

Advisory Board on Occupational Therapy

Virginia Board of Medicine

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10:00 am

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Tuesday, June 13, 2023 @ 10:00 a.m.

9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201

Henrico, VA

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Announcements:

Next Scheduled Meeting: October 3, 2023 @ 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment

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ADVISORY BOARD ON OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Minutes

September 20, 2022

The Advisory Board on Occupational Therapy met on Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at 10:00 am at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dwayne Pitre, OT, Chair
Kathryn Skibek, OT, Vice-Chair
Breshae Bedward, OT
Karen Lebo, Citizen Member [Joined at 10:06 am]

MEMBERS ABSENT: Raziuddin Ali, MD

STAFF PRESENT: William L. Harp, MD - Executive Director
Michael Sobowale, LLM - Deputy Executive Director for Licensure
Colanthia M. Opher - Deputy Executive Director for Administration
Erin Barrett, JD - DHP Senior Policy Analyst
ShaRon Clanton - Licensing Specialist

GUESTS PRESENT: None

CALL TO ORDER

Dwayne Pitre, OTR, Chair called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

EMERGENCY EGRESS PROCEDURES

Dr. Harp announced the emergency egress instructions.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called, and a quorum was declared.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF May 24, 2022

Kathryn Skibek moved to approve the minutes from the May 24, 2022 meeting. Breshae Bedward seconded. The motion carried.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Kathryn Skibek moved to adopt the meeting agenda as presented. Breshae Bedward seconded. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Periodic Review of Regulations Governing the Practice of Occupational Therapy

Erin Barrett led the discussion. She presented her recommendations to retain or amend current provisions with suggested changes in 18VAC85-80-10, 18VAC85-80-20, 18VAC85-80-26 (A) (3), 18VAC85-80-35 (3), 18VAC85-80-65 (4), 18VAC85-85-80-71 (1) (A) (2), 18VAC85-85-80-71 (D), 18VAC85-80-72 (B) (3), 18VAC85-80-73 (D), 18VAC85-80-80 (B), (C), (D), 18VAC85-80-90 (A), 18VAC85-80-100, 18VAC85-80-140 (E) (2), and 18VAC85-80-140 (F). Some of these regulations are either obsolete or already in the law; therefore, it is unnecessary to repeat them in regulation.

Kathryn Skibek moved to retain and amend Chapter 80 with the suggested changes discussed. Breshae Bedward seconded. The motion passed.

2. Review of Bylaws for the Advisory Boards

Erin Barrett presented the uniform Bylaws for all Advisory Boards that the full Board approved at its June meeting. This was for information only, since the Bylaws are slated to become effective on September 29, 2022.

3. Update on Implementation of the Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact

Michael Sobowale presented an update. Virginia is represented on the Rules and Compliance Committees of the Compact Commission. The first meeting of the Rules Committee is scheduled for October 18th. Additional information regarding the Compact can be found on the website - otcompact.org. Given the work currently being done to develop a Secretariat for the compact, it is estimated that member states may not begin to issue compact privileges until late 2023 or early 2024.

4. Approval of 2023 Meeting Calendar

Breshae Bedward moved to adopt the 2023 meeting calendar. Kathryn Skibek seconded. The motion passed.

5. Election of Officers

Kathryn Skibek nominated Mr. Pitre as Chair. Karen Lebo seconded. Karen Lebo nominated Kathryn Skibek as Vice-Chair. Breshae Bedward seconded. The motion passed.

Announcements:

License Statistics

ShaRon Clanton provided the license statistics report. There are a total of 1,793 occupational therapy assistants. 1,552 are current active in Virginia; 25 are current inactive. There are 205 current active out-of-state and 11 current inactive out-of-state. For occupational therapists, there is a total of 4,928 of which 3,823 are current active in Virginia, and 59 are current inactive. 975 are current active out-of-state with 70 are current inactive out-of-state. One licensee is current active on probation.

Next Scheduled Meeting

The next scheduled meeting date is February 7, 2023 @ 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment:

With no other business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director

Agenda Item: Regulatory Actions Report

Note: Ms. Barrett will provide information on the status of regulatory actions for the Advisory Board.

Action: None Anticipated.

Excerpt of Minutes of June 7, 2016 Advisory Meeting regarding discussion on Dry-Needling

Dry Needling by Occupational Therapists-Advisory Board Discussion

Ms. Skibek led the Advisory Board in a discussion regarding the use of Dry Needling by Occupational Therapists. Mr. Pitre asked about required hours of continuing education needed before practicing Dry Needling, and Ms. Lebo inquired about educational requirements for licensed acupuncturists. Mr. Pitre suggested more research should be conducted before the Advisory Board could support the inclusion of dry needling in the practice act. Ms. Lebo inquired as to the reason for including Dry Needling in the Occupational Therapy scope of practice since there are other healthcare professionals capable of providing these services. Ms. Bedward moved to recommend that the Board of Medicine does not approve the use of Dry Needling by Occupational Therapists at this time. The motion was second and carried.

Agenda Item: Update on Implementation of Interjurisdictional Occupational Therapy Compact.

Note: Mr. Sobowale will provide information on note-worthy items and any update from the OT Compact Commission related to the implementation of the OT compact.

Action: None Anticipated.