

**MINUTES**

**UTAH  
RECREATIONAL THERAPY  
BOARD MEETING**

**April 16, 2012**

**Room 402 – 4<sup>th</sup> Floor – 9:00 A.M.  
Heber Wells Building  
Salt Lake City, UT 84111**

**CONVENED:** 9:04 A.M.

**ADJOURNED:** 11:30 A.M.

**Bureau Manager:**  
**Board Secretary:**

Noël Taxin  
Karen McCall

**Board Members Present:**

Patrick R. Park, Chairperson  
Susan P. Call  
Gwen T. Nelson  
Shawna Peterson

**Board Members Absent:**

Megan Roth

**Guests:**

Monica Dixon  
Kari Swenson  
Sandie Negley  
Michele Beal  
Syd Post  
Kristina Couron

**DOPL Staff Present:**

Larry Gooch, Investigations Supervisor

**TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION**

**DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:**

**MINUTES:**

The minutes from the December 13, 2010 Board meeting were read.

Ms. Call made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Ms. Nelson seconded the motion. **The Board vote was unanimous.**

**APPOINTMENTS:**

**9:15 am**

Investigative Update

Ms. Taxin explained she has requested someone from

the investigative unit to meet with the Board and report on Recreational Therapy investigations. She stated there will be no specific cases discussed but if the Board wants something more than is presented they may request it for the next report.

Ms. Taxin then introduced Larry Gooch.

Mr. Gooch delivered an overview of the 2011 investigative statistics.

**The Board thanked Mr. Gooch for the report.**

**9:30 am**  
Legislative Update and Rule Review

Ms. Taxin informed the Board of the 2012 Legislative Recreational Therapy Statute amendment which recodified the Statute with in the current format of other DOPL Statutes. She stated the new Law requires further clarification by Rule and she has written a draft of Rules for the Board to review. She stated the Board should make comments as the draft is reviewed in order to have them as complete as possible before conducting a Rule Hearing. Ms. Taxin stated Ms. Hardcastle was unable to attend today and submitted a proposal for one area for the Board to review. She reminded the Board of their charge to protect the public in writing the Rules.

The Board and guests reviewed the following:  
R156-40-102. Definitions. **Minor changes were recommended and approved by the Board.**

R156-40-302a. Qualifications for Licensure – Education Requirements. **The Board and guests determined this area needed better clarification. Ms. Negley and Ms. Post volunteered to write language to include recommendations of the Board and guests for Board review at the next Board meeting.**

R156-40-302b. Qualifications for Licensure – Experience Requirements. **Minor changes were recommended and approved by the Board.**

R146-40-302c. Qualifications for Licensure – Examination Requirements. **The Board approved the proposed changes.**

R146-50-302d. Time Limitation for TRT applicants. **The Board and guests reviewed Ms. Hardcastle's recommendations and determined this area needed better clarification. URTA volunteered to write language to include recommendations of the Board and guests for Board review at the next Board meeting.**

R156-40-302e. Qualifications for Supervision. **Minor changes were recommended and approved by the Board.**

R156-40-302f. Qualifications for Temporary License as a TRS – Supervision Required. **The Board approved the proposed changes.**

R156-40-304. Continuing education. **Minor changes were recommended and approved by the Board.**

R156-40-502. Unprofessional conduct. **The Board approved the proposed changes.**

Ms. Taxin requested Ms. Beal coordinate the Rule recommendations received from the Healthcare Association, URTA, MTRS Consultants and professors and submit their proposed recommendations for her to incorporate the information into the proposed Rules for the Board to review prior to filing and scheduling a hearing. She then explained the Rule writing and hearing process and stated Board members are not required to attend Rule hearings but she does try to arrange hearings for Board meeting days to accommodate Board member attendance.

**Ms. Beal asked if DOPL sends out copies of the Laws and Rules or a notification to all licensees regarding the new Law and the Rules when they have been approved.**

Ms. Taxin responded no. She explained the information is available on the DOPL website and practitioners are expected to review the website and their Laws and Rules periodically. She recommended the Association include the information in their next newsletter to their membership.

Ms. Taxin reminded the Board and guests that the CE requirement is new for Recreational Therapy and if the CE is not completed by May 31, 2013, the license will not be renewed until the CE is completed. She stated the CE will be pro-rated to about 10 hours for the one year as the CE requirement will be 20 hours in the two year renewal period. Ms. Taxin reminded the Board and guests that the Law becomes effective May 8, 2012 and any CE completed prior to that date will not count toward the 2013 renewal.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Update on Shirley Wayman – Suspension

Ms. Taxin stated Ms. Wayman is not currently working in the field. She stated Ms. McCall has tried to call Ms. Wayman but Ms. Wayman has not returned her calls. She stated a letter has now been sent requesting an update. Ms. Taxin stated Ms. Wayman’s license is currently suspended and she is unable to practice with a suspended license.

Discuss Date for Next Board Meeting

Board members determined May 14, 2012, at 9:00 am would be the most convenient date to meet again to review the proposed Rules.

**NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR:**

May 14, 2012

**ADJOURN:**

The time is 11:30 am and the Board meeting is adjourned.

*Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.*

May 14, 2012  
Date Approved

(ss) Patrick R. Park  
Chairperson, Utah Recreational Therapy Licensing Board

April 19, 2012  
Date Approved

(ss) Noel Taxin  
Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing