

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ADVISORY COUNCIL
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
March 13, 2008**

The meeting of the New Jersey State Occupational Therapy Advisory Council was held on March 13, 2008, at the State Office Building at 124 Halsey Street, 6th Floor, Newark, N.J. The meeting was convened in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act with previous notification having been sent to the Secretary of State and the following publications: The Record in Bergen County, The Star Ledger, Camden Courier Post, Trenton Times, Aisling Swift Press of Atlantic City and Asbury Park Press, to advise of the scheduling of this meeting. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Betty Thomas at 9:50 A.M.

Opening Statement - Regarding compliance with the Open Public meeting Act

Present - Council Members: Betty Thomas, O.T., Chairperson,
Aida E. Mendez-Boud, O.T.A., Vice-Chairperson
Mariann E. Moran, O.T. and
Tiffany Charles, O.T.

Also, Present: Deputy Attorney General Nancy Costello Miller
Regulatory Analyst, Maryann Sheehan
Executive Director Laura L. Anderson, and
Recording Secretary Maria Ormeno-Bertorelli

MINUTES - The Council, upon motion made by Aida E. Mendez-Boud and seconded by Mariann E. Moran, voted to approve the February 26, 2008 Public Session Minutes as amended.

I. RULES AND REGULATIONS

REVIEW OF RULES AND REGULATIONS PRIOR TO SUNSET

The Council reviewed a draft of current regulations with incorporated changes prepared by Regulatory Analyst Maryann Sheehan. The Council also considered suggestions made by the Physical Therapy committee invited to the discussion during the last special meeting held on February 26, 2008. Maryann will provide a final draft of regulations at the next meeting scheduled for May 8, 2008.

II. LEGISLATION

ASSEMBLY BILLS

A. Bill A -734 (Last Session Bill Number A661) Introduced 2004

The Council reviewed, Assembly Bill A-734. This bill was enacted into law on January 13, 2008 and provides that information about residence of persons licensed by certain professional boards shall not be disclosed to the public.

The Council considered this material as informational.

B. Bill A 3623

The Council reviewed, Assembly Bill A-3623. This bill was enacted into law on January 13, 2008 and establishes certificate of rehabilitation for certain persons with criminal records.

The Council considered this material as informational.

III. CORRESPONDENCE

1. The American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc. ("AOTA")

The Council reviewed the "State Policy" Update, volume 10, issue 1, received from AOTA.

The Council considered this material as informational.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

1. Occupational Therapy Supervision Cynthia L. Jaffe Lic. # 46TR00151700

At the February 26, 2008, the Council reviewed a fax/letter received from an occupational therapist, Cynthia Jaffe, requesting clarification of regulations regarding occupational therapists as supervisors. The item was tabled until this meeting.

After a lengthy discussion, the Council determined to respond to her inquiries by letter attaching a set of rules and regulations that govern the occupational therapy profession in this State.

V. NEW BUSINESS

REINSTATEMENT

The previous biennial licensing period for occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants licensed in New Jersey, expired on September 30, 2007. After a 30 day grace period, which ended October 31, 2007, a letter was mailed to all those licensees who failed to renew their licenses before the grace period expired.

The Council reviewed correspondence received from licensees who failed to renew their licenses in a timely manner and continued to practice occupational therapy in New Jersey during that period.

The Council, upon the motion made by Marian E. Moran and seconded by Tiffany Charles, voted that a Uniform Penalty Letter with a civil penalty be issued to all the licensees who failed to renew their licenses before the expiration of the grace period on October 31, 2007, and continued practicing the profession of occupational therapy in New Jersey.

VI. INITIAL APPLICATIONS

The Council reviewed applications for licensure, upon motion made by Mariann E. Moran and seconded by Aida E. Mendez-Boud, voted to approve the following applicants:

Occupational Therapists

Alava, Julissa P. Devlin-Bronstein, Karen F.
Alqueza, Chani V. Eiserman, Marsha
Andrejewski, Dolores J. Fuentes, Mary Melani C.
Bifulco, Margot Guinocor, Crispo Donaire
Brumant, Claudette Hager, Brianna M..
Cardoso, Rhea Tadosa Halpert, Debbie R.
Corsillo, Danielle V. Hicks, Meredith A.
Daura, Davina C. Hirmiak, Katherine
Demeterio, Don Jade Hochkeppel, Kelly J.
Desalvo, Contance C. Hondrade, Ma. Asuncion C.

Lasquety, Chester T. Rotter-Salama, Yael
Lewis-Williams, Danielle Santalucia, Susan E.
Madera, Ann Lorraine B. Shaw, Tenesha T.
Merriam, Jennifer Marie Skidmore, Amy Lynn
Moshe, Orly D. Tapia, Abigail Doinog
Pandya, Sheetal Tiu Jr., William Steven D.
Parrinello, Michael J. Walfish, Rebecca
Pellegrini, Christina Weinberg, Robin
Rigilano, Emily J. Wolk, Amy L.
Rosenfeld, Michael

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Cruz, Alex
Geromini, Danielle M.
Socci, Lynn M.

At 12: 15 P.M. the Council, upon motion made by Aida Mendez-Boud 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's determines to initiate disciplinary or other enforcement action. If the Council determines to issue any sanction, disciplinary action will be taken in public session immediately after the executive session.

At 12: 15 P.M. the Council, upon motion made by Aida Mendez-Boud and seconded by Mariann E.Moran, voted to adjourn the public session.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Anderson
Executive Director