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**ADVISORY BOARD ON OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY  
Minutes  
October 2, 2012**

The Advisory Board on Occupational Therapy met on October 2, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Eugenio Monasterio, MD, Chair  
Jean A. Hearst, O.T., Vice-Chair  
Mitch Lovinger, OT

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Kathleen Smith, OT

**STAFF PRESENT:** William L. Harp, MD, Executive Director  
Alan Heaberlin, Licensing Supervisor  
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Regulatory Analyst  
Bradley Verry, Licensing Specialist

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Hunter Jamerson, Esquire

**CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Monasterio called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

**EMERGENCY EGRESS PROCEDURES**

Dr. Harp announced the Emergency Egress Instructions.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll was called and a quorum declared. Dr. Harp reminded the Advisory Board that Elanor Levi has resigned from her position.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 5, 2012**

Jean Hearst moved to adopt the Minutes of June 5, 2012. The motion was seconded and carried.

## **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

The agenda was adopted by acclamation.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Hunter Jamerson, Esquire, representative of VOTA, informed the Advisory Board that the regulatory changes published by the Board of Medicine have been published in the register. Additionally, Mr. Jamerson informed the Advisory Board that certain insurance providers do not cover habilitation and rehabilitation. It is a goal of VOTAs to have this language added to benefits. VOTA is appreciative of the continued support of the members of the Advisory Board.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **#1. Health Practitioners Survey – Dr. Elizabeth Carter**

Dr. Elizabeth Carter informed the Advisory Board members that the Department of Health Professions will be conducting a survey upon renewal for Occupational Therapy. Dr. Carter asked for participation by the Advisory Board members to help craft questions and develop a survey relating to the profession. Jean Hearst and Mitch Lovinger offered to help create the survey.

### **#2. Regulatory/Legislative Report – Elaine Yeatts**

Ms. Yeatts informed the Advisory Board of legislative changes made during the 2012 session of the General Assembly. No action was required. Additionally, Ms. Yeatts explained that a comprehensive review of the regulations for Occupational Therapy should be conducted to determine if any regulations may be repealed. There will be a period for public comment.

### **#3. Review of Applications – Alan Heaberlin**

Mr. Heaberlin conducted a review of the current applications for Occupational Therapy and Occupational Therapy Assistant with the Advisory Board in an attempt to update the applications.

### **#4. Meeting Calendar for 2013 – Dr. Harp**

Dr. Harp reviewed the meeting calendar for 2013 with the Advisory Board. No action was required.

## **5. Election of Officers**

Jean Hearst moved to nominate Dr. Monasterio to continue to serve as Chair. The motion was seconded and carried. Jean Hearst moved to nominate Mitch Lovinger to serve as Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded and carried.

## **6. Conflict of Interest Training**

Mr. Heaberlin provided instructions to the Advisory Board members regarding completion of the Conflict of Interest training.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dr. Harp introduced Alan Heaberlin, Licensing Supervisor, to the Advisory Board.

Mr. Heaberlin informed the Advisory Board that there are currently 3094 licensed Occupational Therapists, and 954 licensed Occupational Therapy Assistants.

## **NEXT MEETING DATE**

February 5, 2013

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting of the Advisory board was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

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Eugenio Monasterio, MD, Chair

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William L. Harp, M.D.  
Executive Director

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Bradley Verry, Licensing Specialist