

RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

MAY 10, 2006

MINUTES OF MEETING

The Open Session of the Board of Occupational Therapy was called to order at 3:00 p.m. on the above date in Room 104, Cannon Building, Department of Health, Three Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Open Meeting Law, so called, and other applicable provisions of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, as amended. A quorum was established.

Board members in attendance:

William Buonanno, MD

Kim Gilbert

Carol Doehler

Janet Rivard Michaud

Board member not in attendance:

Eugene Leco

Staff members in attendance:

Donna Dickerman

The minutes of the meeting held November 17, 2004 were reviewed. On a motion by Kim Gilbert, seconded by William Buonanno, MD, and agreed to by Carol Doehler, it was voted to accept the minutes as presented (new member, Janet Rivard Michaud, could not vote on said minutes).

New Board Member, Janet Rivard Michaud, was welcomed and oriented to the Board.

Per a request from the Office of Facilities Regulation, members discussed the modality of electrical stimulation in ulcers as it relates to the scope of practice for occupational therapists. Members discussed the current status of modality education in occupational therapy, as outlined by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) and the American Occupational Therapy Association's (AOTA) position on the use of modalities. Members referred to an AOTA "Position Paper on Physical Agent Modalities" and the ACOTE's 2006 draft standards for education, which both recognize and assert the use of modalities to improve occupational performance.

Adjournment to Executive Session

On a motion by Carol Doehler, seconded by Kim Gilbert, it was unanimously voted the Board adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5 (a)(1)(4) of the RI General Laws to

review Executive Minutes.

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Return to Open Session

The Board returned to Open Session.

Adjournment

On a motion by Carol Doehler, seconded by Kim Gilbert, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Dickerman

Board Administrator

Health Professionals Regulation