

Friday, May 18, 2018

The Maryland Board of Occupational Therapy Practice

Chairperson: Wanda Banks, MA, OTR/L

55 Wade Ave., Bland Bryant Bldg., 4th Floor
Catonsville, MD 21228

Time: 8:30 a.m..

GENERAL SESSION MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Wanda Banks, MA, OTR/L

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

Kimberly Goodman, OTR/L

Sarah Quirk, COTA/L

E.J. Quinn, Capt. USSN (Ret)

BOARD STAFF PRESENT

Donna Seidel, Executive Director

Lauren Murray, Assistant Director

Carla Boyd, Board Counsel

GUESTS PRESENT

Robyn Elliot, MOTA

Lillian Reese, Legislation-Regulation Coordinator

Kristin Neville, AOTA

Amanda Feinberg, Student

Kimberly Lang, MDH

1. Ms. Banks called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.
2. Ms. Banks asked the guests for introduction.
3. Ms. Banks asked for a motion to approve or correct the General Session Agenda for May. Ms. Quirk asked for a correction to her credentials. Ms. Goodman made a motion to approve the agenda with corrections. Mr. Martin seconded it. All were in favor.
4. Ms. Banks asked for a motion to approve or correct the General Session Minutes from April. Mr. Martin made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Quirk seconded it. All were in favor.
5. Ms. Banks asked for the ratification of 34 OTs and 11 OTAs license applications from the last Executive Session. Ms. Goodman made a motion to approve the ratification. Mr. Martin seconded it. All were in favor.

REPORTS

1. Administrative Reports – FY'18

Staff: Donna Seidel, Lauren Murray

- a. Online Services
 - i. Online renewals are continuing successfully.
 - ii. Online initial applications are being completed very smoothly and are sometimes issued as quickly as in one day.
 - iii. The Board is still waiting to hear from System Automation regarding the addition of more online services.
- b. Update on Online Renewals
 - i. As of the day of the meeting, 564 OTs and 133 OTAs have renewed their licenses.
 - ii. Ms. Murray has already scheduled bulletins to be distributed as reminders and updates.

3. Legislation/Regulations Committee –

Sarah Quirk, COTA,

Marylin Pierre, Esquire, Consumer Member

Staff: Donna Seidel, Lauren Murray

- a. Ms. Quirk reviewed the therapy cap and how it was discussed at AOTA.
- b. 2018 Legislative Session Recap, Lillian Reese
 - a. Ms. Reese will be involved in the 2019 legislative session.
 - b. SB 80 was signed this week, and Ms. Murray and Mr. Martin attended the signing.
 - c. Ms. Seidel and Ms. Murray are working on a report regarding criminal history records investigations in conjunction with HB 1597.
 - d. Ms. Elliott said that HB1597 was a contentious bill. In its initial stages, it would have limited the Board's use of criminal history records checks in order to deny someone a license. The bill was amended in such a way that the Board would not have been able to deny a license for a crime over ten years, except for those that would have put someone on a sexual offender list. It has since been amended again.
 - e. MOTA worked very hard with the Athletic Trainers' bill. MOTA was opposed to the bill and worked with the Maryland Physical Therapy Association and Maryland Chiropractic Association to recommend amendments. The associations offered a minor change, and the Athletic Trainers rejected it.
 - f. Reinsurance programs were discussed. MOTA is watching this topic to make sure that it does not affect an insurance holder's essential benefits.
- c. 2019 Departmental Legislation Pre-Proposal Concept Papers due 5/25/18
 - a. The Board discussed the possibility of reintroducing the wording regarding joint manipulation that was taken out of last year's proposal. Mr. Martin said that he thinks he is going to focus on Dry Needling regulations at this time. The Board agreed.
- d. Regulatory Review and Evaluation Report:

- I. 10.46.01, General Regulations
 - i. No changes were recommended.
- II. 10.46.02, Code of Ethics
 - i. No changes were recommended.
- III. 10.46.03, Procedure for Board Hearings
 - i. No changes were recommended.
- IV. 10.46.05, Collection of Fees
 - i. Ms. Banks asked Ms. Elliott and Ms. Neville for thoughts from other OTs on the Occupational Therapy Board's fees. They did not have any feedback.
 - ii. No changes were recommended.

4. Continuing Education Committee –
Kimberly Goodman, MS, OTR
Kim Sands, OTD, OTR/L
Staff: Denise Goetz
 - I. Nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Report from AOTA Annual Conference Salt Lake City, UT, 4/19/18-4/22/18, Sarah Quirk, COTA/L
 - a. All of the attendees felt positively about the accomplishments of AOTA, and the profession was feeling hopeful about the 2021 vision.
 - b. Ms. Quirk attended many school-based programs and also Choosing Wisely (an initiative that is a short list of 5 things within a specialty or profession that patients should question).
 - i. Ms. Seidel asked if Choosing Wisely should be linked to the Board's website, and the Board agreed that it should.
 - ii. Ms. Banks asked if the Board should have a Choosing Wisely committee, and Mr. Martin and Ms. Quirk volunteered to be on the committee.
 - c. Ms. Quirk attended meetings covering RESNA and technology.
 - d. Ms. Neville said that there were 8,000 attendees at the conference with lots of positive feedback.

NEW BUSINESS

- Dry Needling will be added to New Business moving forward.

1. Boards and Commission Chairperson Meeting
 - a. 9/04/18, 10:00 a.m. - noon, Metro Executive Building, Room 110, 4201 Patterson Ave.

Ms. Banks adjourned the meeting at 9:39 am.