

Friday, June 25, 2021

The Maryland Board of Occupational Therapy Practice

Chairperson: Wanda Banks, MA, OTR/L

Via Google Hangout

GENERAL SESSION MINUTES

**In Attendance**

**Members of the Board**

Chairperson..... Wanda Banks  
Vice Chairperson..... Dan Martin  
Secretary..... E.J. Quinn  
OT Member..... Rae-Ann Smith  
OT Member..... Caitlin Brogan  
OTA Member..... Sarah Quirk  
Consumer Member..... Marylin Pierre

**Staff**

Executive Director..... Lauren Murray  
Board Counsel..... Bethan Haaga  
Compliance Officer..... Denise Goetz

**Guests**

MOTA Representative..... Robyn Elliott  
MOTA Representative..... Sonia Lawson  
Legislation and Regulations Coordinator..... Lillian Reese  
AOTA Representative..... Kristen Neville  
OTA Guest..... Vanessa Hughes

1. Ms. Banks called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.
2. Ms. Banks asked for approval of June General Session Agenda. Ms. Banks noted that the date had to be changed. Ms. Quirk made a motion to approve with amendments. Mr. Martin seconded it. All were in favor.
3. Ms. Banks asked for approval of May General Session Minutes. Ms. Smith made a motion. Mr. Martin seconded it. All were in favor.
4. Ms. Banks asked for approval of ratification of 22 OTs and 8 OTAs from May Executive Session. Mr. Martin made a motion. Ms. Quirk seconded it. All were in favor.

## REPORTS

### 1. Administrative Reports – FY’21

Staff: Lauren Murray

- a. As of yesterday, 3,040 OTs and 858 OTAs have renewed for 2020 and 2021, leaving 616 OTs and 326 OTAs still pending.
- b. The renewals period will end of June 30, 2021 for both 2020 and 2021 renewals.
  - a. There will not be any further extensions.
  - b. Fingerprint results must be in by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

### 2. Legislation/Regulations Committee –

Sarah Quirk, COTA/L

Caitlin Brogan, OT/R

Marylin Pierre, Esquire, Consumer Member

Staff: Lauren Murray

- a. Implicit Bias Requirement
  - i. Starting in the next renewal cycle, licensees will need to show proof of completion of a Board-approved implicit bias course.
  - ii. Ms. Goetz will be speaking with the Office of Minority Health once Ms. Murray has been given more information.
  - iii. Ms. Lawson offered materials for implicit bias courses.
  - iv. The Board members are concerned about courses being denied, but Ms. Haaga said that the Board will receive a list of approved courses.
- b. Cultural Competency Requirement
  - i. Board members will soon need to fulfill a cultural competency training.
  - ii. More information will be coming.
- c. Change of Information Fees
  - i. The Board will begin enforcing the \$50 fee for licensees who do not report a change of name, address or email address within the specified time frame in regulations.
- d. Noncompliance Regulations
  - i. Ms. Murray read the following as the suggested language for regulations:  
10.46.02.01 (A): The licensee shall: (19) Comply with a lawful investigation conducted by the Board.
  - ii. The Board voted on the wording. Ms. Smith made a motion. Ms. Quirk seconded it. All were in favor.
- e. Telehealth Regulations
  - i. Ms. Murray asked Ms. Reese to give an update on the telehealth regulations.
  - ii. Ms. Reese said that the spelled-out definition has been shortened to  
*“Telehealth” has the meaning in Health Occupations Article, §1-1001, Annotated Code of Maryland.*
  - iii. Ms. Reese also shared the proposed changes to the scope of *B. Nothing in these regulations restricts or limits reimbursement requirements pursuant to the Health General and Insurance Articles of the Annotated Code of Maryland.*
  - iv. Ms. Quirk made a motion to accept the telehealth regulation changes pending the Governor’s approval. Ms. Smith seconded it.
- f. HB309

- i. Because of HB309, the Board will soon need to share demographics information with MHCC.
  - g. Representative to Compact Commission
    - i. Mr. Martin and Ms. Brogan are both interested to be the representative to the Compact Commission.
- 3. Continuing Education Committee –  
Sarah Quirk, COTA/L  
Rae-Ann Smith, OT/R  
Staff: Denise Goetz
  - a. Nothing to report
- 4. Secretary's Report  
E.J. Quinn, Consumer Member, Secretary
  - a. Nothing to report
- 5. Executive Committee--  
Wanda Banks, MA, OTR/L  
Daniel Martin, Ph.D.  
Staff: Lauren Murray
  - a. Nothing to report

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 1. Ms. Neville asked for feedback on the 2021 Standards on Continuing Competence, and Ms. Murray will share the email.
- 2. New Board Member Orientation for two Fridays in October.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:49 am.