

Friday, February 15, 2019

The Maryland Board of Occupational Therapy Practice

Chairperson: Wanda Banks, MA, OTR/L

Spring Grove Hospital Campus
55 Wade Avenue, Tuerk Building
Baltimore, MD 21228

GENERAL SESSION MINUTES

9:00—GENERAL SESSION -- OPEN MEETING

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..... Marilyn Pierre
Consumer Member..... E.J. Quinn

Staff

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

Guests

MOTA Representative..... Sonia Lawson

1. Ms. Banks called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.
2. Approval of the February General Session Agenda.
 - a. Ms. Murray asked to move the Unfinished Business to Executive Session.
 - b. Ms. Banks asked for a motion to approve the agenda with amendments. Ms. Goodman made a motion. Mr. Martin seconded it. All were in favor.
3. Approval of January General Session Minutes.
 - a. Ms. Goodman asked that her title be corrected to OTR/L.
 - b. Ms. Banks asked for a motion to approve the minutes from January with corrections. Ms. Sands made a motion. Mr. Martin seconded it. All were in favor.
4. Approval of ratification of licensees from January's Executive Session.
 - a. Ms. Banks asked for the approval of 21 OTs and 17 OTAs ratified at the last Executive Session. Ms. Quirk made a motion. Ms. Sands seconded it. All were in favor.

REPORTS

1. Administrative Reports – FY'19

Staff: Lauren Murray

- a. Early Fingerprinting Update
 - i. Early fingerprinting is still going well. April will be the last month that people will have to be fingerprinted if they want to be able to renew May 1st.
- b. Office Space
 - i. There was a bit of a confusion regarding the meeting space, but this will be resolved for future meetings at the Tuerk Building.
- c. Mr. Quinn asked about the start time for meetings. Ms. Murray told him that meetings would now start at 9:00 a.m. but that staff members can arrive at 8:30 a.m. to work together.

3. Legislation/Regulations Committee –

Sarah Quirk, COTA/L

Marylin Pierre, Esquire, Consumer Member

Staff: Lauren Murray

- a. HB 22 Update
 - i. Ms. Boyd explained the amendments to HB 22.
 - ii. Ms. Quirk and Ms. Banks said that there are certain areas (like pediatrics and geriatrics) where there is a vulnerable population and that the Board should continue to oppose this bill.
- b. Dry Needling Regulation Development: Daniel Martin, OTR/L, FAAPM, FASSET, CMTPT/CDN, Sarah Quirk, COTA/L
 - i. Dry Needling Update
 - ii. Ms. Quirk said that Ms. Lawson forwarded her information about dry needling approval in Wisconsin.
 - iii. Senate Bill 303
 1. Ms. Lawson said that there is an amendment that the Board of Physical Therapy Examiners proposed that the Acupuncture Board may accept, but it would include adding physical therapists into the Board of Acupuncture's practice act.
 2. Ms. Lawson will try to see if she can get a copy of the amendment so that occupational therapists are not excluded from dry needling.

4. Continuing Education Committee –

Kimberly Goodman, MS, OTR/L

Kim Sands, OTD, OTR/L

Sarah Quirk, COTA/L

Staff: Denise Goetz

Nothing to report.

5. Choosing Wisely Ad Hoc Committee—

Daniel Martin, OTR/L, FAAPM, FASSET, CMTPT/CDN
Sarah Quirk, COTA/L
Staff: Jo-Ann Lane, Lauren Murray
Ms. Quirk and Mr. Martin will find pictures.

6. Secretary's Report
Kimberly Goodman, MS, OTR/L
Nothing to report.

7. 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. An inquiry dated January 31, 2019—A licensee asked if occupational therapists in Maryland can evaluate new patients in an outpatient rehab setting without a doctor's order.
 - i. The Board agreed that since there is nothing directly stated in the regulations or Practice Act that provides an answer to this question, it is best to refer to the patient's insurance guidelines.
- b. An inquiry dated February 13, 2019—A licensee asked if occupational therapists are permitted to practice pelvic floor therapy.
 - i. Ms. Boyd suggested that the licensee look at sections 10-101(o) and 10-101(p) to ascertain if it falls under the OT scope of practice.
- c. An inquiry dated February 13, 2019—A physical therapist asked if listening to lung sounds can be considered part of an occupational therapist's assessment of older adults in the home health setting.
 - i. The Board members agreed that listening to lung sounds as part of an occupational therapy assessment is permitted, as occupational therapists are trained to do so.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Unfinished business was moved to the Executive Session.

NEW BUSINESS

1. NBCOT Conference
 - a. Mr. Martin and Ms. Murray will attend.
2. Report from MOTA
 - a. Ms. Lawson is continuing to look at bills being presented during the legislative session.

- b. Advocacy Night is February 25th. Those who are interested can sign up on MOTA's website.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. March's Board Meeting will take place via Google Hangout.
2. Financial Disclosure Forms are due April 30, 2019.
3. Ms. Quirk is sitting on a technical Board for AOTA. She will be put on the agenda for next month.