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DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH
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MICHIGAN BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 5, 2008

APPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976, PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Occupational Therapy met in regular session on February 5, 2008, at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa, Conference Room 1 (Upper Level Parking), Lansing, Michigan.

CALL TO ORDER

Gerry E. Conti, Ph.D., O.T.R., Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Gerry E. Conti, Ph.D., O.T.R., Chairperson
Diane Andert, O.T.R., Vice Chairperson
John Miller, Public Member
William Sisco, O.T.R.

Members Absent: Robert C. Ferguson, O.T.R.

Staff Present: Melanie Brim, Director, Bureau of Health Professions
(left at 11:12 a.m.)
Rae Ramsdell, Director, Licensing Division
Karen Carpenter, Analyst, Complaint Section
Laurie VanBeelen, Secretary, Licensing Division

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Miller, seconded by Sisco, to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2007, meeting as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Sisco, seconded by Andert, to approve the Agenda as amended:

Under NEW BUSINESS; B. Department Update add: Continued Professional Development presented by Melanie Brim (which is to be presented directly after the approval of the Agenda)

MOTION PREVAILED

NEW BUSINESS

CONTINUED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PRESENTATION – MELANIE BRIM

Brim introduced herself to the Board, giving them a synopsis of her responsibilities as Director of the Bureau. Brim provided members with an informational handout and discussed briefly the background and history regarding the continuous professional development (CPD) model. She stated that during the negotiations for enactment of legislation that would have provided for licensure of respiratory therapists, there was concern expressed that traditional continuing education (CE) did not assure ongoing competency. To move the respiratory therapy bill forward, it was agreed that a model for CPD would be developed by the Bureau and sent to the Governor for review and approval. Once approved, the CPD model could be used not only for the Board of Respiratory Care but also for the boards which had been seeking CE for a number of years, including the Boards of Psychology, Veterinary Medicine, Physical Therapy and Counseling.

Brim advised that the Governor has approved the portfolio model which has components that include the following: traditional CE; ongoing competency assessment; and CPD. She stated that the CPD framework is a mechanism developed to ensure that knowledge, skills and abilities remain current and are continuously improved or acquired. She indicated that licensees would be encouraged to participate in activities that fall within a minimum of two (2) of the three (3) components. She provided examples of the various activities and elements that would satisfy CPD requirements.

Brim stated that the Bureau will create standardized forms for all professions and will draft a core set of administrative rules that apply to all professions. However, each board will set its own minimum number of hours and types of activities. She further reported that the Bureau is also in the early stages of developing a web-based program for the maintaining of professional development portfolios. She indicated that if the Board agreed to move forward with this program, that it would take approximately 12-18 months before it would be able to be utilized.

Brim then took questions from the members. Conti commented that the Board would want to look to the national standards for guidance if the Board chooses to go forward with the CPD model. There was further discussion amongst the Board members. Brim encouraged the Board to discuss this proposal with colleagues to get feedback from others in the profession. Brim indicated that she will provide the Board members with background information from the other Boards to allow them to render a more educated decision.

The Board agreed that this would be discussed again at the April meeting.

REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

N/A

OLD BUSINESS

Review of Registration Requirements

Ramsdell advised that she had further discussions with the Attorney General's office and the AG has reviewed the re-registration process. The AG has determined that, pursuant to the Public Health Code and the Administrative Rules, we cannot accept continued maintenance of NBCOT certification as an alternative to re-taking the exam. The only way to change this is to change the Administrative Rules.

To review the registration process, an individual has 60 days following the date of expiration of their registration to renew their registration. If a registrant does not renew within that 60 day time period, their registration will lapse and they then have three years from the date of expiration of their registration to re-apply for registration by way of application to the Department. If a registration has lapsed for three or more years, then the registrant will be required to re-take the national exam again as part of the registration process

NEW BUSINESS

CONFIRMATION OF NOVEMBER, 2007 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Ramsdell advised that according to the Public Health Code, the Board was required to hold elections the first meeting following December 31. Since the Board held its elections at the November, 2007 meeting, the Board agreed to extend the terms of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson to December 31, 2008.

DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Ramsdell stated to the Board that she is looking forward to assisting them on behalf of the Department until a replacement for Diane Lewis has been found. She invited the members to contact her or Laurie VanBeelen, Board secretary, with any questions they may have.

PUBLIC COMMENT

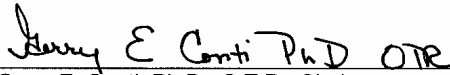
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held April 29, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa, Conference Room 1 (Upper Level Parking), Lansing, Michigan.

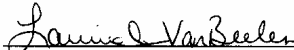
ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Sisco, seconded by Miller, to adjourn the meeting at 11:19 a.m.

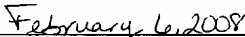


Gerry E. Conti, Ph.D., O.T.R., Chairperson

Date Minutes Approved



Laurie A. VanBeelen, Secretary



Date Minutes Prepared