

1 Texas Board of Occupational Therapy Examiners

2 Education Committee
3 333 Guadalupe St #2-510
4 Austin, TX 78701
5 3:00 PM
6 February 25, 2010

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9 Board Members Present: Todd Novosad, OTR
10 Stephanie Johnston, OTR
11 Angela Sieffert, OTA

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13 Staff Present: John Maline, Executive Director
14 Mark Turek, Chief Investigator
15 Augusta Gelfand, OT Coordinator
16 Cynthia Machado, Licensing Manager

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18 Guests: Mary Hennigan, OTR, ED, TOTA
19 Rick Schroeder, ED, OTCourses.com

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21 **I. Call to Order**

22 Todd Novosad called the meeting to order at 3:01 PM. He called the roll and determined that a quorum
23 existed.

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25 **2. Public Comment**

26 Mr. Schroeder passed out a timeline of the board correspondence with him. As a result of the
27 correspondence he has removed the Type 2 designation from his website. He applied to TOTA to
28 become an approved provider and was given the designation of Type 2 for his pharmaceutical course,
29 *Pharmacology and Therapist* thus the discrepancy with Board's Type 1 Cease and Desist Letter as
30 apposed to TOTA's Type 2 designation. He asked that this be resolved. Mary Hennigan stated that she
31 has done the review herself and made the decision.

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33 **3. Approval of minutes from December 4, 2009**

34 Motion To approve the minutes as written

35 Made by: Stephanie Johnston

36 Second by: Angela Sieffert

37 Motion passed.

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39 **4. Discussion and possible amendment to §367.1(f) regarding continuing education al**
40 **activities approved by the Texas Occupational Therapy Association.**

41 Mary Hennigan passed out packets of their proposed mandated CE program, which she said was based
42 on the Speech Therapy model.

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44 Mark Turek gave a history of the past few years of audit failures and disciplinary actions and stated that
45 there were few audit failures, most being from lack of response or too few CE hours taken.

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47 There was a discussion on the ability of getting courses approved post course. The Texas Physical
48 Therapy Association allows individuals to get their courses approved post course and charges for this
49 service.

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51 Stephanie and Angela voiced that they are not sure that a mandatory program is needed. One reason is
52 the cost, to which Mary responded that OTs and OTAs are well paid health professionals and the only
53 ones without CE approval system.

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After further discussion, the Education Committee decided not to send a recommendation to the board, but allow the board to discuss the issue of mandated continuing education approval at the board meeting.

5. Discussion and possible action on correspondence from Jillian Brasch, OTR with a request for continuing education credit

The Committee had all reviewed the book, *The Last Gifts: Creative Ways to Be with the Dying* and highly recommended the book for the maximum CE allowable, 10 hours.

Motion: To grant 10 hours of Type 2 CE to Ms. Brasch.

Motion: Stephanie Johnston

Second Angela Sieffert

Motion passed.

6 Discussion and possible action on correspondence from Cecilia Najera, OTR with a request for continuing education credit

The Education Committee reviewed the research material from Ms Najera

Motion To grant 10 hours of Type 2 CE to Ms Najera

Motion Angela Sieffert

Second Stephanie Johnston

Motion passed

7. Discussion and possible action on correspondence from Rhonda Landry, OTR with a request for continuing education credit

The Education Committee reviewed the correspondence from Ms Landry

Motion To grant 6 hours of CE to Ms Landry for her Vision Quest project.

Motion Stephanie Johnston

Second Angela Sieffert

Motion passed

8. Discussion and possible amendment on §370.2, Late Renewal to decide if completion of a re-entry program though an accredited College or University and fieldwork

The committee discussed the advantage of former Texas licensees taking a re-entry program and made proposed amendments to the current rules

Motion: To amend §370.2 to allow former licensees to attend the re-entry program. Those of less than 5 years expiration may do the exam, or the program or an advanced degree. Those of expiration more than 5 years may do the choices above, but must also pass the NBCOT exam, "for licensure purposes only."

Motion: Angela Sieffert

Second Stephanie Johnston

Motion passed.

9. Discussion and possible action on future meeting addenda items and dates.

The committee will meet at May 10, 2010 to further address the TOTA CE approval issue and the request of Mr. Schroeder's on the conflicting *Pharmacology and Therapist* issue.

9. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 4:36 AM

Date reviewed by the Education Committee: June 11, 2010