

Friday, April 17, 2015

The Maryland Board of Occupational Therapy (OT) Practice (Board)

Location: Spring Grove Hospital Center
55 Wade Avenue – Bland Bryant Building, 4th Floor
Conference Room

Chairperson: Kamala Stevenson, MS, OTR/L

9:00 a.m.

GENERAL SESSION MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS

Kamala Stevenson, MS, OTR/L, Chairperson
Iyna Adams, OTR/L, CPAM, Vice Chairperson
Vanessa Hughes, COTA/L
A. Cassandra Brown, Consumer Member
Meenakshi Gupta, Consumer Member

NON BOARD MEMBERS

Donna Ashman, Executive Director
Tony DeFranco, Board Counsel
Marilyn Pinkney, Licensing Coordinator

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT

Mr. Kshepakaran, M.Ed., OTR/L, FAOTA

GUESTS PRESENT

Kristen Neville, Legislative Coordinator, DHMH
Robyn Elliott, MOTA

1. Ms. Stevenson called the General Session Meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Ms. Stevenson read the following statement: Except in instances when the Board of Occupational Therapy expressly invites public testimony, questions, comments, or other forms of public participation in otherwise authorized by law, no member of the public meeting an open session may participate in the session.

2. Ms. Hughes motioned that the Board accept the minutes – March 20, 2015 as amended. Ms. Adams seconded that motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor.
3. Ms. Brown motioned to accept the amended agenda – April 17, 2015. Ms. Hughes seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor.

REPORTS

1. Mr. DeFranco summarized his role as the new Board Counsel for the Board of Occupational Therapy.

2. Ms. Kristen Neville, Legislative Coordinator, reported that the legislative session ended on Monday, April 13, 2015. Ms. Neville stated that the legislative session went well overall. Ms. Neville highlighted – “Dry Needling” and “Cultural Competency.”
- 2a. Ms. Hughes attended the MOTA webinar, on Thursday, April 16, 2015, coordinated by Robyn Elliott, MOTA Lobbyist, and Francine Miles, MOTA members. Ms. Hughes summarized the event and requested clarification on a few points.
 - Ms. Elliott reported that 30 people had registered for the webinar but only 10 attended.
 - Ms. Neville stated that if the Board were interested in pursuing a 2016 legislative proposal, the concept would be due to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene in June. Ms. Stevenson requested that Ms. Ashman place this item on the upcoming June Board workshop agenda.
- 2b. Chapter 10.46.04 and Chapter 10.46.06 – Ms. Ashman stated that the Board voted last month to move forward with these chapters of regulation.
 - The Board will work on amendments to Chapter 10.46.04, Continuing Competency Requirements, at the June Board workshop.
 - The Board will also work on proposed changes to Chapter 10.46.05, Collection of Fees, at the June Board workshop.
 - Ms. Ashman will distribute the letters to Delegate Cullison and Senator Nathan Pulliam to update them on the Board’s status relative to the biennial renewal project.
- 2c. Ms. Ashman emailed a message to the Delegate Reznik, volunteering participation in the Telehealth Committee he is organizing.
- 2d. The Board is monitoring the progress of the Physical Therapy (PT) Board proposed Dry Needling regulations. The Board will plan its next steps based on the PT Board’s experience.
3. Ms. Hughes and Ms. Adams reported that review of the continuing education course requests is business as usual.
- 4a. The Board reviewed correspondence and directed Ms. Ashman to prepare responses.
- 4b. Ms. Ashman distributed the paper copy of the 2015 renewal application and informed the Board that a downloadable copy is available on the Board’s website. Ms. Ashman stated that instead of full instructions being mailed to the licensees, a postcard was distributed via US mail, instructing licensees to access the Board’s website effective May 1, 2015 to renew their license. The Board was pleased with the change and suggested to use a brightly colored postcard for the next renewal.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Ms. Adams will present the applications for ratification after the closed session of the meeting.
2. Ms. Ashman provided a draft agenda to consider for the June Board workshop. The Board workshop will start on Thursday, June 18th around noon til 5:00 p.m. and on Friday, June 19th from 8:30 a.m. til 5:00 p.m. If time permits, there may be an activity following the meeting on Friday, or a plan to have dinner. The Board's goal is to work on the regulations on Thursday, and depending on time for Friday, the Board will continue working on the regulations, the draft bylaws, and the usually scheduled Board meeting.
 - Ms. Ashman informed the Board that the Wi-Fi costs are approximately \$4,000 for the small conference room area. Ms. Ashman checked with the current phone supplier for a hotspot and fees involved. Ms. Ashman reported that there is no contract requirement with AT&T. And, the monthly fee is \$39.00. The Board approved the start of the Wi-Fi service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Ms. Ashman informed the Board that a consumer member has been identified to serve on Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to the Maryland Government Article, Section 10-508(a)(13), Annotated Code of Maryland, Ms. Stevenson adjourned the General Session meeting at 10:34 a.m.

Ms. Stevenson reopened the General Session meeting at 12:05 p.m.

Ms. Adams recommended 15 occupational therapists and 2 occupational therapy assistants for a grand total of 17 for license ratification in Maryland. Ms. Brown motioned to approve the 17 applicants. Ms. Gupta seconded to the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

Kelly Morris	Occupational Therapist
Nicole Whiston	Occupational Therapist
Kimberly Voelker	Occupational Therapist
Lauren Mekalian	Occupational Therapist
Jack Rose	Occupational Therapist
Jaclyn Brunn	Occupational Therapist
Maneet Anand	Occupational Therapist
Ashleigh Robertson	Occupational Therapist

Brittaney Dodd	Occupational Therapist
Kathryn Bryant	Occupational Therapist
Daniella Faust	Occupational Therapist
Melissa Rannenberg	Occupational Therapist
Reymond Sison	Occupational Therapist
Daniel Burkhart	Occupational Therapist
Melissa Strauss	Occupational Therapist
Steven Skaggs	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Gregory Zeok	Occupational Therapy Assistant

Pursuant to the Maryland Government Article, Section 10-508(a)(13), Annotated Code of Maryland, Ms. Stevenson adjourned the General Session meeting at 12:10 p.m.

Submitted by:

Marilyn Pinkney

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