

**STATE OF INDIANA
BEFORE THE
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY COMMITTEE**

Notice is hereby given that the
Indiana Occupational Therapy Committee
will meet in person and virtually/electronically through Zoom on
October 29, 2024 beginning at 10:00 A.M.

In-Person Meeting Location:

Indiana Professional Licensing Agency Board Hearing Room (Room W064)
Indiana Government Center South
402 W. Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Virtual/Electronic Zoom Meeting Details:

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MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM 10:07 A.M.

Committee Members Present: Dr Ann Hake, Katrina Etter, Sidney Eisengruber

Not Present: Sharon Pape and Debra Mosley

Staff Present: Toby Snell, Ashlee Scott, Brad Repass, Jill Haddad

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA Motion made by KE and seconded by SE to adopt the agenda

Motion carries 3-0-0

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES Motion made by KE and seconded by SE to approve the minutes

Motion carries 3-0-0

4. REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Report given by Ian Mathew

COURT REPORTER

Margie Addington

5. ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

a. Ashlyn Eldridge 32002842A

Petition to Withdraw Probation 2023 OTC 0002

Ashlyn appears without counsel

Motion made by KE and seconded by SE to remove the probation status

Motion carries 3-0-0

Debra Mosley and Sharon Pape join the meeting virtually 10:53 A.M.

6. PERSONAL APPEARANCES

a. Emily Wallace-Reinstatement

Emily Wallace appears in person

She is wanting to reinstate her license

In 2013 she moved to CA and lived for 8 years

And became a stay-at-home mom and has now moved back to Indiana and would like to get her license reinstated. Indiana expired in 2016, and CA license expired in 2022. She has maintained her NBCOT.

Motion made by KE and seconded by SP to approve the reinstatement

Motion carries 5-0-0

b. Spencer Sandage-Renewal

Spencer Sandage appears in person

He failed to renew his CA license on time and was placed on probation for working without an active license. He is waiting on a final order from CA.

Motion made by SP and seconded by SE to renew the license

Motion carries 5-0-0

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. NBCOT Shakina Walton
- b. Electronic Meeting Policy

Debra Mosley Leaves Meeting 11:37 A.M.

- c. Practice Ruling
Question 1.

I am writing regarding some clarification questions regarding the Indiana Practice Act for occupational therapists as there seems to be some ambiguity in the type of modalities allowed in practice. According to the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT), dry needling (DN) is recognized as a physical agent modality (PAM) within the scope of practice for an Occupational Therapist with demonstrated competence within the Occupational Therapy Code of Ethics (OTCOE) stating, "AOTA asserts that interventions to support occupations including but not limited to physical agent modalities (PAMs), dry needling, and other techniques may be used in preparation for, or concurrently with occupations and activities or interventions that ultimately enhance a client's engagement in occupation". However, the Indiana regulations are not clear on whether or not this PAM can be used in practice and what requirements or stipulations exist around using DN. IC 2523.5-1-6.5 states "Application of physical agent modalities and use of a range of specific therapeutic procedures used in preparation for or concurrently with purposeful and occupation based activities, including techniques to enhance sensory-motor, perceptual, and cognitive processing, manual therapy techniques, and adjunctive and preparatory activities for occupational performance. However, manual therapy does not include spinal manipulation, spinal adjustment, or grade 5 mobilization." Can you please provide clarification on the exact views of the board regarding using DN in OT practice within the state of IN? Is there additional certification needed to demonstrate competency for DN or any other PAMs? Additionally, regarding private practice clients, what is the requirement for initial evaluations? Is there a need for an MD order, or is it at the discretion of the treating therapist to determine a plan of care and the need for a full evaluation based on an initial screening?

DN question tabled until next meeting

Initial Evaluation Answer:

Yes, the therapist can determine a plan of care based on the initial screening. Please refer to the Indiana Administrative Rules.

d. Draft Rules

Motion made by SP and seconded by SE to approve the draft rules
Motion carries 5-0-0

8. ADJOURNMENT 12:27 P.M.

Sharon Pape,
Sharon Pape, Committee Chair

Next Meeting
February 18 2025