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**CALIFORNIA BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
PRACTICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**May 24, 2007
Oakland, California**

Committee Members Present

Deborah Bolding, Chairperson

Luella Grangaard

Judith Palladino

Mary Kay Gallagher

Pamela Roberts

Roberta Murphy

Barbara Rodrigues

Staff Present

Laura Freedman-Eidson, Staff Counsel

Heather Martin, Executive Officer

April Freeman, Associate Analyst

A. Call to order, roll call, establishment of a quorum

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 am. The roll was called and a quorum was established. Luella Grangaard announced that the chairperson, Janet Jabri, resigned from the Committee. She requested volunteers for the chairperson position. Deborah Bolding volunteered to assume the chairperson duties.

B. Approval of the August 16, 2006, Committee meeting minutes

This item was item was deferred to the next meeting.

C. Approval of the November 30, 2006, Committee meeting minutes

The Committee reviewed the minutes of the November 30, 2006, meeting.

- Roberta Murphy moved to approve the minutes of the November 30, 2006, Practice Committee meeting.
- Pamela Roberts seconded the motion.
- Motion passed unanimously.

D. Approval of the January 18, 2007, Committee meeting minutes

This item was item was deferred to the next meeting.

E. Approval of the March 1, 2007, Committee meeting minutes

The Committee reviewed the minutes of the March 1, 2007, meeting.

- Luella Grangarrd moved to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2007, Practice Committee meeting.
- Pamela Roberts seconded the motion.
- Motion passed unanimously.

F. Review and consideration of draft Joint Practice Statements between the Board of Physical Therapy and Board of Occupational Therapy regarding: (1) Scope of Practice, and (2) PT's Responsibility when Supervising an OT Obtaining an Advanced Practice Certification.

The Committee discussed the joint statement regarding clarification between physical therapy and occupational therapy scope of practice. They recommended making the following changes:

The title should be amended to clarify that the statement is only appropriate for practice "within the State of California".

In the third paragraph, last sentence, after "establish the treatment plan and goals relevant to that discipline" add the words "as appropriate."

- Roberta Murphy moved to approve the Joint Statement on Scope of Practice as modified.
- Mary Kay Gallagher seconded the motion.
- Motion passed unanimously.

The Committee discussed the joint statement regarding physical therapist's responsibilities when supervising occupational therapists in the process of obtaining an advanced practice approval. They recommended making the following changes:

The title should be amended to clarify that the statement is only appropriate "within the State of California".

In the second paragraph add an additional sentence "While some patient therapies fall within both scopes of practice, OTs and PTs must adhere to the laws and regulations that pertain to each discipline as the two are not interchangeable" to make consistent with language in the Scope of Practice statement.

In the third paragraph, second sentence, strike the last two words "in either circumstance" and replace with "for the specific advanced practice area."

In the second paragraph under *Alternative 1: PT Treatment Plan*, replace the last sentence with the following: "The PT will review and discuss with the OT, for educational purposes, the portion of the treatment plan relating to the advanced practice procedure. The PT may review and discuss the physical therapy evaluation with the OT that pertains to the advanced practice procedure."

In the first sentence under *Alternative 2: OT Treatment Plan*, replace “lawfully established by an OT” with “by an OT who is lawfully authorized to establish the treatment plan for that advanced practice area.”

In the last sentence under *Alternative 2: OT Treatment Plan*, add the words “advanced practice” before procedures or techniques.

- Luella Grangaard moved to approve the Joint Statement on PT’s Responsibilities when Supervising an OT Obtaining an Advanced Practice Certification as modified.
- Barbara Rodrigues seconded the motion.
- Motion passed unanimously.

G. Discussion and review of *Application to Provide Advanced Practice Post-Professional Education*.

This item was tabled for the next meeting.

H. Discussion and review of Title 16, Division 39, California Code of Regulations, Section 4181 – Supervision Parameters

The Committee discussed and recommended developing *Frequently Asked Questions* concerning the supervision requirements outlined in Section 4181. The Committee also discussed whether an OT in a supervisory position is responsible for ensuring that another OT under their supervision is properly licensed. Committee members discussed that JCAHO (The Joint Commission) requires website verification. Ms. Bolding suggested that a future newsletter contain a reminder about supervisory responsibility.

- Luella Grangaard moved to direct staff to develop proposed language to amend Title 16, Division 39, California Code of Regulations, Section 4181(e) in order to include any occupational therapy practitioners being supervised.
- Pamela Roberts seconded the motion.
- Motion passed unanimously.

I. Discussion and review of *Frequently Asked Questions* posted on the Board’s website.

The Committee reviewed current and proposed frequently asked questions for three categories: general, advanced practice and continuing competency.

Barbara Rodrigues suggested adding a question to the general FAQ concerning whether a current pocket license is required.

No other changes or additions were suggested.

The Committee recommended that a statement about the upcoming PT/OT Joint Statements be added to the website.

J. Discussion and development of supervision guidelines to be provided to schools, fieldwork coordinators, fieldwork sites, and interns and posted on the Board's website.

Ms. Grangaard stated that she spoke with fieldwork coordinators from Loma Linda University, San Jose State University and California State University, Dominguez Hills, regarding students who report witnessing unethical behavior during their internship.

The Committee discussed what type of situations are being reported by the students and what responsibility, if any, the fieldwork coordinator bears in investigating the complaint. The Committee determined that the Board needs to provide outreach concerning ethics to the fieldwork coordinators and advise them how to report unethical behavior to the Board.

The Committee also discussed the possibility of requiring a jurisprudence examination. This item will be discussed further at a future Committee meeting.

K. Discussion and review of OTs being eligible for a credential issued by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing

Due to time constraints, this item was tabled for the next Committee meeting.

L. Discussion and development of Expert Witness criteria.

Due to time constraints, this item was tabled for the next Committee meeting.

M. Discussion of future Practice Committee meeting dates and meeting times.

Due to time constraints, this item was tabled for the next Committee meeting.

N. Future Agenda Items.

Items K, L, M from this meeting will be added to the next Committee meeting agenda. In addition, the Committee would like to discuss Advanced Practice Courses, and the possibility of requiring a jurisprudence examination.

O. Public Comment Session.

There were no public comments.

P. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.