

Friday, March 15, 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
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

NBCOT Representative.....Barbara Wilson

Members Absent

Secretary.....Kimberly Goodman

1. Ms. Banks called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.
2. Ms. Banks asked for approval of March General Session Agenda. Mr. Martin made a motion to approve. Ms. Sands seconded it. All were in favor.
3. Ms. Banks asked for approval of February General Session Minutes. Mr. Martin made a motion to approve. Ms. Sands seconded it. All were in favor.
4. Ms. Banks asked for approval of ratification of 19 OTs and 8 OTAs from February's Executive Session. Mr. Martin made a motion to approve. Ms. Quirk seconded it. All were in favor.

REPORTS

1. Administrative Reports – FY'19

Staff: Lauren Murray

a. Early Fingerprinting Update

- i. People are continuing to be fingerprinted. The last group has been notified that they should be fingerprinted by March 31st, although they technically have until April 30th before it would prohibit them from renewing on time.
- ii. Reminder: the last two days of renewals fall on a weekend, and Board Staff will not be available by phone on the weekend. This does not change the last day of renewals.
- iii. Ms. Banks asked for the other Board members to share the Board's Facebook posts.

2. Legislation/Regulations Committee –

Sarah Quirk, COTA/L

Marylin Pierre, Esquire, Consumer Member

Staff: Lauren Murray

a. SB 974 Update

- i. Several of the Boards have a joint statement opposing the bill. Ms. Murray will give more updates when they are available.

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

i. Dry Needling Update

1. Mr. Martin and Ms. Quirk are working diligently on the research for a MOTA presentation.
2. Ms. Quirk said that there is some legislation in the works regarding dry needling.
3. Ms. Murray said that the Board of Acupuncture is including the Board of Physical Therapy in their practice act, but the Board of OT will refrain from commenting at this time.

3. Continuing Education Committee –

Kimberly Goodman, MS, OTR/L

Kim Sands, OTD, OTR/L

Sarah Quirk, COTA/L

Staff: Denise Goetz

- a. Nothing to report.

4. 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 and Ms. Quirk will find pictures.
- b. Ms. Murray will schedule a time to meet.

5. Secretary's Report
Kimberly Goodman, MS, OTR/L
 - a. Nothing to report.

6. Executive Committee--
Wanda Banks, MA, OTR/L
Daniel Martin, OTR/L, FAAPM, FASSET, CMTPT/CDN
Kimberly Goodman, MS, OTR/L
Staff: Lauren Murray
 1. Correspondence
 - a. Email from March 5, 2019—School OT wonders if the recommendations of an assessment that include working on writing drafts and APA format should be assigned to an occupational therapist.
 - i. Ms. Banks asked if the parents of the student received a private assessment and if the student currently has an IEP.
 - ii. Ms. Banks believes that these goals should be written on an IEP for educational goals, not clinical goals, and should be completed by a teacher.
 - iii. Ms. Murray will follow up with further questions.
 - b. Email from February 27, 2019—An OT asks if she can perform pelvic floor therapy.
 - i. Ms. Boyd said that the Board cannot speak outside of the Practice Act. She should contact an attorney if she has questions about liability.
 - ii. Ms. Murray will draft a response.
 - iii. Mr. Martin suggested that there be a statement on the website regarding pelvic floor therapy. Ms. Murray will draft a statement.
 - c. Email from March 1, 2019—An OTA who used to work for a company quit and now refuses to make changes to the format of her notes, as requested by an insurance company. Can her supervising OT make the changes and sign-off on them?
 - i. Ms. Boyd said that regulations state that the supervisor is ethically responsible for any supervisee.
 - ii. Ms. Quirk said that the OT can sign off and make the edits.
 - d. Email from March 4, 2019—An OT asked what an AOTA webinar meant by “OT’s roles in the schools have expanded.”
 - i. Ms. Boyd said that if there is an expansion, then the Board would have to alter its Practice Act. For now, OTs must stay within the statute.
 - ii. Ms. Banks added that the OT should speak to her school system about their expectations.
 - iii. Ms. Murray will write a draft of a response.
 - e. Email from March 14, 2019—An OT and OTA are expected to take over for the home health aide that recently left their company.
 - i. Mr. Martin said that it is not acceptable to bill for work outside of the OT scope of practice.

- ii. Ms. Boyd said that the OT may want to look at the home health scope of practice and see if the OT is actually performing home health aide tasks.
- iii. Ms. Murray noted that they are working outside of their certification. She will compose a draft of a response.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Staffing Adjustments
 - a. Ms. Murray is pregnant and will be on maternity leave this fall.
 - b. In her absence, the Board will hire a temporary employee beginning in July.
2. Report from AOTA technical Board.
 - a. Ms. Quirk said that it is going smoothly, and they will be doing a presentation at the conference.
 - b. The presentation's main impact is OTA payment changes and the role of the OTA.
 - c. Ms. Banks asked for the date and time of the conference so that she could add it to her schedule. It is Tuesday, April 4 from 2:00-3:30 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Mr. Martin has been invited to participate in the NBCOT Certification Renewal Practice Analysis Panel on April 12-13th and he will report back at the April meeting.
2. April's Board Meeting will take place at the Board Office in Classroom #3 on the second floor.
3. Financial Disclosure Forms are due April 30, 2019.
4. If anyone needs anything from the AOTA conference, please let Ms. Banks, Ms. Sands or Mr. Quirk know.

Board meeting was closed at 9:59 am.