



**The Council expressed concern regarding licensure standards for persons who hold licenses in other states. The Council, on motion made by Ms. Moran and seconded by Ms. Mendez-Boud, voted to support the bill with reservations.**

### **Senate Bill**

Bill S-3121 (Introduced December 1, 2011)

This bill clarifies the meaning of a vote to abstain by a member of a public body.

**The Council found the proposed bill to be reasonable.  
Upon motion made by Tiffany Charles and seconded by  
Aida Mendez-Boud, the Council unanimously supported the bill.**

### **III. OLD BUSINESS**

**A.** Re: Follow up to question regarding student supervision posed by Thomas Jefferson University. Previously, the Council referred the University to the standards of the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy (ACOTE). Information regarding ACOTE standards and information on fieldwork from American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) was provided to the Council members.

**The Council considered this material as informational.**

### **IV. B. Request for approval of modalities courses by providers**

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:44K-5.4 Use of physical agent modalities, Council reviewed committees' recommendation regarding physical agent modalities courses submitted by:

#### **1. DUNAMIS Training, LLC**

**The Council, upon the motion made by Maryann E. Moran and seconded by Tiffany Charles, voted to accept the recommendation of the committee and approved courses for modalities offered by Dunamis Training, LLC**

### **V. License Renewal**

The Council was concerned that licensees were not given sufficient notice of renewals and asked Ms. Anderson to request that an additional letter to be sent to licensees on or before October 15, of the renewal year.

Ms. Anderson reported that the Division indicated that licensees are provided with up to three letters in connection renewals and the agency lacks the resources to send another. The statute governing the boards requires a notice of renewal to be sent 60 days prior to the expiration date of a license. For occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants, this letter is sent in the first week in July of the renewal year. A second, reminder letter is sent on or about two weeks before the expiration (approximately September 15 of the renewal year) to all of those licensees whose licenses have yet to be renewed. Finally, on or after the expiration date of the license (November of the renewal year), a “termination letter” is sent to all those licensees who did not renew. That letter asks if the licensee wishes to place his or her license on inactive status.

**The Council was satisfied that adequate notice is given and considered this material as informational.**

## **VI. APPLICATIONS REVIEW (Initial)**

**The Council, upon motion made by Tiffany Charles, and seconded by Aida Mendez-Boud, voted to approve the following applicants for licensure:**

	<b><u>OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS</u></b>	<b><u>License Number</u></b>
1.	Mancinelli, Kristi M.	46TR00567600
2.	Raber, Kathryn L.	46TR00567700
3.	Morris, Mary E.	46TR00567800
4.	Martin, Glenn D.	46TR00567900
5.	Sheps, Rachel	46TR00568000
6.	Weiler, Jeffrey P.	46TR00568100
7.	Femia, Anthony V.	46TR00568200
8.	Klein, Gillian	46TR00568300
9.	Abeleda, Allan Jay S.	46TR00568400
10.	Patel, Mona	46TR00568500
11.	Mele, Kristina	46TR00568600
12.	Palmieri, Jeanna Marie	46TR00568700
13.	Goetting, Carly A.	46TR00568800
14.	Vayda, Shari E.	46TR00568900
15.	Duval, Danielle J.	46TR00569000

16.	Hayes,Shayla J.	46TR00569100
17.	ElFar,Noha A	46TR00569200
18.	Steiner,Lisa E.	46TR00569300
19.	Sheerin,Jan C.	46TR00569400
20.	Vogel,Emilie S.	46TR00569500
21.	Salkin,Karen	46TR00569600
22.	Brown,Robyn Elise	46TR00569700
23.	Eichner,Chrysanne V.	46TR00569800
24.	Sloop,Judith Ann	46TR00569900
25.	Anand,Shagoon	46TR00570000
26.	Price,Samantha J.	46TR00570100
27.	Saleem,Ghazala T.	46TR00570200
28.	Montaner,Erika M.	46TR00570300
29.	Sedlak,Amanda J.	46TR00570400
30.	Brogan,Christine E.	46TR00570500
31.	Adams,Heather E.	46TR00570600
32.	Dimayuga,Khristine G	46TR00570700
33.	Bogacz,Ewa	46TR00570800
34.	Gutman,Zena	46TR00570900
35.	Kohn,Chaya E.	46TR00571000
36.	Weiss,Jamie C.	46TR00571100
37.	Fried,Brett M.	46TR00571200
38.	Ruthberg,Lyndee R.	46TR00571300
39.	Chuang,Jennifer	46TR00571400
40.	Blackman,Marcia O	46TR00571500
41.	Vissing,Amy Hoi-Yung	46TR00571600
42.	Grasso,Breanne M.	46TR00571700
43.	Kucsan,Laura K.	46TR00571800
44.	Graff,Katelyn A.	46TR00571900
45.	Anaya-Pantoja,Maria M.	46TR00572000
46.	Stone,Rivka K.	46TR00572100
47.	Jackson,Colleen A.	46TR00572200
48.	Huylebroeck,Katharine R.	46TR00572300
49.	Kogan,Itta T.	46TR00572400
50.	Reale,Michelle L.	46TR00572500
51.	Moscony,Anne M.	46TR00572600
52.	Krug,Michal Michelle	46TR00572700
53.	Janicka,Barbara	46TR00572800
54.	DellaValle,Caitlin M.	46TR00572900
55.	Hunter,Allison R.	46TR00573000
56.	Merino,Teresita	46TR00573100
57.	Schooley,Emily C.	46TR00573200
58.	Morgan,Melissa A	46TR00573300
59.	Robinson,Leora A	46TR00573400

60.	Shay, Jaclyn M.	46TR00573500
61.	Wu, Shuling J.	46TR00573600
62.	Stasiuk, Mallory S.	46TR00573700
63.	Caminiti, Francesca M.	46TR00573800
64.	Javer, Jennifer E	46TR00573900
65.	Kim, Young Joo	46TR00574000
66.	Petersen-Billings, Gunilla HM	46TR00574100
67.	Fins, Caryn M.	46TR00574200
68.	Guarriello, Karen F.	46TR00574300
69.	Zidow, Orian O.	46TR00574400

**OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANTS**      License Number

1.	Ianetta, Cherylee A	46TA09082300
2.	DeJonge, Tracy S	46TA09082400
3.	Hecker, Connie	46TA09082500
4.	Keenan, Patricia A	46TA09082600
5.	Moffitt, Jacqueline N.	46TA09082700
6.	Granholtm, Barbara L	46TA09082800
7.	Muller, Bethany	46TA09082900
8.	Reyes-Schultz, Peggy	46TA09083000
9.	Melita, Amber Nicole	46TA09083100
10.	Hutchinson, Carol H.	46TA09083200
11	VanDine, Lucinda F.	46TA09083300

**VII. NEW BUSINESS                      (Off Agenda)**

**Professional Designation**

The Council members discussed the use of academic degrees and honorifics. When an occupational therapist holds a doctoral degree (OTD or Ph.D.), use of the title “Doctor” shall not in any way mislead the public as to the nature of the degree held.

**The Council, upon motion made by Marian E. Moran and seconded by Aida Mendez-Boud, reiterated that in advertisements and other communications occupational therapists holding a doctoral degree, should use their names followed by the degree achieved to avoid confusion (for example, Jane Smith, OTD; not Dr. Jane Smith). The Council approved the motion unanimously.**

**VIII. Consumer Inquiry: “ASKCONSUMERAFFAIRS”**

A licensee asked:

“In the State of NJ can a COTA screen patients and/or recertify patients if approved by OT who sees the COTA as competent in these areas? If so, is it mandatory to have the OT signature on all the above documents or can they be unsigned by the OT?”

**The Council refers the writer to N.J.A.C. 13:44K-5.1(a) 2 and 3 (scope of practice of an OT), and to N.J.A.C. 13:44K-5.2(a) 2 and 3 (scope of an OTA). The Council regarded the term “screen” to mean “observe, but not touch; to ask questions.” A screen is not a formalized assessment. The Council also noted that a recertification of patients appears to implicate the need for an OT to re-evaluate and re-assess to determine if services are necessary. An OTA may perform some services in conjunction with an OT, such as assist in the identification of functional abilities or deficits. OTAs must discuss their actions with an OT and an OT must sign the chart and indicate the discussion occurred.**

## **IX. REPORT**

Betty Thomas reported that she had conferenced with Director Thomas Calcagni and Francine Widrich regarding the Division’s plans to streamline the boards through a re-organization. There will be ten teams, and the Council will be grouped with the licensing boards for Physical Therapy, Chiropractic, Orthotics and Prosthetics, and Massage Therapy. The Division hopes to move to a paperless format.

At 10:40 A.M. the Council, upon motion made by Tiffany Charles and seconded by Mariann E. Moran, voted to move into the Executive Session to consider and to review consumer complaints, investigative reports and other information receive pursuant to the Council’s regulations. The result of these deliberations will be made known when and if the Council determines to initiate disciplinary or other enforcement action. If the Council determines to issue any sanction, action will be taken in public session immediately after the executive session.

At 1:00 P.M. the Council, returned form Executive Session, and upon motion made by Tiffany Charles and seconded by Mariann E. Moran, voted to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Anderson  
Executive Director

