

Friday, January 18, 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
Secretary..... Kimberly Goodman
OT Member..... Kim Sands
OTA Member..... Sarah Quirk
Consumer Member..... Marylin Pierre
Consumer Member..... E.J. Quinn

Staff

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

Guests

MOTA Representative..... Sonia Lawson

1. Ms. Banks called the meeting to order at 9:03 am.
2. Ms. Banks asked for approval of January General Session Agenda.
 - a. Ms. Banks asked that the date be corrected on the agenda.
 - b. Ms. Murray asked that AOTA Conference be added under New Business.
 - c. Ms. Banks asked for approval of January General Session Agenda with amendments. Ms. Quirk made a motion. Mr. Martin seconded it. All were in favor.
3. Ms. Banks asked for approval of November General Session Minutes.
 - a. Ms. Goodman asked that a “/L” be added after her title.
 - b. Ms. Banks asked for approval of the November General Session Minutes with amendments. Ms. Goodman made a motion. Ms. Sands seconded it. All were in favor.
4. Ms. Banks asked for approval of ratification of 21 OTs and 16 OTAs from November’s Executive Session. Ms. Goodman made a motion. Mr. Martin seconded it. All were in favor.

REPORTS

1. Administrative Reports – FY'19

Staff: Donna Seidel, Lauren Murray

a. Early Fingerprinting Update

- i. Ms. Murray reported that licensees that are up for a 2019 renewal are mostly getting fingerprinted during their 30-day windows. The last 30-day window will be in April so that hopefully all will have been fingerprinted before May 1st.
- ii. An email was distributed announced the \$1.25 fee increase for FBI fingerprint processing.

b. Office Space

- i. Ms. Murray reported that the Board Staff is now settled in their new offices in the Tuerk Building.
- ii. There is still some furniture over in the Bland Bryant Building that will be surplus. Ms. Murray and Ms. Lane are working on the surplus process.
- iii. Next month's meeting will take place in one of the conference rooms on the first floor of the Tuerk Building.

c. Report from Board Chairs Meeting with Sec. Neall

- i. Ms. Murray attended the Board Chairs meeting with Secretary Neall.
- ii. A new mail distribution system called IQ was discussed. It seemed targeted more towards larger Boards, but if some of the smaller Boards are going to use it, then the Board Staff may want to consider adopting it as well.
- iii. Staff from Human Resources were there to discuss performance reviews.
- iv. Secretary Neall discussed the possibility of having incident reports available to staff and the Boards if they are needed, and he will be presenting more information about it.
- v. Board members must complete financial disclosure forms. Emails will be forthcoming regarding starting over with new information. Those who will no longer be on the Board must also fill out a final disclosure form.

3. Legislation/Regulations Committee –

Sarah Quirk, COTA/L

Marylin Pierre, Esquire, Consumer Member

Staff: Donna Seidel, Lauren Murray

a. HB 22

- i. Ms. Murray discussed the bill with the Committee yesterday, and it had been decided that the Board would oppose this bill. However, Ms. Murray received information this morning that the majority of the smaller Boards will state no opinion at this time and wait until it is presented to the other side (if that happens).
- ii. Ms. Boyd added that the larger boards are opposing because the current factors that the Boards look at regarding licensing are

sufficient and that old convictions have not been a problem. The bill states that the older crime cannot be the sole reason, but violent crimes are exempted from this bill. Boards can also consider the older crimes if it directly relates to their new position.

iii. Ms. Banks, Ms. Sands, Ms. Goodman, Ms. Pierre and Ms. Quirk agreed no opinion. Mr. Martin and Mr. Quinn oppose. The quorum decided that the Board will take a position of no opinion at this time.

iv. Ms. Lawson thanked Ms. Boyd for the feedback, and she will take this information to MOTA.

b. Ms. Murray reviewed the Legislative Session communication procedures. Ms. Quirk asked if Ms. Boyd will help the Board members with legal language and information. Ms. Boyd asked to be included in future Legislative-Regulation Committee emails.

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

i. Dry Needling Update

1. Mr. Martin said that there are not many updates quite yet.

2. Ms. Murray created a template for an educational initiative. Mr. Martin and Ms. Quirk will fill out the strategy document, which will be an educational plan.

3. Ms. Quirk said that as the Board continues with the education process, the Board members may be asking for educational opportunities. She asked that MOTA consider this for a future Hot Topic. Ms. Lawson agreed and suggested having a session at the MOTA conference dedicated to Dry Needling education.

4. Continuing Education Committee –

Kimberly Goodman, MS, OTR

Kim Sands, OTD, OTR/L

Sarah Quirk, COTA/L

Staff: Denise Goetz

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

1. Mr. Martin and Ms. Quirk will find photos for Choosing Wisely section of the website.

6. Secretary's Report

Kimberly Goodman, MS, OTR/L

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. Inquiry from January 7, 2019, asking if interpreting lab values are a part of the OT scope of practice.
 - i. Mr. Martin said that an OT should pay attention to the levels reported from the lab, but it is not part of the OT's scope of practice to interpret them.
 - ii. Ms. Murray will write a draft of a response to be approved by Ms. Goodman and Mr. Martin.
- b. Inquiry from January 8, 2019, asking if OTAs can do arm strengthening exercises if the OT has not written a specific goal for them to do so.
 - i. Mr. Martin and Ms. Quirk deemed that this is within an OTAs scope of practice.
- c. Inquiry from January 15, 2019, asking if public school OTs should be submitting their notes for students with Medical Assistance through Medical Assistance billing.
 - i. Ms. Banks said that evaluation is the only part that can be billed.
 - ii. Ms. Boyd said that this decision is not within the jurisdiction of the Board.
 - iii. Ms. Banks noted that this should be the decision of the school system.
- d. Inquiry from December 14, 2018, asking if an applicant for a temporary license can show that he/she has fulfilled all of the required coursework or if an actual copy of the diploma is needed, since the applicant will not technically graduate until May.
 - i. Mr. Martin said that she school should complete a form for NBCOT, stating that all of the requirements have been fulfilled.
 - ii. Ms. Lawson added more details about the process.
- e. Inquiry from December 18, 2018, asking if an OTA needs supervision for an annual seminar on fall prevention and home modifications for aging in place.
 - i. Mr. Martin said that supervision is not required if there is not any intervention performed on another person and if it is only educational.
 - ii. Ms. Quirk agreed.
- f. Inquiry from December 17, 2018, asking if there are additional limitations to a temporary licensee who is working PRN instead of in a permanent position.
 - i. Ms. Martin said that the licensee's work must be cosigned by the appropriate supervising OT.
 - ii. Ms. Boyd said that there is no distinction between PRN and permanent work.
- g. Inquiry from December 21, 2018, asking if an OTA is allowed to sign off for therapy services to be provided for a resident in an Adult Living Facility.
 - i. Mr. Martin asked what "sign off for therapy services" means. He requested more information.
 - ii. Ms. Quirk agreed.

- iii. Ms. Murray will reach out to obtain more information.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Potential Change to Criminal Background Question on Application
 - a. Ms. Murray suggested adding a question regarding whether or not an applicant has been arrested in the past.
 - b. Ms. Boyd thinks it is a good idea, and Ms. Murray and Ms. Boyd will draft some language based on the Board's disciplinary statute provision.
2. AOTA Conference
 - a. Ms. Banks would like to attend the AOTA conference in New Orleans.
 - b. The Board members agreed that Ms. Banks should attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. February's Board Meeting will take place at the Tuerk Building. Board Members should bring their iPads for updating.
2. Financial Disclosure Forms are due April 30, 2019.

Meeting adjourned 10:05 am.