

Friday, November 15, 2019

The Maryland Board of Occupational Therapy Practice

Chairperson: Wanda Banks, MA, OTR/L

Spring Grove Hospital Center, Tuerk Building, 2nd Floor

GENERAL SESSION MINUTES

9:00—GENERAL SESSION -- OPEN MEETING

In Attendance

Members of the Board

Chairperson..... Wanda Banks
Vice Chairperson..... Dan Martin
OT Member..... Rae Ann Smith
OTA Member..... Sarah Quirk
Consumer Member..... E.J. Quinn

Staff

Deputy Director..... Jo-Ann Lane
Outgoing Board Counsel..... Carla Boyd
Interim Board Counsel..... Stacey Darin

Guests

None

Absent

Executive Director..... Lauren Murray
Consumer Member..... Marylin Pierre

1. Ms. Banks called the meeting to order at 9:20 am.
2. Ms. Banks asked for approval of the November General Session Agenda. Ms. Boyd added the topic of OT Interstate Compact Licensure. Ms. Smith made a motion to approve the agenda with the amendment. Mr. Quinn seconded the motion. All were in favor.
3. Ms. Banks asked for approval of the October General Session Minutes. Ms. Banks found a correction to page one of the minutes. Ms. Quirk made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction. Mr. Quinn seconded. All were in favor.

4. Ms. Banks asked for approval of ratification of 23 occupational therapists and 12 occupational therapy assistants presented at the October Executive Session. Ms. Smith made a motion to approve the ratification. Ms. Quirk seconded it. All were in favor.

REPORTS

1. Administrative Reports – FY'20

Staff: Jo-Ann Lane (representing Lauren Murray)

Fingerprinting Update - In Ms. Murray's absence, Ms. Goetz continues to process the results of the criminal history background checks for new applicants and 2020 renewal candidates.

2. Legislation/Regulations Committee –

Sarah Quirk, COTA/L

Marylin Pierre, Esquire, Consumer Member

Staff: Lauren Murray

Nothing to report with session in recess.

3. Continuing Education Committee –

Sarah Quirk, COTA/L

Staff: Denise Goetz

Audit Results – Audit letters were sent out to individuals who incorrectly answered that their NBCOT certification was current or had answered no to being NBCOT certified and no to accumulating 24 hours of continuing competency requirements. Ms. Goetz will report the early results in Executive Session

4. Secretary's Report

Nothing to report.

5. Executive Committee--

Wanda Banks, MA, OTR/L

Daniel Martin, OTR/L, FAAPM, FASSET, CMTPT/CDN

Staff: Jo-Ann Lane (for Lauren Murray)

1. Correspondence

- a. Email from November 13, 2019: An individual was inquiring whether occupational therapists in Maryland have direct access and where it could be found in COMAR. Ms. Boyd stated that the Code of Maryland regulations do not stipulate that a prescription is required for the provision of occupational therapy services in Maryland. It is possible, however, that third party payers and/or employers may impose this requirement.
- b. Email from November 14, 2019. The HR Manager at a pediatric development center asked if COTAs may be credentialed under Medicaid (and/or commercial insurance) and if not, whether they can bill under their credentialed supervisor. Ms. Boyd stated this was not in the Board's purview. The individual can be directed to Medicaid for guidance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Announcement from Board Counsel.

Ms. Boyd announced her resignation from the Department of Health. Her last day will be December 2, 2019. Stacy Darin will be the Board's interim Deputy Counsel until a permanent replacement can be found. Ms. Boyd suggested that a Board member take over her role in the Compact Licensure initiative. Mr. Martin volunteered to fill the position.

2. Election of a Board Secretary

Captain Quinn volunteered to take over as the Secretary for the Board. The Board members voted unanimously to accept the nomination and election of Captain Quinn.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Future meeting – There will not be a December meeting at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.