

Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners

Occupational Therapy Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 09/20/19

Present: Dr. Vincent Culotta, Amy Yarbrough, Leslie Clement, Craig Toups, Brenda Martin, Darbi Philibert, Ingrid Franc; Kelly Brandon, Kimberly Solari

Absent: Gretchen Reeks

Agenda item	Discussion	Recommendations/Actions
Call to order/Establish Quorum	Call to order 9:02 am and Quorum Established	
Approval of minutes from 03/19 meeting	Minutes reviewed; CE Broker confirmed by Dr. Culotta.	Motion made by Leslie Clement to accept the minutes; Seconded by Craig Toups; all present agreed Effective January 2020, all will use CE broker when recertifying OT/OTA licenses. Recommended to start renewal process 60 days prior to expiration date to ensure all information has been entered appropriately. A blast email will be sent to all licensees to inform
Update Rules/Regulations	Presented for review changes proposed at the March meeting to Subchapter H: continuing education	Amy Yarbrough motioned to accept the organizations for CEU approvals and Darbi Philibert seconded the motion. Committee agreed to accept changes and recommendations provided to Dr. Culotta for presentation to Board

	Next proposed section for updating is Subchapter B: Occupational Therapy Advisory Committee	
Introduction of new OTAC members	New member introductions: Kelly Brandon and Ingrid Franc	No action required
Continued Update rules/regs	<p>Discussion</p> <p>A. Next line by line review will be by the OTAC, subchapter G followed by Subchapter B: Standards of Practice (section 4905)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Recommended adding an OTA to the OTAC ● Add section to address modalities: hippotherapy, wound care, dry needling, pelvic floor, etc... <p>B. Telehealth:</p> <p>Discussion/review of telehealth and use by OT/OTA practitioners at this time.</p> <p>Cautioned that no rule/regulations have been established yet and use of a HIPPA compliant platform</p>	<p>Action:</p> <p>A. OTAC members to review Subchapter B prior to next meeting and prepare recommendations/suggestions for changes</p> <p>B. Board to send blast email to OT/OTA licensees with update on status of Telehealth and necessity of using a HIPPA compliant platform.</p> <p>Co-chairs to submit a draft email to Dr. Culotta for approval and dissemination to practitioners</p>

American Hippotherapy Association updates	<p>Discussion</p> <p>AHA Inc reached out to the LSBME as a result of questions they have received from OT, PT and SLP practitioners “pertaining to best practice guidelines, terminology use, coding and billing and scope of practice guidelines when equine movement is included as a tool in the therapy plan”</p> <p>Clarify hippotherapy defined (by AHA, Inc) as how OT, PT and SLP professionals using equine movement as a therapy tool for functional outcomes. Therapeutic riding is not a billable service by PT, OT and SLP.</p> <p>Therapy professionals can be certified through the American Hippotherapy Certification Board</p>	<p>Action:</p> <p>OTAC needs to address and provide guidelines/recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Amy Yarbrough will reach out to association regarding who can be certified,, requirements for certification and duration of certification. ● It is recommended by OTAC that an OT/OTA should be certified through AHA as competent if using hippotherapy ● OTAC to see if AOTA has any recommendations for hippotherapy
AOTA/NBCOT state regulatory updates	<p>Amy attended the AOTA State Regulatory meeting in April:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● AOTA working to defend OT in Mental Health ● The following topics were discussed as needed more information on how 	No action required

	<p>to signify competence: ocular motor exs, wound care, dry needling, lung sound assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● State compacting <p>Leslie and Amy attended the NBCOT State Regulatory meeting in May. Topics discussed were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● State compacting (per Dr. Culotta, LA is unable to get a decision about physician compacting due to State law requiring citizenship and not all states require citizenship. ● State by state recommendations for licensing after a felony. Currently in LA, there is a case by case review to determine if a license is reinstated. <p>Of note, Amy to participate in a webinar about interstate compacting next week.</p>	
OT.PA sb 166 act 276	PAs can now order Occupational Therapy	No action required
<p>Investigation Confidential</p> <p>Paula Pigford report</p>	Entered Executive Session at 11:04 am	<p>Executive session ended: 12:09 pm</p> <p>Proposed the following actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Case # 2019-548: letter of concern ● Case # 2019-357: Consent order: 6 hours of coding/billing continuing education pre-approved by OTAC; 2 hours of Ethics continuing education through AOTA; 90 day license suspension; information reported to NBCOT

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Case # 2019-355: Consent order: 6 hours of coding/billing continuing education pre-approved by OTAC; 2 hours of Ethics continuing education through AOTA; 90 day license suspension; information reported to NBCOT ● Case # 2019-356: Consent order: 6 hours of coding/billing continuing education pre-approved by OTAC; 2 hours of Ethics continuing education through AOTA; 90 day license suspension; information reported to NBCOT if licensee reports to LSBME Investigator by close of business on September 30, 2019. Otherwise, a 6 month suspension is recommended in lieu of the 90 day suspension
OTAC Committee member replacements	<p>Executive Session resumed: 12:18 pm</p> <p>5 position openings: developmental disability, education, gerontology, mental health and physical disability</p>	<p>Executive session ended: 12:56 pm</p> <p>Three applicant recommendations per category vacant provided to the Board for decision.</p>
Adjourn	Meeting adjourned at 12:57 pm	Amy Yarbrough motioned to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Leslie Clement . All present agreed.