

1 Texas Board of Occupational Therapy Examiners

2 Rules Committee Meeting

3 Sugar Land Marriott Hotel, Room Cane 2

4 Sugar Land, TX

5 November 5, 2010

6 9:30 AM

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8 Committee Members Present: Kathleen Hill, COTA, Chair
9 Catherine Benavidez, OTR
10 Todd Novosad, OTR, Alternate Member

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12 Staff Present: John Maline, Executive Director
13 Augusta Gelfand, OT Coordinator
14 Mark Turek, Chief Investigator
15 Cynthia Machado, Licensing Manager
16 Kevin Heyburn, Assistant Attorney General

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18 Public Present Jean Polichino
19 Linda Veale
20 Cecilia Fierro

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22 **I. Call to Order**

23 Kathleen Hill called the committee roll and established that a quorum existed. The meeting was
24 called to order at 9:33 AM.

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26 **2. Public Comment**

27 Ms. Polichino said that federal funding will be cut to the Early Childhood Intervention (ECI)
28 program and there could be state funding cuts as well. Instead of seeing all the clients in their
29 homes, the ECI program suggests meeting at various settings in the community such as
30 community centers, McDonalds restaurant, and other community group settings. She pointed
31 out that ECI is regulated by the -Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS)

32 **3. Approval of the Minutes of February 26, 2010**

33 Motion: To approve the minutes as written

34 Motion by: Todd Novosad

35 Second: Catherine Benavidez

36 Motion passed.

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38 **4. Discussion and possible amendment to §376.5.Exemption of Registration**

39 Motion: To recommend to the board the amendment as presented

40 Motion by: Catharine Benavidez

41 Second: Todd Novosad

42 Motion passed.

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44 **5. Discussion and possible action on further meeting dates and agenda items.**

45 The Committee decided to meet on Thursday, February 17, 2011 at 3pm to discuss any agenda
46 items.

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48 **6. Adjournment**

49 The Rules Committee adjourned at 9:47AM.

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51 The minutes were approved on: February 17, 2011