



Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board

Joint Board Meeting

March 10, 2011

10:00 a.m.

South A

Members

Janenne Allen, Public Member
Raymond Bilecky, PT, Secretary
Rebekah Bower, AT
Jason Dapore, Physician (*arrived @ 11:06am*)
Mary Kay Eastman, PT
Rebecca Finni, OT,
Aaron Galpert, AT
Jean Halpin, OT
Brian Hertz, AT
Kimberly Lawler, OT, President-Elect
James Lee, PT
Vincent O'Brien, AT
Mary Stover, OT

Members Absent

Thomas Caldwell, PT, President
Karen Holtgreffe, PT
Nanette Shoemaker, OTA

Legal Counsel

Yvonne Tertel, AAG

Staff

H. Jeffery Barker, Investigator
Diane Moore, Executive Assistant
Lisa Ratinaud, Enforcement Division Supervisor
Jeffrey Rosa, Executive Director
Andrew Snouffer, Investigator

Guests

Jacquelyn Chamberlin, OOTA
Katie Roger, OPTA
Sam Coppoletti
Marilyn Mount
Kimberly Payne
Jamie Carlson
Elizabeth Winner
Steve Takas
Megan Biehl
Jesse Hill
Brittany Byrd
Valerie Lorson
Ashley Douhit
Tara Cain
Stephen Kramer
Ray Arrequin, Jr.
Kana Motter
Laura Petus

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Joint Board President-Elect Kimberly Lawler at 10:04 a.m.

Mission Statement

Kimberly Lawler read the Board Mission Statement:

The mission of the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board is to actively promote and protect the health of the citizens of Ohio through effective regulation of the professions of occupational therapy, physical therapy, and athletic training. Goals to achieve this mission include:

- Ensuring that individuals practicing occupational therapy, physical therapy, and athletic training meet sufficient standards of education, training, competence, and ethics, as defined in the laws and rules governing the profession.
- Investigate and discipline licensees whose practice falls below the minimal standards of care.
- Define and advocate for standards of safe OT, PT, AT practice, and ensure that the laws and rules governing the practice accurately reflect current standards.
- Provide information about the licensees of the OT PT AT Board, the Board's functions and operations, and the laws governing the practice of OT, PT, and AT.

- Achieve and maintain the highest possible levels of organizational efficiency.

Kimberly Lawler welcomed the physical therapy students from Ohio University and physical therapist assistant students from Clark State Community College.

Ms. Lawler welcomed the Board's new public member, Janenne Allen. Ms. Allen introduced herself to the Board.

Approval of Minutes

Action: Mary Kay Eastman moved that the September 9, 2010 meeting minutes be approved as submitted. Vincent O'Brien seconded the motion. Jason Dapore was absent for the vote. The motion carried.

Executive Director's Report

The Executive Director presented the following information to the Board:

- The Executive Director reported that the Board finished the physical therapist assistant renewals on January 31.
- The Executive Director reported that he refined the license review metrics based on the Board's feedback. He further reported that an email was sent out to inform licensees that the license review metrics is located on the Board website under Performance Measures under the Consumer drop down menu. The license review metrics will be updated monthly.
- The Executive Director reported that Senate Bill 2, pertaining to regulatory reform, passed. House Bill 143, which pertains to concussion management, was introduced the week of March 7.
- The Executive Director informed the Board that Fiscal Year 2011 budget is doing well. He further reported that four law changes were submitted with the agency's FYs 2012-2013 budget request.
- The Executive Director has proposed to change the Board office hours back to 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. The Board staff will conduct further research on the phone calls over the next two week to determine the call volume, as well as determining if a caller would have the option to leave message after hours. The Executive Committee will work with the Executive Director to determine whether the Board's office hours can be change back to 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. If the Executive Committee agrees with this change, the Executive Director will still have the discretion to modify the Board's office hours to accommodate peak processing times such as renewals and processing applicants for new graduates.

The formal Executive Director's report is attached to the minutes.

Action: Raymond Bilecky moved that the Board go into executive session to discuss personnel matters related to the appointment, employment, or compensation of a public employee. Mary Stover seconded the motion.

The Executive Director called the roll:

Janenne Allen	Yes
Raymond Bilecky	Yes
Rebekah Bower	Yes
Thomas Caldwell	Absent
Jason Dapore	Absent
Mary Kay Eastman	Yes
Rebecca Finni	Yes
Aaron Galpert	Yes
Jean Halpin	Yes
Karen Holtgreffe	Absent
Brian Hertz	Yes
Kimberly Lawler	Yes
James Lee	Yes
Vincent O'Brien	Yes
Nanette Shoemaker	Absent
Mary Stover	Yes

The Section went into executive session at 10:30 am and came out at 10:42 am. There was no action taken.

Open Forum

The Executive Director reminded Board members to turn in their financial disclosure forms to the Ohio Ethics Commission by April 15, 2011. The Executive Director requested that Board members notify the Board via email when they have mailed their financial disclosures forms to the Ohio Ethics Commission.

Discussion of Law Changes

The Executive Director gave a brief overview of the proposed changes that were submitted as part of the budget request. The Joint Board restructuring language will enable each Section to have a dedicated, public member with full voting rights, and will change the oversight of the state agency to an Executive Council with seven members. The continuing competence language was included to change the references to continuing education to continuing competence. The third proposed change is the language for licensure exemption in emergency situations. The final change is for language to strengthen the disciplinary statutes. The Executive Director reported that he met with Representative Nancy Garland to sponsor the legislation if it does not get incorporated into the budget bill. The Board also would like to find a Republican co-sponsor for the bill.

New Business

Occupational Therapy Section Report

Mary Stover presented the Occupational Therapy Section report. Ms. Stover reported that the Section is field testing its new jurisprudence examination. Ms. Stover also reported the Section is looking at potential changes to escrow status. The Occupational Therapy Section presented at the Ohio Occupational Therapy Association Conference. Ms. Stover reported that Rebecca Finni and Jean Halpin attended the NBCOT regulatory conference in September 2010. Ms. Stover reported that she, along with Mary Kay Eastman and Jeffrey Rosa, met with 2 administrators from county Education Services Centers to discuss school-based issues.

Physical Therapy Section Report

Marilyn Mount presented the Physical Therapy Section report. Ms. Mount reported that the Section will hold a retreat in April 2011. The Section published a newsletter. Ms. Mount reported that the rules changes effective May 1, 2011 will allow licensees to obtain continuing education credit for serving as clinical instructors or as mentors in accredited residency and fellowship programs. Ms. Mount further reported that the Mary Kay Eastman, Jeffrey Rosa, and Mary Stover have been working on school-based issues. Ms. Mount reported that the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) notified stakeholders that it will end continuous testing for the National Physical Therapy Exam for physical therapists effective July 1, 2011. Ms. Mount reported that Section member Karen Holtgreffe was invited to participate in the 16th International Congress of the World Confederation for Physical Therapy on June 20-23, 2011 in Amsterdam, Netherlands.

Athletic Trainers Section Report

Rebekah Bower presented the Athletic Trainers Section report. Ms. Bower reported that the Section will present a scenario based presentation at the upcoming Ohio Athletic Trainers Association. The Section is working on publishing a spring newsletter. Ms. Bower reported that the Section is getting questions about the online renewal and elimination of pocket identification cards.

Customer Satisfaction Survey Results

The Board reviewed the customer satisfaction survey results. The Executive Director informed the Board overall customer satisfaction survey goal is to rate 4.3. The Board's current rating is 4.26.

Board Sponsored CE Sessions

The Executive Director reported that the next Board sponsored continuing education session held on August 29, 2011 at Riverside Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. The Executive Director reported that the Board is still looking for site to host the continuing education session in the city of Cleveland or Cuyahoga County.

Single Newsletter for all Three Sections

The Board discussed the feasibility of publishing a joint newsletter. Approximately seventy-five percent of the newsletters published have duplicate information among the three sections. The proposed joint newsletter would

feature an article for all three sections and will include the common information that generally makes up the seventy-five percent of the duplicated information. The staff time to create the design and templates averages approximately 3-4 hours per section. The Board is concerned that the joint newsletter would be too large and may not be read by licensees. The positive side of having a joint newsletter would enable cross education of the five professions licensed by the Board. The Board has been using the list serve to notify licensees about the important news for each section that has been posted to the Board website. Historically, the newsletter was the only tool used by the licensure Board to communicate important the news to licensees. The Board will discuss alternative options to relaying information to licensees.

Citizens Advocacy Center Webinars

The Board reviewed the Citizens Advocacy Center (CAC) Webinar course offerings. The Board is interested in the webinars titled “Deferred Disciplinary Action for Minor Violations” and “Regulatory Management of Chemically Dependent Health Care Practitioners.” The Board will be able to distribute the audio recording of the webinar and power point presentation to all Board Members at no additional cost. The Board authorizes the Executive Director to choose which seminar that will be purchased by the Board.

Travel and Expense Reminder

The Executive Director reminded Board members that travel and expense reports are generated electronically and that it is the responsibility of each Board member to notify the Board via email to initiate the travel expense report and inform the Board of any eligible expenses that occurred while in travel status. According to the Board’s policy and procedure, Board members are to notify the Board office within thirty days from the date of travel with the expense summary Failure to notify the Board to initiate the travel and expense report within the thirty day window will result in forfeiture of the travel expense reimbursement.

Items for the Next Meeting

- Section Reports
- Update on Joint Board Bill
- Customer Satisfaction Survey
- Legislative Changes
- Executive Director Evaluation
- Election of Officers

Next Meeting

The next Joint Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 8, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.

Action: Mary Kay Eastman moved that the meeting be adjourned. Brian Hertz seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Moore

Kimberly Lawler, OT, President-Elect
Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy,
and Athletic Trainers Board

Raymond Bilecky, PT, Secretary
Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy,
and Athletic Trainers Board

Jeffrey M. Rosa, Executive Director
Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy,
and Athletic Trainers Board

RB:jmr:dm