

Friday, December 19, 2014

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

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

Chairperson: Kamala Stevenson, MS, OTR/L

9:00 a.m.

GENERAL SESSION MINUTES

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Kamala Stevenson, MS, OTR/L, Chairperson  
Iyna Adam, OTR/L, CPAM, Vice Chairperson  
Mr. Kshepakaran, M.Ed., OTR/L, CAPS, FAOTA  
Vanessa Hughes, COTA/L  
A. Cassandra Brown, Consumer Member  
Meenakshi Gupta, Consumer Member

**NON BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**GUEST**

Kristen Neville, Legislative Coordinator

**NON BOARD MEMBER ABSENT**

Grant Gerber, Board Counsel

1. Ms. Stevenson called the General Session Meeting to order at 9:17 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. Adams motioned to approve the November 21, 2014 minutes. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor.
3. Ms. Hughes motioned to approve the General Session Agenda – December 19, 2014. Ms. Adams seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor.

**REPORTS**

1. Based on an inquiry from Ms. Ashman, Mr. DeFranco, Office of OAG, informed the Board that current regulations would not support Letters of Admonishment becoming public. A Letter of Admonishment is confidential and non-public. Ms. Ashman reported that after speaking with the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT), she learned that only a few boards in other states publish letters of admonishment.

2. Ms. Neville, Legislative Coordinator, reported that the Board of Physical Therapy Examiners have proposed regulations on Dry Needling. Currently, the proposal is on hold by the AELR committee pending a meeting scheduled in late December.
  - 2a. The Board will defer discussion on Dry Needling until more is known about the status of the Physical Therapy Examiners regulatory proposal.
  - 2b. In an effort to assist the Board in its development of telehealth regulations, Ms. Ashman suggested inviting a representative from the MHCC Telehealth Taskforce to speak at a future Board meeting. Ms. Ashman confirmed that the Board's website displays the Telehealth position statement as approved by the Board in September 2013. Ms. Stevenson recommended continuing work on a telehealth regulatory proposal, and to wait to update the website when the regulations are complete.
  - 2c. Ms. Ashman stated that the proposed regulations of the Board are moving forward for review by the AELR Committee in February 2015.
3. Mr. Kshepakaran reported for the continuing education committee that the course reviews were being conducted business as usual with no special cases. Mr. Kshepakaran raised a question relative to the current volume of work and the revenue associated with course reviews. Ms. Ashman stated that she would provide the information at the next Board meeting.
4. Ms. Ashman forwarded correspondence #1 – The Board had discussion. Ms. Ashman will forward a response to the inquiry.
  - 4a. Ms. Ashman provided an update on the MHCC fee proposal. The MHCC is proposing a bill for the upcoming legislative session to enable future fee increases. Ms. Ashman offered that a link to an explanation of the MHCC fee could be included on the 2015 online renewal application.
  - 4b. Ms. Ashman reminded the Board that she will be out of the office during the first two weeks of February 2015. Ms. Stevenson indicated that she would be the primary contact for legislation during Ms. Ashman's absence. Ms. Ashman stated that coverage for the Board office operations has been planned with Ms. Lane, Deputy Director, handling administrative oversight.
  - 4c. Ms. Hughes summarized the disciplinary process and the committee's effort to incorporate the role of the expert witness in the process and procedures. In addition, an investigator from Boards and Commission, Ms. Marian Ruth, has agreed to provide temporary support for the disciplinary caseload. Ms. Hughes commended the staff involved in the disciplinary process and the improvements that are being made.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. The Board had no Unfinished Business for discussion.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Ms. Adams stated that license ratification would be deferred until after the Executive Session meeting.
2. Ms. Ashman recommended scheduling the Board Workshop, September 18 -20, 2015 at the Aspen Wye River Conference Center. The Board members indicated that they would check their schedules in order to commit to the 2015 Board workshop.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Ms. Ashman shared a copy of an NBCOT newsletter in which an article she had written was published.
2. Mr. Kshepakaran provided a summary of the Maryland Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference held in November 2014.
3. Ms. Gupta forwarded an email from the Citizen Advocacy Center (CAC) offering membership that the Board will consider at the next Board meeting.

## ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to the Maryland Government Article, Section 10-508(a)(13), Annotated Code of Maryland, Ms. Stevenson adjourned the General Session meeting at 10:50 a.m.

Submitted by:

**Marilyn Winkney**

Licensing Coordinator

Ms. Stevenson reopened the General Session meeting at 12:10 p.m.

1. Ms. Adams reported that the applicants eligible for licensure ratification from November 23 – December 18, 2014 were as follows: 13 occupational therapists and 10 occupational therapy assistants. Ms. Brown motioned to approve the 23 applicants. Mr. Kshepakaran seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor.

Mary Lewis	Occupational Therapist
Amy Sigmon	Occupational Therapist
Camille Clancy	Occupational Therapist
Lindsay Nortica	Occupational Therapist
Andre Feltren	Occupational Therapist
Heather Meguire	Occupational Therapist
Amy Paul	Occupational Therapist
Zeewei Guo	Occupational Therapist

Samantha Earle	Occupational Therapist
Tameika McLean	Occupational Therapist
Vincent Chamberlain	Occupational Therapist
Joanna Jensen	Occupational Therapist
Gloria Lindsay	Occupational Therapist
Elise Schofield	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Vinod Lall	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Sarah Haines	Occupational Therapy Assistant
McKenzie Christopher	Occupational Therapy Assistant
James Trest	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Naomi Kiguru	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Donna Weems	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Amy Bottomley	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Tiffany Stone	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Doreen Vail – Reinstatement	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 12:13 p.m.

Submitted by:

**Marilyn Pinkney**  
Licensing Coordinator