

Texas Board of Occupational Therapy Examiners
EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
February 5, 2015
333 Guadalupe, Suite #2-510
Austin, TX 78701
3:00 PM

Committee Members Present: Todd Novosad, OTR, Committee Chair
Jennifer B. Clark, COTA
DeLana Honaker, OTR, PhD, FAOTA
Pamela D. Nelon, Public Member

Staff: Mark Turek, Chief Investigator
Cynthia Machado, Licensing Manager
Randall Glines, Assistant Licensing Manager
Lea Weiss, OT Coordinator

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM by Todd Novosad, Committee Chair. He called the roll and determined that a quorum existed. Todd Novosad welcomed Joy Herring as a public attendee.

2. Public comment

There was no public comment.

3. Approval of the Minutes of November 7, 2014

Motion: To adopt the minutes as written

Made by: DeLana Honaker

Second by: Jennifer B. Clark

Motion passed.

4. Discussion and possible action on recommendations from the Education Committee on proposing changes to Chapter 367 to include categories of education; the development of publications, media materials, or research/grant activities; mentorship; unacceptable continuing education activities; continuing education documentation; the continuing education approval process; and other continuing education issues

The Committee discussed changes regarding §367.2 that would clarify existing policies with regard to categories of education. The Committee discussed expanding the continuing education (CE) credit that may be earned for the development of publications, media materials, or research/grant activities and adding language that would allow a licensee to earn CE credit for the development of practice-related or instructional materials using alternative media such as video, audio, or software programs or applications to advance the professional skills of others (not for proprietary use). The Committee also discussed changes that would add mentorship as a category of continuing education for both mentor and mentee and considered revisions to the list of unacceptable continuing education activities to add leadership and general cooking courses and to remove cooking for health, weight management, and stress management courses.

The Committee discussed, in addition, CE documentation as per §367.3. The Committee asked the OT Coordinator to request that the American Occupational Therapy Association and the Texas Occupational Therapy Association submit supporting documentation with their responses to the CE Approval Process Questionnaire, which will be considered at the next Education Committee meeting. The Committee discussed additional continuing education issues related to CE credit, as well, and determined that as per Chapter 367, such must be completed during a licensee's renewal period.

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5. Discussion and possible action on future meeting dates and agenda items

The Committee will next meet May 7, 2015; agenda items will include discussion and possible action on Chapter 367 and the CE Approval Process.

6. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 4:40 PM.

Minutes adopted on: May 7, 2015