

Friday, January 15, 2021

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.....E.J. Quinn
OT Member.....Caitlin Brogan
OT Member.....Rae-Ann Smith
OTA Member.....Sarah Quirk
Consumer Member.....Marylin Pierre

Staff

Executive Director.....Lauren Murray
Board Counsel.....Bethan Hagaa
Compliance Officer.....Denise Goetz

Guests

MOTA Representative.....Rachael Faulkner
AOTA Representative.....Kristen Neville
NBCOT Representative.....Barbara Williams
Council of State Governments Representative.....Daniel Logsdon
MOTA Representative.....Robyn Elliott
AOTA Representative.....Chuck Willmarth
Liaison to the Boards.....Kimberly Link
Physical Therapy Board Executive Director.....Laurie Kendall-Ellis

1. Ms. Banks called the meeting to order at 9:01 am.
2. Ms. Banks asked for approval of the January General Session Agenda. Ms. Murray asked that they add new direct impact bills to the Legislation and Regulation Committee and add Music Therapy to New Business. Ms. Quirk made a motion to approve the agenda with amendments. Mr. Martin seconded it. All were in favor.
3. Ms. Banks asked for approval of the December General Session Minutes. Ms. Quirk made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Smith seconded it. All were in favor.
4. Ms. Banks asked for approval of the ratification of 10 OTs and 5 OTAs from the December Executive Session. Mr. Martin made a motion to approve the ratification of the licensees. Ms. Pierre seconded it. All were in favor.

REPORTS

1. Administrative Reports – FY'21

Staff: Lauren Murray

a. Renewals

- a. Ms. Murray said that the latest renewal extension date is February 15, 2021.
- b. If there is still a State of Emergency in Maryland on February 1st, the deadline will be extended until March 15, 2021.

b. MyLicense Upgrade

- a. Ms. Murray said that the go live date should be Tuesday, January 19th.
- b. A bulletin will be sent out to licensees and the website will be updated once the upgrade is complete.

2. Legislation/Regulations Committee –

Sarah Quirk, COTA/L

Caitlin Brogan, OT/R

Marylin Pierre, Esquire, Consumer Member

Staff: Lauren Murray

- a. Ms. Murray reminded the members of the Legislation Regulation Committee that they must check their emails daily during the Legislative Session because if the Committee members were wanting to support or oppose a bill, an emergency meeting would need to be called.
- b. Direct Impact Legislation
 - i. LR0944/HB123—The Committee did not have a majority vote on this bill, so there is no position at this time.
 - ii. HB0028—The Board has no position due to lack of response from the Committee.
 - iii. SB106—The Board has no position due to lack of response from the Committee.
 - iv. HB224—The Board has no position due to lack of response from the Committee.
 - v. SB139—The Board will discuss this further in a later section of the meeting.

3. Continuing Education Committee –

Sarah Quirk, COTA/L

Rae-Ann Smith, OT/R

Staff: Denise Goetz

Nothing to report.

4. Secretary's Report

E.J. Quinn, Consumer Member, Secretary

Nothing to report.

5. Executive Committee--

Wanda Banks, MA, OTR/L
Daniel Martin, Ph.D.
Staff: Lauren Murray

Correspondence

1. Inquiry from January 12, 2021: An OT asked if since each private insurance company requires OTs to be credentialed through the CAQH system as a provider and it might take some time, could another OT who is already credentialed under the provider cosign her notes until she is credentialed?
 - a. Mr. Martin noted that this is not part of the Board's jurisdiction. She should check with her insurance company and check with her facility's rules regarding billing.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Ms. Murray said the Music Therapy sent over information, asking Occupational Therapy to sponsor them under the OT umbrella.
 - a. Ms. Murray added that they currently have a bill coming up that would put them under the Board of LCPC. Ms. Faulkner added that it might be under Speech.
 - b. Ms. Banks asked for a motion to deny sponsoring Musical Therapy under OT. Ms. Quirk made a motion. Ms. Smith seconded it. All were in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. NBCOT/AOTA Compact
 - a. Mr. Martin's linear regression model for DC and Virginia indicated that people in DC and Virginia would more likely choose a compact over separate licenses. However, it does not believe that there is enough data.
 - b. Ms. Murray relayed scenarios of those in a Compact.
 - c. Mr. Logsdon gave his thoughts on the Compact.
 - d. Ms. Kendall-Ellis gave an update on the Board of Physical Therapy Examiners Compact.
 - i. Ms. Kendall-Ellis offered to share any paperwork from their Compact process.
 - e. Comments and questions regarding the Compact were made by Mr. Quinn, Ms. Link, Ms. Pierre, Ms. Brogan, Ms. Goetz, Mr. Martin, Ms. Kendall-Ellis, Ms. Quirk, and Ms. Faulkner.
 - f. Ms. Banks took a vote as to whether or not the Board would like to join the NBCOT/AOTA Compact. Ms. Quirk made a motion to vote on the NBCOT/AOTA Compact. Mr. Martin seconded it. All were in favor of joining the NBCOT/AOTA Compact.
2. SB139
 - a. Ms. Banks took a vote as to whether to support this bill. Ms. Smith made a motion. Mr. Martin seconded it. All were in favor.
 - b. Ms. Murray will write a position paper and will send it to Lillian.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. 2021 Financial Disclosure Forms are due by April 30, 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:04 am.