

**ADVISORY BOARD ON OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY  
Minutes  
October 6, 2009**

The Advisory Board on Occupational Therapy met on October 6, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jeffrey Loveland, O.T., OTD, Chair  
Jean A. Hearst, O.T., Vice-Chair  
Eugenio Monasterio, MD  
Aurora Stelz, OT

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Eleanor Levi

**STAFF PRESENT:** William L. Harp, MD, Executive Director  
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Regulatory Analyst  
Ola Powers, Deputy Executive Director  
Colanthia Morton Opher, Operations Manager  
Tamara Farmer, Licensing Specialist

**GUESTS PRESENT:** None

**CALL TO ORDER**

Jeffrey Loveland called the meeting to order and read the Emergency Egress Procedures.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll was called and a quorum declared.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF July 28, 2009**

Aurora Stelz moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and carried.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Jean Hearst moved to adopt the agenda, with the addition of an item #4, DHP Business. The motion was seconded and carried.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

**None**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **#1. Comments received on proposed regulations for OTAs**

Ms. Yeatts announced that the Occupational Therapy Assistants' emergency regulations will expire on October 31, 2009. The Advisory Board reviewed comments received. Ms. Yeatts pointed to changes made to 18 VAC 85-80-110. [Proposed regulations will be reviewed by the full board on October 29, 2009.] Jean Hearst moved to approve changes to subsections B and D, in 18 VAC 85-80-110. The motion was seconded and carried.

### **#2. Request to Extend Life of Emergency Regulations**

Elaine Yeatts reported the Emergency regulations currently in effect for Occupational Therapy Assistants will be extended until April 26, 2010, as approved by the Governor.

### **#3. Election of Officers**

Jean Hearst nominated Jeffrey Loveland to remain as OT Advisory Board Chair. The nomination was seconded and carried. Aurora Stelz nominated Jean Hearst as Vice-Chair. The nomination was seconded and carried.

### **#4. Information regarding DHP Business**

Elaine Yeatts informed the Advisory Board to take note that the Board of Health Professions Research Committee is currently entertaining the idea of an all Allied Professions Board. Ms. Yeatts suggested all advisory boards follow this process. The Board of Health Professions will have minutes of their September 30, 2009 meeting available for the next Occupational Therapy Advisory Board Meeting on February 2, 2010.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

On October 23-24, 2009, Jeffrey Loveland will attend the Occupational Therapy Conference at the Sheraton Hotel in Roanoke, Virginia and present OTA licensure regulations. Aurora Stelz asked about the Advisory board makeup with the addition of OTAs. It was acknowledged that such a discussion might take place in the future. Any change in the current composition would require a change in the law.

## **NEXT MEETING DATE**

February 2, 2010

**ADJOURNMENT**

Jean Hearst moved to adjourn the meeting of the Advisory Board. The motion was seconded and carried.

---

Jeffrey Loveland, O.T., OTD, Chair

---

William L. Harp, M.D.  
Executive Director

---

Tamara Farmer, Licensing Specialist