

Friday, May 17, 2019

The Maryland Board of Occupational Therapy Practice

Chairperson: Wanda Banks, MA, OTR/L

55 Wade Avenue, Tuerk Building, Catonsville, MD 21228

GENERAL SESSION MINUTES

In Attendance

Members of the Board

Chairperson..... Wanda Banks
Vice Chairperson..... Dan Martin
OTA Member..... Sarah Quirk
Consumer Member..... Marilyn Pierre
Consumer Member..... E.J. Quinn

Staff

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

Guests

MOTA Representative..... Sonia Lawson

Members Absent

Secretary..... Kimberly Goodman
OT Member..... Kim Sands

1. Ms. Banks called the meeting to order at 9:04am.
2. Ms. Banks asked for approval of the May General Session Agenda. Ms. Quirk made a motion to approve. Ms. Pierre seconded. All in favor.
3. Ms. Banks asked for approval of April General Session Minutes. The word "Agenda" at the top of the page, the numbering and attendance needs to be fixed. Ms. Boyd asked to add "if she suspects insurance fraud" to first correspondence. She also requested that the licensee be required to sign notes in accordance with Board regs (1c). Ms. Quirk made a motion to approve with amendments. Mr. Martin seconded it. All in favor.
4. Ms. Banks asked for approval of ratification of 27 OTs and 11 OTAs licensees from April's Executive Session. Ms. Quirk made a motion to approve. Mr. Martin seconded it. All in favor.

REPORTS

1. Administrative Reports – FY'19

Staff: Lauren Murray

- a. Renewals
 - i. Renewals began on May 1st.
 - ii. So far, there have been very few issues, and hopefully it will continue to go smoothly.
- b. Staffing Addition
 - i. Julia Beatty will be joining the staff as a temporary employee on July 1st.
 - ii. Ms. Beatty will fill in for Ms. Murray while she is on maternity leave.

2. Legislation/Regulations Committee –

Sarah Quirk, COTA/L

Marylin Pierre, Esquire, Consumer Member

Staff: Lauren Murray

- a. Dry Needling Regulation Development: Daniel Martin, OTR/L, FAAPM, FASSET, CMTPT/CDN, Sarah Quirk, COTA/L
 - i. Dry Needling Update—Mr. Martin will have a position paper next month.
 - ii. Ms. Lawson said that MOTA put in amendment language to the Acupuncturists' bill to be able to allow for future OT use of dry needling.
- b. Ms. Lawson said that Robin Elliott and Rachael Faulkner were able to write an action item for the Department of Health to review how occupational therapy is used for mental health services.
 - i. This will include OT in future mental health discussions.
 - ii. Ms. Boyd said that OT could even be included in the current teletherapy discussions.

3. Continuing Education Committee –

Kimberly Goodman, MS, OTR/L

Kim Sands, OTD, OTR/L

Sarah Quirk, COTA/L

Staff: Denise Goetz

Nothing to report.

4. Secretary's Report

Kimberly Goodman, MS, OTR/L

Nothing to report.

5. 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. Inquiry from May 8, 2019: An occupational therapist working in home health is having trouble working with a particular PRN OTA.
 - i. The OTA will not follow the plan of care, and despite asking her manager not to assign the OTA to her patients, the manager has refused.
 - ii. The Board cannot regulate the procedures of facilities, and she will have to contact the Office of Health Care Quality.
 - iii. Ms. Murray will respond to the licensee.
- b. Inquiry from May 10, 2019: An occupational therapist wants to know if it is required to split the billable time with a physical therapist if both are working on a patient at the same time.
 - i. Mr. Martin noted that the Board cannot regulate insurance and billing procedures.
 - ii. Ms. Murray will respond to the licensee.
- c. Inquiry from April 29, 2019: An occupational therapist asks if OTs are allowed to accept verbal orders for Medicare. For example, can an occupational therapist call a doctor to get a verbal order for a PRN nurse visit?
 - i. Mr. Martin said that the Board cannot regulate insurance practices.
 - ii. Ms. Quirk and Ms. Murray added that a doctor or nurse should be alerted, due to the Board's ethics regulations.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Report from AOTA Conference
 - a. Ms. Banks said that this was one of the largest attended AOTA conventions.
 - b. State Regulatory Meeting—Maryland seems very far ahead of other states with online renewals and easy access to have questions answered by the Board.
 - c. Many courses covered cultural competency.
 - d. Ms. Quirk did a presentation on toileting at the conference.
 - e. Ms. Quirk sat in on AOTA's insurance and Medicare session, focusing on OTA reimbursement.
 - f. There was discussion of OTs as OTDs. Ms. Lawson discussed Towson and Notre Dame's programs.
2. Online Complaint Form
 - a. The Board members will review the online complaint form created by Jo-Ann Lane.
 - b. The Board will decide whether or not to use it at June's meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Mr. Martin reported on NBCOT's conference for MULE.
 - a. They revised the domains.
 - b. A survey will go out to NBCOT members to continue to revise domains and language.
2. NBCOT State Regulatory Leadership—
 - a. Ms. Murray and Mr. Martin are attending.
 - b. Shaun Conway from NBCOT asked if Mr. Martin could be filmed for an education module.
3. June's Board Meeting will take place via Google hangout.
4. MOTA Conference will take place on October 4th in Columbia, MD.
5. Ms. Lawson reported that there were some proposed changes to the MSDE regarding school psychologists, which was very expanded but did not have the same expansion for other professions.
 - a. MOTA was initially going to write a letter to make a statement on the matter, but then changed their minds because the regulations have not moved far enough forward yet to be implemented.
 - b. Ms. Quirk said that Baltimore County made a statement that BCBA's must be certified teachers and wonders if that has something to do with it.
6. Ms. Lawson has also been in the telehealth work group. She advocated to make sure that OTs were included.
7. Ms. Lawson said that the bill regarding criminal offenses for unreported child abuse did pass.
 - a. Ms. Boyd said that a bill requiring child abuse training did not pass but expect to see that in the future.
8. Ms. Lawson said that MOTA will be working on strategies during the off session.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:06 am