

TBOTE news

The Texas Board of Occupational Therapy Examiners

February 2006

TBOTE UPDATE

No new rules were proposed or adopted at the February TBOTE meeting. The Education and Rules Committees will be meeting before the TBOTE Board May 5th meeting.

Client Interaction Each Treatment Session

§373.1(d) says the occupational therapy practitioner providing the treatment must interact with the patient regarding the patient's condition, progress, and/or achievement of goals during each treatment session.

§372.1 (e) says the occupational therapy practitioner must have face-to-face, real time interaction with the patient or client during the intervention process.

Both rules reinforce that as an OT professional you are meeting with the patient or client each and every treatment session, even if you are not providing the treatment. If you have delegated the treatment to an aide, during the treatment you must interact with the patient either before, during or at the end of the treatment session.

Discharge

The OTR must carefully review any data collected by the COTA, making whatever adjustments or addendums that are necessary, determining if goals were met or not, establishing any further needs of the patient in another continuum of care, and then sign off on the discharge.

New Rule, Co Signature Not Required

Do you have many OTRs at your workplace, or do you find that different ones show up by the day or week? COTAs & LOTAs: When you write the OTR's name in your progress note, write the name of the OTR who is available to you and responsible for the Plan of Care on the day of the treatment you are documenting. The COTA Log and supervision hours are still required.

COTAs & LOTAs: You must have the name of an OTR or LOT in your treatment notes, and you must receive the supervision as outlined in §373.3: frequent communication by telephone, written report, email, conference, plus a minimum of two hours of supervision a month of face-to face real time interaction with the OTR(s) or LOT(s) directly observing the COTA or LOTA providing services with patients/clients.

OTRs & LOTs: If an employer tells you that you can write the Plan of Care and that is the extent of your responsibility, that is wrong. You must know the skills of those to whom you delegate and if you are the only OTR, you must give the frequent supervision and face to face supervision required.

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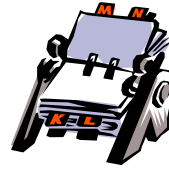
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OT Board Formal Disciplinary Actions

Taken February 3, 2006

- (1) **Anne Bott, OTR #111423 (San Angelo)** – practiced with an expired license. Violation of Section 454.301 of the Act and chapter 374 of the board rules. **Board Order required thirty (30) hours of community service.**
- (2) **Marissa Phillips, OTR #111303 (Cedar Hill)** – practiced with an expired license. Violation of Section 454.301 of the Act and chapter 374 of the board rules. **Board Order required thirty (30) hours of community service.**
- (3) **Christine Johnson, COTA #206652 (Taylor)** – failed to properly renew her license (CE audit). Violation of Section 454.301 of the Act and chapter 367 of the board rules. **Board Order required proof of the completion of the lacking CE hours and suspension of her license for sixty (60) days or until lacking CE is completed – whichever is greater.**
- (4) **Mary Payne, OTR #102564 (Houston)** – failed to properly renew her license (CE audit). Violation of Section 454.301 of the Act and chapter 367 of the board rules. **Amended Board Order suspended her license for thirty (30) days.**
- (5) **Kristi Simons, COTA #208170 (Spring)** – failed to properly renew her license (CE audit). Violation of Section 454.301 of the Act and chapter 367 of the board rules. **Board Order required proof of the completion of the lacking CE hours and suspension of her license for sixty (60) days or until lacking CE is completed – whichever is greater.**
- (6) **Dawn Evans, OTR #111644 (Austin)** – practiced without a valid Texas license. Violation of Section 454.201 of the Act. **Board Order suspended her license for sixty (60) days.**
- (7) **Ashley Suson, COTA #208362 (Beaumont)** – practiced in a detrimental manner by documenting treatments provided on dates that no such services were rendered. Violation of Section 454.301 of the Act and chapter 374 of the board rules. **Board Order suspended his license for sixty (60) days.**
- (8) **Sandra Gonzalez, OTR #105591 (Galveston)** – practiced in a detrimental manner by failing to comply with the conditions of a prior Board Order – practicing during the period of license suspension. Violation of Section 454.301 of the Act. **Board Order suspended her license for sixty (60) days.**



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