

**ADVISORY BOARD ON OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
MINUTES**

MAY 19, 2004

The Advisory Board on Occupational Therapy met on Wednesday, May 19, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. at the Department of Health Professions. Barbara Gallagher OT, Chair, called the meeting to order. A quorum was declared.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Barbara Gallagher, O.T., Chair
Patricia D. Cooper, O.T. Vice-Chair
Jeffrey Loveland, O.T.
Theodore H. Darby, Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gregory J. Pleasants, M.D.

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 FEBRUARY 11, 2004

Ms. Cooper moved to approve the minutes dated February 11, 2004. The motion was seconded and carried.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Loveland 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 from the 2004 Session of the General Assembly

Ms. Yeatts provided the Advisory Board with current legislation and highlighted bills relevant to the practice of occupational therapy, or of interest to the profession. There was no action necessary.

2. Consideration of proposed regulations for standards of practice/professional ethics

Ms. Yeatts presented the draft regulations regarding standards of professional conduct. After a lengthy review and agreement on proposed changes, Mr. Darby moved to adopt the proposed regulations. The motion was seconded and carried.

3. Consideration of emergency regulations for delegation to an agency subordinate

Ms. Yeatts explained the emergency regulations for delegation to an agency subordinate. There was no action necessary.

4. Amended by-laws

Ms. Yeatts provided the Advisory Board with the current amended by-laws. There was no action necessary.

5. Consideration of emergency regulations & NOIRA for certification of OTA's (HB 309)

Ms. Yeatts explained the need to promulgate regulations as mandated by law in reference to occupational therapy assistants. Ms Cooper moved to recommend language for the regulations. The motion was seconded and approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Loveland reported on the NBCOT conference held April 23-25, 2004 in Orlando, Florida. He mentioned that fewer applicants were examined last year, and that suggestions were given for taking the examination. A CD of the presentations were distributed at the conference and he stated that he will pass them along to Advisory Board members for review.

The Advisory Board members were asked if they would mind changing future meetings from Wednesdays to Tuesdays.

The next scheduled meeting date was scheduled for September 21, 2004.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Barbara Gallagher, O.T.,
Chair

William L. Harp, MD
Executive Director

Nicole Gordon,
Recording Secretary