

1 Texas Board of Occupational Therapy Examiners

2 Rules Committee Meeting

3 June 12, 2014

4 333 Guadalupe, Suite #2-510

5 Austin, TX 78701

6 1:30 PM

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9 Committee Members Present: DeLana Honaker, OTR, PhD, FAOTA,
10 Rules Committee Chair
11 Jennifer B. Clark, COTA
12 Amanda Ellis, Public Member
13 Todd Novosad, OTR, Alt. Member
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16 Staff Present: Danielle DeVellis, Investigator
17 Augusta Gelfand, OT Coordinator
18 John Maline, Executive Director
19 Mark Turek, Chief Investigator
20 Lea Weiss, Assistant Licensing Manager
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23 **I. Call to Order**

24 DeLana Honaker, Rules Committee Chair, called the committee roll and established that a
25 quorum existed. The meeting was called to order at 1:37 PM.
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27 **2. Public Comment**

28 There was no public comment.
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30 **3. Approval of the Minutes of September 13, 2013**

31 **Motion: To approve the minutes as written**

32 **Made by: Todd Novosad**

33 **Second by: Jennifer B. Clark**

34 **Motion passed.**
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36 **4. Discussion and possible action on rule amendments to:**

37 A. §372.1, Provision of Services, and proposed new §372.2, Telehealth

38 B. §373.3, Supervision of an Occupational Therapy Assistant
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40 The Committee discussed the prospect of creating a new §372.2, Telehealth.
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42 Amanda Ellis joined the committee meeting at 2:03 PM.
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44 The Committee discussed privacy concerns, the kind of IT equipment necessitated by the
45 practice of Telehealth, other legal issues, and language related to “face-to-face” and “on-site”
46 contact as it pertains to Telehealth. In addition, the Committee discussed §373.3, Supervision
47 of an Occupational Therapy Assistant, and the nature of the “face-to-face” supervision hours in
48 general and as it would related to the practice of Telehealth.
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50 **Motion: To postpone any action until the November meeting, by which time,**
51 **DeLana Honaker and Lea Weiss will have attended the NBCOT Annual Regulatory**
52 **Conference’s session on Telehealth.**

1 **Made by: Jennifer B. Clark**

2 **Second by: Todd Novosad**

3 **Motion passed.**

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

6 The Committee will meet Thursday, November 6, 2014 in Sugar Land, TX to continue this
7 discussion.

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9 **6. Adjournment**

10 The Rules Committee adjourned at 2:52 PM.

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12 **Minutes adopted on: November 6, 2014**