

Friday, October 21, 2016

The Maryland Board of Occupational Therapy Practice

Meeting Format: Teleconference

Chairperson: Vanessa Hughes, COTA/L, Chairperson

9:15 a.m.

GENERAL SESSION MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Vanessa Hughes, COTA/L, Chairperson
Wanda R. Banks, MA, OTR/L, Vice Chairperson
Kimberly Goodman, MS, OTR/L, Secretary/Treasurer
Kim Sands, OTD, OTR/L
Daniel Martin, OTR/L, FAAPM, FASSET, CMTPT/CDN
A.Cassandra Brown, Consumer Member
Marylin Pierre, Esquire, Consumer Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

GUESTS

Kristen Neville, Legislative/Regulations Coordinator, Boards and Commission
Robyn Elliott, MOTA Consultant/Lobbyist

NON-BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Donna Ashman, Executive Director
Grant Gerber, (Acting) Board Counsel
Jo-Ann Lane, Deputy Director
Denise Goetz, Case Manager

NON-BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Lauren Murray, Assistant Director

1. Ms. Hughes called the General Session meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.
2. Ms. Brown motioned to approve the October 21, 2016 General Session agenda. Ms. Goodman seconded the motion. All were in favor.
3. Mr. Martin motioned to approve the September 16, 2016 General Session minutes. Ms. Banks seconded the motion. All members were in favor.

REPORTS

1. Office of Attorney General (OAG) – Grant Gerber, Acting Board Counsel

Mr. Gerber conveyed there was nothing to report.

2. Legislation/Regulations Committee – Kim Sands, OTD, OTR/L and Marylin Pierre, Esquire, Consumer Member

a. NC Dental Workgroup – Marylin Pierre, Esquire

Ms. Pierre will be representing the Board at the October 24th workgroup meeting in Annapolis. Mr. Gerber expressed that he will be in attendance as well. Ms. Neville reported that the workgroup is hashing out a solution to protect the Board members, including in the plan not only the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene but also Department of Licensing and Labor Relations. The workgroup will report to the legislature in next year's session so Ms. Neville feels the workgroup's task should wrap up by the end of the year.

Mr. Gerber asked that the Board be open minded and supportive of this group's findings. Ms. Hughes requested that a new file be created in dropbox regarding this subject.

a. OT Statute Clean-up

Ms. Ashman informed the committee members that a draft of the clean-up bill is in the dropbox so the committee may begin working if they wish. In order to be considered during the 2018 session, the Board would need a proposal by May 2017, at the latest.

b. Criminal Background Records Checks

Ms. Ashman informed the members that the staff would be meeting with the Physical Therapy Board investigator next week to review their policy and procedures for criminal background records checks. In addition, Ms. Honeycutt will be attending a training class.

3. Continuing Education Committee – Kim Goodman, MS, OTR/L and Kim Sands, OTD, OTR/L

a. Course Reviews

The committee members had nothing to report.

4. Jurisprudence Exam Committee – Wanda Banks, MA, OTR/L and Marylin Pierre, Esquire, Consumer Member

Ms. Banks reported that she has been reviewing COMAR to identify potential areas for the examination questions. She is also looking at the sentence structure of the existing questions. Ms. Ashman has had preliminary discussions with Shaun Conway of NBCOT to solicit an expert to review/format the proposed questions. Ms. Banks will email the Board members with her suggested areas of concern. She invited the members to email her with any suggestions.

5. Executive Committee – Vanessa Hughes, COTA/L, Wanda Banks, MA, OTR/L, and Kimberly Goodman, MS, OTR/L

a. Correspondence & Inquiries for Board review

The first inquiry, dated October 2, 2016 questioned whether kinesiology taping could be considered a superficial modality as addressed in 10.46.06. Discussion ensued. Ms. Ashman will draft a response directing the author to the modalities and scope of practice sections in COMAR. She will explain that the superficial modality section of the regulations was not meant to be inclusive.

The second inquiry, dated October 11, 2016 questioned the difference between entry level practice and advanced practice. Discussion ensued regarding the additional training necessary for modalities. Ms. Hughes suggested that the response cite the regulations that address particular modalities. Ms. Ashman added that there is no licensure distinction between entry level and advanced level, but all therapists are ethically held to their competency level. Ms. Ashman will draft a response referencing the regulations for Physical Agent Modalities and Code of Ethics. Ms. Ashman will share the draft with the Board members as well as Board Counsel.

6. Nominations Committee – Cassaundra Brown, Consumer Member

Ms. Brown felt the nomination process went smoothly last month.

7. Administrative Reports – FY '17 – Donna Ashman, Executive Director

Ms. Ashman reported that the Board staff has completed the training for the new database and continue to identify ways to streamline the application and licensure process.

8. Application Review Committee – Wanda R. Banks, MA, OTR/L

The Board voted unanimously to approve and ratify 19 occupational therapists (OT) and 24 occupational therapy assistants (OTA) as follows:

OTs - 18

Alvarado, Joanne Lauren
Bay, Autumn H.
Blöse, Jason A.
Bondarenko, Elizabeth M.
Caplan, Bria L.
Crary, Lauren E.

Dickson, Jennifer M.
Joseph, Katie
Koehle, Michael J.
Maas, Kelsey
McMahon, Laura M.
Opeikun, Donna

Pegler, Adam B.
Sintre, Santosh
Smolak, Emily E.
Valverde, Grace M.
Von Tersch, Theresa C.
Yang, Christopher

OT reinstatements - 1

Williams, Angela

OTAs – 21

Albuquerque, Joanne M.
Appel, Emily L.
Barnes, Nathalie
Bearman, Nicholas J.
Clare, Lesley A.
Clarke, Shanille
Cottom, Tanisha

Ferguson, Cecelia A.
Ford, Jennifer L.
Garrett, Erika F.
Griffith, Emily
Hobell, Danielle M.
Houser, Tina M.
Miller, Sara M.

Mustafa, Sulaiman A.
Neirman, Lindsay M.
Perry, Marissa K.
Smith, Rebecca L.
Stepp, Shannon M.
Twigg, Adam L.
Wooten, Yashica I.

OTA reinstatement - 3

Arkins, Jill

Proctor, Amy

Stokes, Lori

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Ashman reminded the Board Members that a hearing has been scheduled at the Benjamin Rush Building for November 18, 2016, with Ms. Pierre presiding over the hearing. Ms. Goetz will supply Ms. Pierre with the hearing script one week prior to the hearing. The Board meeting will be held at the conclusion of the hearing. A holiday lunch will be held thereafter in the Board's office at the Bland Bryant Building.

The meeting was closed at 10:10 a.m.

Submitted by: Kimberly Goodman, MS, OTR/L, Secretary/Treasurer