

Friday, July 19, 2019

The Maryland Board of Occupational Therapy Practice

Chairperson: Wanda Banks, MA, OTR/L

Via Google Hangout

GENERAL SESSION MINUTES

9:00—GENERAL SESSION -- OPEN MEETING

In Attendance

Members of the Board

Chairperson..... Wanda Banks
Vice Chairperson..... Dan Martin
OTA Member..... Sarah Quirk
Consumer Member..... E.J. Quinn

Staff

Executive Director..... Lauren Murray
Board Counsel..... Carla Boyd

Guests

Boards and Commissions Director..... Kim Lang
Legislative and Regulations Coordinator..... Lillian Reese
MOTA Representative..... Sonia Lawson

Absent

Secretary..... Kimberly Goodman
OT Member..... Rae Ann Smith
Consumer Member..... Marilyn Pierre

1. Ms. Banks called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.
2. Ms. Banks asked for approval of July General Session Agenda. Ms. Quirk made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Quinn seconded. All were in favor.
3. Ms. Banks asked for approval of June General Session Minutes. Mr. Martin made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Quirk seconded. All were in favor.
4. Ms. Banks asked for approval of ratification of 38 OTs and 22 OTAs from June's Executive Session. Ms. Quirk made a motion to approve the ratification. Mr. Martin seconded it. All were in favor.

REPORTS

1. Administrative Reports – FY'19

Staff: Lauren Murray

a. Renewal Updates

- i. The renewal period ended on June 30th.
- ii. An extension was made until July 1st because of technical issues.
- iii. 1,539 OTs and 445 OTAs renewed, and 241 OTs and 79 OTAs did not renew.
- iv. Ms. Murray has already sent out an initial email informing 2020 renewal candidates of the fingerprint requirement, and the first set of licensees will need to be fingerprinted in August.

b. Temporary Employee Update

- i. Ms. Julia Beatty has joined the Board staff as a temporary employee.
- ii. She will be with the staff until Thanksgiving.

2. Legislation/Regulations Committee –

Sarah Quirk, COTA/L

Marylin Pierre, Esquire, Consumer Member

Staff: Lauren Murray

a. Nothing to report with session in recess.

b. Dry Needling Regulation Development: Daniel Martin, OTR/L, FAAPM, FASSET, CMTPT/CDN, Sarah Quirk, COTA/L

- i. Mr. Martin has not received much feedback, so he assumes that the Board is in favor of it.
- ii. Mr. Martin will share it with Dr. Lawson, who suggested possibly introducing it at the MOTA Conference.
- iii. Mr. Martin and Ms. Quirk will discuss how to present the dry needling information to MOTA.
- iv. MOTA will be meeting next Friday as a wrap-up and discussing billing issues with Carefirst and AOTA.

3. Continuing Education Committee –

Kimberly Goodman, MS, OTR/L

Kim Sands, OTD, OTR/L

Sarah Quirk, COTA/L

Staff: Denise Goetz

Nothing to report.

4. Secretary's Report

Kimberly Goodman, MS, OTR/L

Nothing to report.

5. Executive Committee--

Wanda Banks, MA, OTR/L

Daniel Martin, OTR/L, FAAPM, FASSET, CMTPT/CDN

Kimberly Goodman, MS, OTR/L

Staff: Lauren Murray

1. Correspondence

- a. Inquiry from July 12, 2019: An OT who has not been paid in two months wishes to resign from her position but does not want to abandon her patients, as there are no other therapists at her company.
 - i. Mr. Martin said that this is not within our regulations. She would need to take it up with the wage commission.
 - ii. Ms. Boyd agreed with Mr. Martin. The main issue is an employment issue over which the Board has no authority. Under the ethics regulations, she is required to make sure that patient will not suffer from the continuation of care, but she really just needs to let her employer know that she is leaving and the patients will need new coverage.
- b. Inquiry from June 24, 2019: An OT asks if OTs can supervise and develop home health care plans.
 - i. Mr. Martin said that she will need to take this up with Medicare.
 - ii. Ms. Boyd added that the scope of practice does not include home health care work and plans.
- c. Inquiry from June 27, 2019: An OT would like some continuing education be allowed to be applied to his/her 2021 renewal, since the licensee renewed in May.
 - i. Ms. Murray and Ms. Banks do not see a problem with it.
 - ii. Ms. Boyd reminded us that the course needs to be approved first.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. August Meeting

- a. As long as nothing is pressing, the next Board meeting will be in September.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Future meetings

- a. September, October and November meetings will be held at the Board Office.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:31 a.m.