

ADVISORY BOARD ON OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Minutes

February 2, 2016

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Breshae Bedward, OT
Kathryn Skibek, OT
Eugenio Monasterio, MD
Karen Lebo

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dwayne Pitre, OT

STAFF PRESENT: William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director
Alan Heaberlin, Deputy Executive Director, Licensure
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Regulatory Analyst
Bradley Verry, Licensing Specialist

GUESTS PRESENT: Janet L. Borges, L.Ac.
Michele Stoll, OTA, VOTA

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Harp called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

EMERGENCY EGRESS PROCEDURES

Mr. Heaberlin announced the Emergency Egress Instructions.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called and a quorum declared.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 6, 2015

Ms. Lebo moved to adopt the minutes as written. The motion was seconded and carried.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Dr. Monasterio moved to adopt the agenda as written. The motion was seconded and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

--- FINAL UNAPPROVED ---

Michele Stoll thanked the Advisory Board on behalf of VOTA. Ms. Stoll also informed the Advisory Board that VOTA supports including current NBCOT certification in lieu of continuing education as a renewal requirement.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Legislative Update

Ms. Yeatts informed the Advisory Board of bills of interest from the 2016 session of the General Assembly. No action was required.

2. Clarification of “board-approved practice of 160 hours”

Dr. Harp led the Advisory Board in a discussion regarding the ambiguity in the requirements for applicants who have not engaged in the active practice of occupational therapy for two years preceding submission of an application for licensure. The Advisory Board determined that the requirement of serving a “*board-approved practice of 160 hours*” should be revised to read, “*he shall serve 160 hours of supervised occupational therapy service*” to avoid any confusion which may arise from the word “practice”. Ms. Lebo moved to amend the language on the form to reflect the proposed change. The motion was seconded and carried.

3. Election of Officers

Ms. Lebo moved to nominate Ms. Skibek to serve as Chair. The motion was seconded and carried. Dr. Monasterio moved to nominate Ms. Bedward to serve as Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded and carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Heaberlin informed the Advisory Board that there are currently 3,796 Occupational Therapists and 1302 Occupational Therapy Assistants who hold licenses issued by the Virginia Board of Medicine.

NEXT MEETING DATE

June 7, 2016

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Advisory board was adjourned at 11:31 a.m.

Kathryn Skibek, OT, Chair

William L. Harp, M.D.
Executive Director

Bradley Verry, Licensing Specialist