



OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PRACTICE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 14, 2022
9:00 AM

This meeting was available by webinar only.

On October 14, 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
JOAQUIN OLIVAS, OTA

STAFF PRESENT

KATHY WEED, PROGRAM MANAGER
TRINA CRAWFORD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SANDIE PEARSON, HEALTH SERVICES CONSULTANT 1
SIERRA McWILLIAMS, AAG

OTHERS PRESENT

KRISTEN NEVILLE, AOTA STATE AFFAIRS MANAGER
GRAEME LAUER
JESSICA CUSACK
HEATHER FRITZ
KATE WHITE TUDOR
MELISSA GNOMES
NICOLE GIESSE
KATHY KANNENBERG
JAMIE FLICK
SPOKANE FALLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS

Friday, October 14, 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 April 22, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Board members reviewed the April 22, 2021 meeting minutes. A motion was made, seconded and the board voted in favor of approving the meeting minutes as presented.

2. OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY AND MENTAL HEALTH – The board discussed and considered making a determination on the role of occupational therapy in the mental health field. Information provided by Kathy Weed, Program Manager.

Ms. Weed shared that she had received a lot of questions around how the fields of occupational therapy and mental health intersect and how it relates to the statute. Is mental/behavioral health within the scope of practice of an OT? Board members discussed this and received input from audience members. An audience member shared that the challenge is having the public understand the role of OTs and mental health. Currently the department maintains a list of mental/behavioral health professionals. The board discussed how to have OT/OTAs added to the list per RCW 18.59. Ms. Roberts volunteered to work on the communications requesting to be added to the list, Ms. McWilliams will work with Ms. Roberts on this.

3. REVIEW OF LISTS AND LABELS REQUESTS – The board reviewed lists and labels requests to determine if the request should be approved or denied.

3.1 PTS Seminars – The board reviewed and discussed whether to approve this lists and labels request. Board members voted four in favor, and one opposed to approve the lists and labels request.

3.2 WOTA - The board reviewed, discussed, and voted unanimously to approve this lists and labels request.

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

4.1 Budget update – Ms. Crawford presented a budget update as of August 2022. 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. Walter Gruenwald asked what is considered

a healthy budget. Ms. Crawford shared that a budget of \$250,000 would be considered a healthy budget. Mary Spores asked if a line item would be added to the budget for the interstate compact. Ms. Crawford will look into this and report back to the board at the next board meeting.

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

- 5.1** Interstate compact update – Ms. Weed provided an update to the board on the interstate compact. She shared she had attended the inaugural meeting in early August. During the meeting committees were established. Ms. Weed will be serving on the Training, PR, and Communications committee. The compact is expected to be available in late 2023 or early 2024. The next interstate compact meeting will be held in November. An update will be provided at the next board meeting.
- 5.2** Recruitment update – Ms. Weed shared that Ning Barfield has decided not to seek re-appointment. Ms. Weed thanked Ms. Barfield for serving on the board. Ms. Weed shared she will begin the recruitment process to fill the vacant board member position.
- 5.3** Business Plan – Ms. Weed presented the business plan to the board. Board members reviewed the business plan and made no changes to it at this time.
- 5.4** Legislative calls volunteer – Ms. Weed explained that the legislative meet-me-calls historically have been held on Wednesday mornings. Joaquin Olivas, OTA volunteered to participate in the 2023 legislative meet-me-calls
- 5.5** 2023 Meeting dates – The board discussed meeting dates for 2023. The board approved the following meeting dates:
- January 20, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.
 - April 14, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.
 - July 14, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.
 - October 20, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.
- 5.6** Letter from PT Board – Ms. Weed shared a letter from the Board of Physical Therapy with the board.
- 5.7** Health Equity CE – Ms. Weed updated the board on the Health Equity CE. The board will need to begin the rule writing process. A motion was made, seconded and the board voted unanimously to begin the rule writing process to draft rule language regarding health equity continuing education.

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

- Review policies
- Licensure compact update
- Recruitment update
- Discipline presentation
- Discuss in-person meetings

7. **OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT** – A member of the public addressed the board and asked if future agenda items could be suggested by the public. Ms. Weed asked that any suggestions for future meetings or the newsletter be emailed to her.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

The board adjourned at 10:57 a.m. The next regularly scheduled board meeting is January 20, 2023 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

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