

**ADVISORY BOARD ON OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
MINUTES**

APRIL 5, 2005

The Advisory Board on Occupational Therapy met on Tuesday, April 5, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. at the Department of Health Professions. Patricia Cooper OT, Chair, called the meeting to order. A quorum was declared.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia D. Cooper, O.T. Chair
Jeffrey Loveland, O.T. Vice-Chair
Jean Hearst, OT
Jacob A. Neufeld, MD
Patricia D. Scales, JD

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director
Ola Powers, Deputy Executive Director-Licensing
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Regulatory Analyst
Nicole Gordon, Recording Secretary

GUESTS PRESENT: Elizabeth Hancock, McCaulay & Burtch, P.C.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED FEBURARY 1, 2005

Ms. Cooper moved to approve the minutes dated February 1, 2005. The motion was seconded and carried.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Ms. Scales moved to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment

#1. Review of Legislation in the 2005 Session of the General Assembly

Ms. Yeatts presented and explained new legislation affecting the Department of Health Professions, the Board of Medicine and the Occupational Therapy Board. She reminded the Board that this is the time to consider legislation for next year.

#2. Comments on the Proposed Regulations on Standards of Conduct

Ms. Yeatts gave the board a brief background of the regulations on Standards of Conduct. She explained the changes made to the proposed regulations and asked for comments. Dr. Neufeld moved to recommend adoption of the proposed regulations to the full Board with the suggested amendment to 18VAC85-80-121 E. (1) (a). The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

#3. Regulations Governing the Practice of Occupational Therapy

Ms. Yeatts presented a chart showing the status of regulations. No action was necessary.

#4. Final Regulations-Certification of Occupational Therapy Assistants

Dr. Neufeld moved to adopt the Final Regulations Governing the Licensure of Occupational Therapists 18VAC85-80-61 Certification of occupational therapy assistants. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next scheduled meeting date was scheduled for August 2, 2005.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss Dr. Neufeld moved to adjourn the meeting of the Advisory Board of Occupational Therapy. The motion was seconded and carried.

Patricia Cooper, O.T., Chair

William L. Harp, MD
Executive Director

Nicole Gordon,
Recording Secretary