

**FINAL APPROVED**

**ADVISORY BOARD ON OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY  
Minutes  
May 21, 2019**

The Advisory Board on Occupational Therapy met on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Karen Lebo, JD, Citizen Member

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Breshae Bedward, OT, Chair  
Dwayne Pitre, OT, Vice Chair  
Raziuddin Ali, M.D.  
Kathryn Skibek, OT

**STAFF PRESENT:** William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director  
Colanthia M. Opher, Deputy Director for Administration  
ShaRon Clanton, Licensing Specialist  
David Brown, DC, DHP Agency Director  
Yetty Shobo, PhD, Deputy Director for the Board of Health Professions

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Alexander Macaulay-VOTA  
Erin Clemens-VOTA  
Deanna Dambrose, VCU Department of Occupational Therapy  
Joni Watling, VCU Department of Occupational Therapy  
Charlotte Lenart, DHP Board of Counseling  
Sandie Cotman, DHP Board of Counseling

**CALL TO ORDER**

Karen Lebo called the meeting to order at 10:11 a.m.

**EMERGENCY EGRESS PROCEDURES**

Dr. Harp announced the emergency egress instructions.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll was called. A quorum was not established.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES of October 2, 2018**

Due to the lack of a quorum, the minutes were unable to be approved.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Due to the lack of a quorum, the agenda was unable to be approved.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Mr. Macaulay asked that comment be deferred until the agenda item on Qualified Mental Health Providers was addressed.

### **OT and OTA Healthcare Workforce Data Center Survey Update**

Dr. Shobo presented a PowerPoint review of the workforce statistics for OT's and OTA's. Ms. Lebo made a number of observations about the data and posed a number of excellent questions to Dr. Shobo.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Report of the 2019 General Assembly**

Dr. Brown reviewed the Report of the 2019 General Assembly and provided historical background on the bills that were of interest to the members.

Dr. Harp provided a brief update on the status of the Board's emergency regulations, APA regulatory actions, and future policy actions.

Both of these reports were for information only and did not require any action.

### **2. Comment from Occupational Therapy on Proposed Counseling Regulations**

Ms. Joni Watling, OT provided comment on the rationale that occupational therapists are included in the regulations of Counseling governing the licensure of qualified mental health professionals. She presented a comparison of the training that occupational therapists get in mental health to the training required by other professions eligible for licensure as qualified mental health professionals.

### **3. Regulations governing the Licensure of Occupational Therapists (*for reference only*)**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Ms. Opher provided the license processing times for OT's and OTA's.

## **NEXT MEETING DATE**

October 1, 2019 @ 10:00 a.m.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With no other business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

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Karen Lebo, JD, Citizen Member

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William L. Harp, M.D.  
Executive Director

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ShaRon Clanton, Licensing Specialist