

Friday, September 21, 2018

The Maryland Board of Occupational Therapy Practice

Chairperson: Wanda Banks, MA, OTR/L

Via Google Hangout

GENERAL SESSION MINUTES

8:45—REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE—CLOSED SESSION

9:00—GENERAL SESSION -- OPEN MEETING

In Attendance

Members of the Board

Chairperson.....Wanda Banks, MA, OTR/L
Vice Chairperson.....Dan Martin, OTR/L, FAAPM, FASSET, CMTPT/CDN
Secretary.....Kimberly Goodman, MS, OTR/L
OT Member.....Kim Sands, OTD, OTR/L
OTA Member.....Sarah Quirk, COTA/L
Consumer Member.....Marylin Pierre, Esq.
Consumer Member.....E.J. Quinn, Capt. USN (Ret.)

Staff

Executive Director.....Donna Seidel
Assistant Director.....Lauren Murray
Board Counsel.....Carla Boyd

Guests

Boards Director.....Kim Lang
MOTA Representative.....Sonia Lawson
Policy Partners Representative.....Rachael Faulkner
Legislative and Regulations
Coordinator.....Lillian Reese

1. Ms. Banks called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.
2. Ms. Banks asked for a motion to approve the ratification of 36 OTs and 19 OTAs from August's Executive Session. Ms. Quirk made a motion to approve. Ms. Goodman seconded it. All were in favor.
3. Ms. Banks asked if any corrections needed to be made to September's agenda. Ms. Quirk asked that an "L" be added after her credentials. Ms. Goodman made a motion to approve the agenda with corrections. Ms. Sands seconded it. All were in favor.

4. Ms. Banks asked for a motion to approve the August General Session Minutes. Ms. Quirk made a motion to approve. Ms. Goodman seconded it. All were in favor.

REPORTS

1. Office of Attorney General (OAG)--Carla Boyd
 - a. Ms. Boyd gave an update on the telehealth discussion amongst the Boards.
 - b. The Physicians and Nursing Boards are working on final drafts of their regulations for telehealth.
 - c. Ms. Reese said that the Psychology Board sent in a version of their regulations, and they are currently being reviewed. She added that the Secretary's Office is asking to use the Psychology Board's regulations as a format for other Boards.

2. Administrative Reports – FY'18
Staff: Donna Seidel, Lauren Murray
 - a. Ms. Murray reported that System Automation is working on the new online services. There was a bug that needed to be fixed, which will push the live date back a few weeks, but the services are still expected to go live in October.
 - b. Ms. Murray reported that as of the date of the meeting, 42 out of the 250 required licensees have been fingerprinted.
 - i. Ms. Seidel added that the early fingerprinting is to ensure that all of the fingerprints are processed in time.
 - ii. Ms. Murray said that anyone whose fingerprints are not completed in time will receive a letter to let them know that they will not be able to renew their licenses if their fingerprints are not in by June 30, 2019.
 - iii. Mr. Quinn suggested that this letter indicate that the results must be received by June 30th.
 - iv. Ms. Lawson asked if those who did not receive an email should worry, and Ms. Murray assured her that those who did not receive an email will not need to be fingerprinted until next year.
 - v. Ms. Murray will frequently post to Facebook about the fingerprinting process.
 - c. Ms. Seidel praised Ms. Murray for finding a line in the System Automation contract which confirmed Ms. Seidel's memory that System Automation could not raise the price of the hosting services.

3. Legislation/Regulations Committee –
Sarah Quirk, COTA/L
Marylin Pierre, Esquire, Consumer Member
Staff: Donna Seidel, Lauren Murray
 - a. Dry Needling Regulation Development, Daniel Martin, OTR/L, FAAPM, FASSET, CMTPT/CDN
 - i. Draft of Dry Needling Regs to be Discussed at October Meeting
 1. Mr. Martin asked if Ms. Quirk could be a part of the Dry Needling Committee. Ms. Quirk agreed.

2. Ms. Quirk, Mr. Martin, Ms. Seidel and Ms. Murray will meet in October to discuss the regulations and to clarify some of Mr. Martin's questions.
3. Ms. Lawson asked if MOTA members could join the committee, but the Board members need to meet about the regulations first.
4. Ms. Quirk noted that AOTA recently distributed a letter regarding dry needling regulations. Ms. Lawson did not see the letter, but she assumes there will be opposition to the regulations.
5. Ms. Goodman distributed a link to the AOTA letter.

4. Continuing Education Committee –

Kimberly Goodman, MS, OTR

Kim Sands, OTD, OTR/L

Sarah Quirk, COTA/L

Staff: Denise Goetz

- a. Nothing to report.

5. Choosing Wisely Ad Hoc Committee—

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

Sarah Quirk, COTA/L

Staff: Jo-Ann Lane, Lauren Murray

- a. Mr. Martin reported that the Choosing Wisely draft is completed. He explained that the Committee used AOTA's wording and replicated it with the addition of a synopsis underneath each paragraph.
- b. Ms. Murray will send the draft to Ms. Boyd for approval.
- c. Ms. Seidel asked for graphics to be added to the final product. Ms. Murray will look for graphics.

6. Secretary's Report

Kimberly Goodman, MS, OTR/L

- a. Nothing to report.

7. Executive Committee--

Wanda Banks, MA, OTR/L

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

Kimberly Goodman, MS, OTR/L

Staff: Donna Seidel, Lauren Murray

1. Correspondence

- a. The first piece of correspondence asked if an OT is allowed to treat a work hardening patient after a PT conducts the functional evaluation. Mr. Martin said that this type of service is generally attached to an order for a PT or OT. The OT would need an order to see the patient and perform his/her own assessment before giving care. Ms. Goodman agreed.

- b. The second piece of correspondence asked if an OT could practice e-stim and biofeedback to treat pelvic health issues after taking a course on this topic. Mr. Martin believes that treating pelvic health issues is natural for OT. He believes the answer is in the Physical Agent Modalities regulations, and Ms. Boyd suggested also referring to the OT principles and procedures. Ms. Lang reported that other Boards have been asked about the same topic. Ms. Murray will look at the Physical Agent Modalities regulations and will prepare a draft.
- c. The third piece of correspondence asked if Maryland is pursuing OTs as qualifying mental health practitioners. Ms. Quirk believes that AOTA would be the ones to answer this question. Ms. Murray will direct the inquirer to MOTA and AOTA.
- d. The fourth piece of correspondence asked if there are restrictions to OTs practicing pelvic health and/or pelvic therapy. Ms. Murray will research the regulations and draft a reply similar to the one from the second piece of correspondence.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- 1.** CAC Meeting, Tuesday and Wednesday, 10/16-10/17/2018, www.cacenter.org/files/AnnualMeeting2018/Program.pdf
- 2.** Report from Boards and Commission Chairperson Meeting
 - a. Ms. Banks and Ms. Murray attended the Boards and Commissions Chairperson Meeting.
 - b. There were presentations on the Open Meetings Act, ethics and public disclosure, automation of online services, PDMP, customer service and attendance at meetings.
 - c. Ms. Murray will ask Mike Lord if he can come to the November meeting for a presentation on ethics.
 - d. Ms. Murray thanked Ms. Lang for organizing the meeting, and Ms. Lang complimented the Board for its use of technology.
 - e. Ms. Lang said that IT is working on a matrix to send each Board their customer service results.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The meeting was adjourned at 10:06 a.m.