

**ADVISORY BOARD ON OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
MINUTES**

MAY 9, 2002

The Advisory Board on Occupational Therapy met on Thursday, May 9, 2002 at 9:00 a.m. at the Department of Health Professions. Annette Ernst OT, Chair, called the meeting to order. A quorum was declared.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Annette Ernst, O.T. Chair
Barbara Gallagher, O.T., Vice-Chair
Patricia D. Cooper, O.T.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gregory J. Pleasants, M.D.
Theodore H. Darby, Jr.

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Alexander McCauley, VOTA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 9, 2002

Patricia Cooper moved to approve the minutes dated January 9, 2002. The motion was seconded, discussed and carried.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Patricia Cooper moved to adopt the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded, discussed and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS OF AGENDA ITEMS

Alexander McCauley commented, on behalf of VOTA on proposed language 18 VAC-85-80-110, Supervisory Responsibility. Concerns were expressed by VOTA were that the language may be too restrictive for COTA's, while at the same time not be restrictive enough for less skilled occupational therapy personnel.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

There were no reports.

#1. Regulatory Update.

Ms. Yeatts presented the “Board of Medicine Regulatory Actions”, a handout on the proposed regulations. The proposed regulations were discussed. It was recommended that 18 VAC 85-80-110, Supervisory Responsibilities be amended to add a #3 to read as follows: **“Delegation shall only be made if, in the judgment of the occupational therapist, the tasks or procedures do not require the exercise of professional judgment, can be properly and safely performed by appropriately trained unlicensed occupational therapy personnel, and the delegation does not jeopardize the health or safety of the patient”**. Patricia Cooper moved to adopt the amended regulation. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. Ms Yeatts stated that House Bill 1318 places a new exemption under § 54.1-2901 (27). This exemption would be added to the licensed occupational therapy regulations by emergency regulation. Mrs. Cooper moved to adopt the emergency regulation. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

#2. Wrap-up report from 2002 Session of the General Assembly.

Information reviewed. No action necessary.

#3. Discussion of HB 217 and implications for Advisory Boards-composition, disciplinary panels.

The bill was discussed and members were advised of any changes to their board.

#4. Continuing education issues –approved CE, dissemination of information

The Advisory Board was provided information that was disseminated to all licensed O.T’s in February 2002 regarding continuing learning activities. It was suggested to create a Q&A sheet to place on the Departments website. Members were asked to submit questions to the board office. The Advisory Board also discussed creating an expanded website specific to occupational therapy. Ms. Powers stated she would take the necessary steps to see what could be done.

#5. Review of Application

Mrs. Powers presented application packets for board review. No action necessary.

#6. NBCOT program and activities report

No report

#7. Report on NBCOT annual meeting

Annette Ernst shared her experience from the NBCOT meeting. Pamphlets were supplied to the board for review. No action necessary.

#8. Elections of officers

Patricia Cooper moved to nominate Barbara Gallagher as Chair. The motion was seconded. Nominations were closed. Ms Gallagher was elected Chair. Barbara Gallagher moved to nominate Patricia Cooper as Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded. Nominations were closed. Ms Cooper was elected Vice Chair.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2002 at 9am.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Annette Ernst, O.T., Chair
Chairman

William L. Harp, MD
Executive Director

Nicole Gordon,
Recording Secretary