

The Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners  
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting

May 12, 2023

Virtual Zoom Meeting

A meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners Occupational Therapy Advisory Committee, pursuant to lawful notice, was duly convened and called to order at 10:02 a.m., May 12, 2023 via Zoom virtual video and live streamed to the public on YouTube. The chair verified the identity of all videoconference participants and that the audio and video were clear and audible. The chair advised that public comments could be mailed to [publiccomment@lsbme.la.gov](mailto:publiccomment@lsbme.la.gov).

Members present were as follows:

Darbi Philibert, Chair  
Ingrid Franc, Vice Chair  
Raelena Crooks  
Brenda Martin  
Carolyn Murphy (joined 10:18 AM)  
Glynn Wallace  
Kim Solari  
Amy Larriviere

Also present at the Meeting:

Dr. Vincent Culotta, LSBME Executive Director  
Patricia Wilton, LSBME Executive Counsel  
Olivia PeLong, LSBME Executive Program Specialist  
Tracy Mauro, LSBME IT Specialist  
Jacintha F. Duthu, LSBME Executive Staff Officer  
Dr. Michael Francis, LSBME Board Member (joined 10:24 AM)

Members Absent: Kelly Brandon

### Old Business

1. **Minutes of April 2023 meeting.** Minutes were reviewed. On the motion of Brenda Martin, duly seconded by Amy Larriviere, all present voted unanimously to approve and accept the minutes of the April 14, 2023 OTAC meeting with no changes.
  - No public comment.
2. **Old Business – COTA practitioner request for decision on Exposure Response Prevention Therapy (ERPT).**
  - a. The Committee reviewed and discussed the response options that Dr. Van created for the COTA's questions. The Committee agreed on responding with the following questions:

- *Are you asking if ERPT will count as approved continuing education?* This question will be followed up with information regarding contacting LOTA if that is what the COTA wants to know.
- *How do you plan to use the information gained from the course?*
  - No public comment.

### **3. Old Business – Report by Darbi from AOTA Conference on Dry Needling and the Compact**

#### **a. Dry Needling**

- Dr. Van asked that the AOTA resolution on Dry Needling (DN) be sent directly to him.
- Dr. Francis requested information on the types of needles used and whether a current is sent through them. He expressed concern that research shows DN is effective only with current, and that there is risk of pneumothorax. He also asked if a consent form would be used. The Committee answered these questions as able, and Darbi will get Dr. Francis in touch with Randall Alford to get more comprehensive information. Dr. Francis suggested mini-shadowing with M.D.s that specialize in pain as part of the training for OTs planning on using DN. Dr. Van reviewed the history of the DN initiative and the need to clarify the training requirements in our Rules.
- Darbi to invite a representative from the AOTA to our June or July meeting when we start discussion of physical agent modality Rules.

#### **b. OT Compact**

- The AOTA crafted Compact language states that it is considered to be a 'compact privilege'. If an OTP loses their home state privilege, they will lose in all states.
- However, Dr. Van says that the LA law is written such that it is a 'license' and not a 'privilege'. Dr. Van will send the bill to Darbi.
- If LA joins the Compact, a current OTAC member will need to be on the Compact Commission. OTAC will nominate one of our members.
- The review cycle is the same as the home state.
- There are two fees: the Commission will have a fee and each state will set a fee.
- Dr. Van explained that the LSBME may request Letter of Qualification from a state for an OTP requesting privileges in LA, and conversely, may be asked to send one to other states by LA OTPs requesting privileges elsewhere.
- Dr. Van concerned about telehealth being regulated well enough under the Compact.
  - No public comment.

### **4. New Business – Upcoming positions on OTAC**

- a. We have two positions that will expire on 12/31/2023. Others who are eligible for another term were asked to send a letter of intention to continue to serve.
- b. When we advertise for the open positions, we need to include the practice backgrounds that are needed on the Committee.
- c. Getting an OTA member is a priority.

- d. Dr. Van stated that there is currently a bill pending in the legislature that would require having a physical meeting spot for people who do not have access to Zoom.
  - No public comment.

#### 5. Old Business – Rules Revisions

- Darbi read the draft OT/OTA supervision rules that were created by Darbi and Ingrid. The Committee then extensively discussed, edited, and revised the draft.
- There was general agreement around using “General Supervision” as the supervision method, which would require at least monthly supervision meetings using a variety of methods.
- There was agreement to require the COTA to include the name of the OT available to them in their patient documentation.
- It was agreed that supervision of non-licensed personnel should be in a separate Rules section.
- Concerns were raised regarding a lack of supervision meeting length.
- The current Verification of Supervision form was reviewed and discussed. There is a need to make it on-line so that it can be changed as people change jobs and to allow an OT to remove themselves as the OTA’s supervisor.
- The current OTA Competency sample form was reviewed and discussed.
  - No public comment.

Next meeting is June 9 at 10:00.

- **Meeting was adjourned at 12:51 pm.**