach out to appropriate stakeholders.

Board Election

Ms. Bathina nominated Ms. Rotondo to continue serving as Chair. Ms. Corder seconded. Motion passes.

NEXT MEETING: August 29, 2022

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by general consent at 11:09 AM on August 5, 2022.