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Regular Session Minutes

February 13, 2015

Board Members Present: John Tutelman, Chair, Public Member
Dr. Donald Hosenfeld Vice Chair, OT Member
Quenton McCallister, OT Member
Dana Hutchings, OT Member
Karen Belyan, Public Member

Staff Present: J. Randy Frost, Executive Director
Vicki Egurrola, Administrative Assistant

Legal Staff Present: Michael Raine, Assistant Attorney General

Call to Order

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Arizona State Board of Occupational Therapy Examiners was called to order at 1:30 p.m. John Tutelman, presiding.

Roll Call

All Board members were present for the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Regular Session Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2015

Dr. Donald Hosenfeld moved to approve the January 9, 2015 regular session meeting minutes. Dana Hutchings seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Dr. Donald Hosenfeld recused himself from Agenda item 6(a).

Review Meeting Schedule

The Board reviewed the meetings schedule for:

- March 13, 2015
- April 17, 2015
- May 8, 2015

There were no changes made to the meeting schedule.

Initial Review of New Complaints

Beth Williamson 15-OT-4442, The Board re-opened the discussion on the previously tabled complaint filed against Beth Williamson. The complaint was tabled at the January meeting to allow the complainant time to review documents supplied by Ms. Williamson.

The Board's Executive Director, Randy Frost, provided a brief overview of the complaint filed by the parents of an adolescent patient being seen at Fiesta Pediatrics which is owned and operated by Ms. Williamson. After the overview, John Tutelman, Board Chairman recognized the individuals that were signed in to address the complaint. The Board first heard from the complainant, Ms. Gindira McLemore. Ms. McLemore addressed the complaint responses filed by Ms. Williamson. Ms. McLemore refuted several of the responses provided by Ms. Williamson and provided the Board with several written responses from individuals associated with the therapy provided to Ms. McLemore's son. Mr. McLemore also spoke to the Board about comments made by Ms. Williamson about their son and his so called aggressive behavior. Mr. Tutelman explained that the Board can't address the diagnosis given unless it is beyond Ms. Williamson's scope of practice.

Additionally, the Board heard from several individuals who requested to speak regarding the complaint. One individual who spoke was Joann Zuniga, a former employee of Fiesta Pediatrics. Ms. Zuniga stated that Beth Williamson asked her to change documentation on treatment records for the McLemore's son. Also, she stated that shortly after the request she was terminated and given McLemore's patient records to take with her. Ms. Zuniga stated that Ms. Williamson constantly would make negative comments to staff regarding patients and other staff members. She stated that "This woman (Beth Williamson) has no filter".

The Board also heard from Angie Huengo whose child was treated by Beth Williamson in the past. Ms. Huengo stated that she stopped having Ms. Williamson treat her child because of the rough treatment of and cruel comments Williamson made about her son.

The Board also heard from the parent of another former patient regarding her child's treatment by Beth Williamson. Marisol Barrera spoke to the Board through an interpreter. She stated that Ms. Williamson was extremely rough in handling her son. Ms. Barrera stated that she asked Ms. Williamson to be gentler to her son as he is sensitive to pain. She said that Ms. Williams answered that she knew how to do her job.

John Tutelman moved to go into executive session to obtain legal advice at 2:30 p.m. Karen Belyan seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

The Board returned from executive session at 2:44 p.m. Upon return to the regular session Dr Donald Hosenfeld recused himself from this matter due to possible conflict of interest.

The Board then heard from Denise Blommel, Counsel for Ms. Williamson. Ms. Blommel opened her statement by saying that the complaint brought against her client deals with speech therapy and not occupational therapy and that because of that she felt the Board had no jurisdiction and asked that the Board dismiss the complaint. Ms. Blommel also made comment regarding the testimony of several patients and former employees. Ms. Blommel stated that these individuals had an ax to grind and that the new information provided by them did not violate Board rules and statutes. Ms. Blommel also addressed billing documents that were given to the Board. She stated that the invoices were for speech therapy and that Fiesta Pediatrics has already reported any errors to Care First.

Dana Hutchings moved to request any and all documents pertaining to the complaint. Karen Belyan seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Dana Hutchings made a second motion requesting that Ms. Williamson attend an informal hearing in front of the Board at its April 17, 2015 meeting. Karen Belyan seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Open Complaints/Investigations

Margaret Murphy License No. 2903. The Board went into executive session for legal advice at 3:05 pm. The Board returned from executive session at 3:15 pm. Upon return to regular session, John Tutelman moved to set the Murphy matter for a hearing to be held at the April 17th 2015 meeting. Quenton McCallister seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0. Mr. Tutelman then moved to summarily suspend Ms. Murphy’s license to practice if she hasn’t complied with the Boards order for mental evaluation by February 20, 2015. Karen Belyan seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0. After the motion passed, Assistant Attorney General, Michael Raine requested that the Board have a voice vote for the record. Voting in support of the motion were Karen Belyan, Donald Hosenfeld, Quenton McCallister, Dana Hutchings and John Tutelman.

Status of Compliance with Board Order/Approval of Board Ordered CE

The Board discussed the Complaint Action Status Report of the following licensees:

1. Joel Tagle 13-OTA-5436, Mr. Tagle has completed his probation and has been notified as such.
2. Mary Lynn 14-OT-1075, Ms. Lynn was sent a reminder to complete the terms of her consent agreement.
3. Michelle Siegel 14-OT-5789, The Board staff reported that Ms. Siegel is in compliance and has been providing Board staff with financial statements.
4. Amy Ryan 14-OT-0933, Staff reported the Ms. Ryan completed the required CEUs and is supposed to have a health evaluation in March and report to the Board after the evaluation.
5. Michelle Bowman 14-OT-5246, The Board staff reported that there is nothing new to report. A reminder was sent to Ms Bowman to complete her continuing education.

Substantive Review, Discussion, and Vote Re: Applications for Licenses as Follows:

Initial Applications

Samantha Baker	Jessica Bassett	Sherry Choe	Sheryl Dillinger
Jessica Ehnen	Bonnie Elliott	Rebecca Flower	Stacey Garard
Daniel Garrison	Shannon Gullede	Kortney Holbrook	Suzanne Hougland
Bruce Huddleston	Wade huff	Elizabeth Johnston	Alex King
Justine Krivoniak	Jennifer Kubacik	Michael Leyva	Esther Lopez
Heather McCabe	Madeline McCauley	Mary Osborne	BreAnne Robison
Adam Sakievich	Tiffany Sherlock	Heather Stein	Jennifer Stump
Nathan Tanner	Erin Wilson	Fei Wu	Mary Helen Young

Dr. Donald Hosenfeld moved to approve the 32 initial applications. Karen Belyan seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Renewal of Licenses

Brooke Allen	Mollie Allen	Jennifer Allenstein	Julie Andersen
Rebecca Andrews	Maury Apfel	Andrea Barnes	Cherise Basques
James Beth Jr.	Kacie Birkmeyer	Jena Bohl	Michelle Bradshaw
Wendy Brandt	Michael Briones	Lena Camou	Diane Cardassi
Jacqueline Casolare	Denise Casson	Amanda Chase	Lynn Cipriani
Craig Ciuk	Veda Collmer	Tammy Comerci	Cristina Cotton
Lela Dandoy	Denny Davis	Kimberly Dehn	Briana Dobyns
Patti Doyle	Kris Edwards	Colette Eneboe	Tracey Eremia
Joselyn Fenley	Jonathan Ferguson	Bethzaida Figueroa	Deidre Firkins
Jayne Fite	Andrea Fleischman	Lauren Foss	Jacqueline Fox
Catrina Franklin	Aaron Fuller	Lisa Fuller	Angela Goorman
Susan Grace	Emily Green	Michelle Han	Heather Harvey
Marna Haverkamp	Sabrina Hedgbeth	Brandon Hepworth	Rachel Hoppe
Marsha Hunt	Shaaron Hunter	Daylyn Ison	Linda Jackson
Amanda Jarles	Antonia Jaster	Holly Jones	Megan Jones
Rodney Joseph	Kristine Kath	Jason Kern	Chana King
Jennifer Klaine	Rachel Knowles	Buffey Lamoreaux	Lisa Liljenquist
Dearl Lilley	Melissa Lowdermilk	Michelle Lyons	Tabitha Macziewski
Margaret Maples	Jennifer Marseglia	Michelle Martinez	Marjorie McGinnis
Vivienne Meanger	Stephen Medeiros	Emilie Medrano	Amy Merckle
Suzanne Moe	Monica Monroe	Barbara Morris	Patrisha Mussi
Andre Naylor	Valerie Neal	Benjamin Nicholas	Laurie Pietkiewicz
Tara Poloni	Bonnie Pond	Kathleen Powell	Amanda Reichert
Desirae Reyes	Kara Rice	Kristin Rodgers	Alison Ryan
Julia Saguier	Jennifer Sanchez	Kayla Sanchez	Matthew Schetter
Linda Schienker	Heather Schraufnager	Rachel Shamah	Brent Sherwood
Jane Sloan	Deborah Smeed	Victoria Smith	Elyse Snow
Ramona Soto	Kristin Springborn	Amanda Staley	Dawn Steinfort
Christine Stokan	Maria Stratton	Diana Thies	Tricia Thorman
Jean Touchstone	Ruth Tremaine	Angela Troy	Keith Vogel
Jen Wang	Renee Warthman	Emily Wegley	Rodica Wesley
Shannon Wiant	Melissa Zammit		

John Tutelman made a motion to approve the 126 renewal license applications. Dr. Donald Hosenfeld seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

c. Limited Licenses

Melissa Berutto	Allison Heitzinger	Julianne Levich	Jessica Meyer
Rebekah Ross			

Karen Belyan moved to approve the 5 limited license applications. Dr. Donald Hosenfeld seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on Administrative Matters

- a. Revenue and Expenditure Report. Executive Director, Randy Frost provided the Board with an updated revenue and expenditure report. Mr. Frost stated that the report shows

that the Board is well within its budget. Mr. Frost also provided the Board with a deposits report.

- b. Administrative Projects Status Report. Mr. Frost updated the Board on the following administrative projects:
- Policies and Procedures- Mr. Frost updated the Board that the policies and procedures approved at the last meeting are in the process of being implemented.
 - Updating the Boards licensing program, Staff is working with ADOA on hardware and software upgrades. The purchase of the hardware should take place within the next few weeks.
 - Legislative Updates, Mr. Frost provided the Board with updates on several Bills he has been following this legislative session.
 - Rule Revisions, The Governor has issued a moratorium on all rule making.
 - Required Board Member Training, Mr. Frost informed the members that the presentation that they would be viewing would count for part of their required training.

Review, Discussion and Possible Action, Other Board Business and Reports

- a. Presentation by Shaun Conway, Director of Credentialing Services, NBCOT. Mr. Conway shared a presentation of all the services that the NBCOT can provide the Board.
- b. Election of Board Officers, Dr. Hosenfeld made a motion to elect John Tutelman Chair. Karen Belyan seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0. Karen Belyan moved to elect Dr. Donald Hosenfeld Vice Chair. Quenton McCallister seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.
- c. Revision of the Boards Administrative Rules, Mr. Frost updated the Board on the status of the Governors rules moratorium. He informed the Board that a letter could be written to the Governors requesting an exemption and asked them if he should proceed with drafting a request. The Board directed Mr. Frost to proceed with requesting an exemption.

Agenda items for next meeting – if any

There were no new items for next meeting

Call to the Public

There weren't any members of the public in attendance that wished to address the Board.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Randy Frost
Executive Director