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**ADVISORY BOARD ON OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
MINUTES**

May 8, 2003

The Advisory Board on Occupational Therapy met on Thursday, May 8, 2003 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
Theodore H. Darby, Jr.
Annette Ernst, O.T.

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

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: Karen Smith, AOTA
Elizabeth Hancock, Virginia Law & Government Affairs

APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED JANUARY 9, 2003

Ms. Ernst moved to approve the minutes dated January 8, 2003 as corrected. The motion was seconded, discussed and carried.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Ms. Ernst moved to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded, discussed and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS OF AGENDA ITEMS

Karen Smith shared information on AOTA practice guidelines.

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Report of Officers

Ms. Gallagher shared NBCOT information.

Old business

None reported

New business

1. Regulatory chart

Ms. Yeatts explained the status of the Volunteer Practice regulations and their effect on Occupational Therapy. There will be a periodic review again near the end of 2004 or the beginning of 2005.

2. Review of legislation from the 2003 Session of the General Assembly

Ms. Yeatts presented highlights of changes in the law pursuant to actions of the 2003 General Assembly. HB 1441 will affect reporting requirements, change the standard for taking disciplinary action from gross negligence to simple negligence and create a confidential consent agreement. HB 1792 addresses defaults on educational loans. HB 1820 will eliminate posting of the licensee's address on-line. HB 1933 addresses supervision of physical therapy assistants. HB 1934 authorizes a physical therapist to possess and administer topical controlled substances. HB 2182 requires emergency contact information be collected for the Health Department. SB 897 provides immunity for smallpox vaccine administration.

3. Report from NBCOT meeting of April 11-12, 2003

Ms. Gallagher and Ms. Cooper shared information gathered from the NBCOT National Conference in Louisville, KY.

4. Review of DHP orientation packet

Dr. Harp presented information to the Advisory Board members regarding orientation and addressed topics such as purpose of the Department of Health Professions, responsibilities of the Advisory Board to the full Board, disciplinary matters, FOIA and many other aspects of the Department as it relates to them. He provided written documents and informational pamphlets for their review and future reference.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2003 at 9am.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Barbara Gallagher, O.T.,
Chairman

William L. Harp, MD
Executive Director

Nicole Gordon,
Recording Secretary