

Friday, April 19, 2019

The Maryland Board of Occupational Therapy Practice

Chairperson: Wanda Banks, MA, OTR/L

Via Google Hangout

GENERAL SESSION MINUTES

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

1. Ms. Banks called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.
2. Ms. Banks asked for approval of April General Session Agenda. Ms. Goodman made a motion. Ms. Quirk seconded it. All were in favor.
3. Ms. Banks asked for approval of March General Session Minutes. Ms. Sands made a motion. Ms. Goodman seconded it. All were in favor.
4. Ms. Banks asked for approval of ratification of 39 OTs and 19 OTAs from March's Executive Session. Ms. Sands made a motion. Ms. Quirk seconded it. All were in favor.

REPORTS

1. Administrative Reports – FY'19

Staff: Lauren Murray

a. Early Fingerprinting Update

- i. The last group of renewing licensees should have been fingerprinted by March 31st.
- ii. Ms. Murray has been attempting to call all of those who have not been fingerprinted.

- iii. There is no requirement to continue contacting licensees after sending the postcard, if they should choose to voluntarily non-renew.
- b. Renewals
 - i. Renewals will begin on May 1st.
 - ii. The last two days of renewal will be on a Saturday and Sunday, and staff will not be available to assist those with technical issues.
- c. Staffing Addition
 - i. The Board Staff will hire a part-time temporary employee from July 1st until November 20th to help Ms. Goetz and Ms. Lane while Ms. Murray is out on maternity leave.

2. Legislation/Regulations Committee –

Sarah Quirk, COTA/L

Marilyn Pierre, Esquire, Consumer Member

Staff: Lauren Murray

- a. HB 22 and SB 974 Update
 - i. HB22 did pass, which indicates that applicants cannot be declined a license strictly on a non-violent crime that occurred 7 or more years ago.
 - ii. SB974 did not move out of committee.
 - iii. HB22 will go into effect if the Governor signs it.
- b. 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 his document is almost complete. He will keep the Board updated, and he and Ms. Quirk will work together to complete it.
 - 2. Ms. Banks attended the AOTA Conference. During the State regulation presentation, Ms. Banks asked about dry needling, and the answers were interesting. She will present more information at the May meeting, but she let the Board know that Wisconsin already has dry needling regulations in place.

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 April 2nd—Occupational Therapy Assistant asking about billing for Tricare clients. The Board cannot regulate facility billing, and she may want to contact the Maryland Insurance Commission if she suspects insurance fraud.
- b. Inquiry from March 25th—Occupational Therapist was asked by a client to apply ice to her right knee, even though that was not the body part that she was treating, and she refused. Ms. Boyd said that under COMAR 10.46.02.01 (8-9), the therapist was correct in refusing the treatment, as it would have been against the ethics regulations.
- c. Inquiry from March 28th—Occupational Therapist cannot sign her full name and title in her notes due to arthritis and carpal tunnel syndrome. While this is not under the Board's jurisdiction, the Board suggested that she ask her facility for a signature stamp but still to make sure that she is signing her notes in accordance with Board regulations.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. May's Board Meeting will take place at the Board Office.
2. Ms. Banks will report on AOTA Conference at May Board Meeting.
3. Financial Disclosure Forms are due April 30, 2019.

Meeting closed at 9:33 am.