

Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners
Occupational Therapy Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 03/15/19

Present: Dr. Vincent Culotta, Amy Yarbrough, Leslie Clement, Brenda Martin, Darbi Philibert, Gretchen Reeks

Absent: Craig Touns;

| Agenda item | Discussion | Recommendations/Actions |
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| Call to order/Establish Quorum | Call to order 9:15 am and Quorum Established | |
| Approval of minutes from 12/17/18 meeting | Minutes reviewed; No corrections recommended | Motion made by Darbi Philibert to accept the minutes; Seconded by Leslie Clement; all present agreed |
| CE Broker | Group discussion regarding the upcoming CE broker with regards to approving continuing education. It was determined that it would be necessary to streamline which organizations that continuing education were acceptable from. Discussion led to wanting national and state OT organizations approve our continuing education. This would allow a more simplified maintenance of ethical standards for continuing education with Occupational Therapy. Discussion concluded that the following organizations would be acceptable for CEU approvals and providers: LOTA; AOTA; and NBCOT. | Darbi Philibert motioned to accept the organizations for CEU approvals and Leslie Clement second to motion. |
| CEU discussion | On this date, OTAC went through rules and regulations for continuing education line by line. | Action: After going through the rules/regulations for CEUs with Dr. Culotta and all members present, the draft will be typed by Leslie Clement and brought back to OTAC next meeting for approval. |
| Update for OTAC appointments | OTAC co-chair, Amy Yarbrough reported that the names were given to LSBME and they would be placed on the agenda and decided upon as soon as possible. | Action: OTAC co-chair, Amy Yarbrough gave a copy of the names to Dr. Culotta at the meeting. OTAC co-chair |

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| | Group Discussion to add a short orientation to what OTAC member responsibilities entail. | <p>followed up with sending the names to Rita Arceneaux as well.</p> <p>Action: OTAC co-chairs plan to add a short orientation regarding OTAC member responsibilities when new members begin</p> |
| Juris/Prudence and Ethics | Juris Prudence/Ethics questions were developed by Craig Toups and Gretchen Reeks. Discussion that we would like to recommend these questions to be used for a short yearly requirement for licensure. Dr. Culotta stated that this could be developed by the IT department of LSBME that would be a pass/fail when each licensee completes each year. | Action: a copy of questions given to Dr. Culotta for IT to develop a juris prudence short exam for licensees each year once CEUs rules/regulations have changed. This will be placed on hold until that time. |
| LOTA presentation | <p>Craig Hidalgo presented information to OTAC the use of dry needling in OT practice.</p> <p>It was noted by Craig that OTs have knowledge of anatomy; dry needling can help with injury affecting roles (occupation) within daily lives; helping with pain management, resending muscle to a resting state, helps patient to move forward with ADLs with minimal pain.</p> <p>Discussion with Craig and OTAC included: need for specialized training for dry needling that should involve a certain number of hours to ensure that the practitioner was well trained; discussion of why OTs should be considered to have authority to utilize this method/modality; Billing for this is neuromuscular re-education or manual therapy.</p> | <p>Action: Craig is to find literature that supports dry needling clinical value. Possible physician at Baton Rouge general to talk with OTAC/LSBME regarding benefits.</p> <p>OTAC will begin to look at request for OTs to be able to be involved with dry needling. This includes rules/regulations or practice act. Looking at modalities and if advanced certification is needed for items.</p> |
| Adjourn | Meeting adjourned at 1:00pm | Amy Yarbrough motioned to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Leslie Clement. All present agreed. |