

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ADVISORY COUNCIL
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
APRIL 18, 2006**

The meeting of the New Jersey State Occupational Therapy Advisory Council was held on April 18, 2006 at the State Office Building at 124 Halsey Street, 6th Floor, Newark, NJ. 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 9:45 A.M.

OPENING STATEMENT - Reading of "The Sunshine Law"

PRESENT - Council Members: Betty Thomas, O.T., Chairperson, Aida E. Mendez-Boud, O.T.A., Vice-Chairperson, Mariann E. Moran, O.T..

ALSO PRESENT: Deputy Attorney General Nancy Costello Miller; Managing Executive Director Susan Gartland; 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 ACCEPT THE FEBRUARY 16, 2006 MINUTES AS AMENDED.

I. RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. "MODALITIES"

With the assistance of Deputy Attorney General Miller, the Council continued the discussion regarding the use of physical modalities. Information from AOTA regarding all other states regulations was provided to the Council in order to assist in the proposal of such regulations in New Jersey.

The Council to work on establishing guidelines to set up acceptable programs.

II. LEGISLATION

1. ASSEMBLY BILLS

Bill No. A -2930 restrict gifts from drug companies to health care professionals and prohibits health care professionals with financial ties to drug companies from serving on health care facility formulary committees.

The Council reviewed A 2930 and supports this bill as it will help prevent conflicts of interest in formulary decision making by persons in health care facilities and will benefit consumer interests.

Bills procedures

The Council asked about procedures for forwarding proposed legislation and regulations for review. It appears that the Council may not be receiving relevant bills as regulatory proposals and, therefore, the Council is unable to comment on matters that it may impact on the occupational therapy profession and persons receiving O.T. services. The Council was advised that the staff will work to assure the Council has notice of bills and regulatory proposals so it may have the opportunity to provide comments

III. REPORTS

1. Fiscal Year 2006 Budget Report (1st Half)

The Council reviewed and considered the Fiscal Year Budget Report for the 1st half of fiscal year 2006.

THE COUNCIL CONSIDERED THIS MATERIAL AS INFORMATIONAL.

IV. LICENSURE REINSTATEMENTS.

1. The Council reviewed letters received from the following licensees in response to the Uniform Penalty Letter sent for failure to renew their licenses on time for the period 2005-2007:

Nancy Ryan License #46TR00119900

Erin Moore License #46TR00323800

Donna L.Doherty License #46TR00080800

Dawn A. Fasano-Hicks License #46TA09053900

Denise M. Keegan License #46TR00267200

The Council, upon motion made by Aida Mendez-Boud and seconded by Mariann E. Moran, after a careful consideration of the letters explaining each of the individuals circumstances surrounding the failure to renew their licenses in a timely fashion, voted that the Council's determination be affirmed and that each licensee receive a reprimand and the civil penalty of \$ 250.00.

2. Maria D. Velazquez-Walters License #46TR00255400

The Council reviewed a letter from Donald C. Ohnegian, Esq., representing licensee Maria D. Velasquez-Walters Marin offering an explanation of her failure to renew her license on time for the period 2005-2007 and requesting a formal hearing..

The Council, upon motion made by Mariann E. Moran and seconded by Aida Mendez-Boud, voted to schedule a hearing for a future Council meeting.

V. APPLICATIONS REVIEW

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

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS

1. Amy Patricia DiCalogero-Merritt
2. Andrea R. Delmonico
3. Ann Marie Turso
4. Aviva H. Shiman
5. Bansi Mahendra Zaveri
6. Bena M. Tarlow
7. Bridget L. Johnson
8. Candace H. Mack
9. Christirose Sica
10. Claire G. Ambas
11. Claribel Rodriguez
12. Debra L. Rosenbaum
13. Devora H. Goldman
14. Dina G. Bhasin
15. Erin H. Lynn
16. Genoveva Grace A. Borinaga
17. Gina M. Taylor

18. Hitasha V. Merani
19. Imee Beatrix C. Demeterio
20. James J. Johnson
21. Jeffrey M. Breeden
22. Jennifer F. Wulin
23. Jennifer Evelyn Janian
24. Jennifer L. Robinson
25. Joanne del Rosario
27. Justin C. Martin
28. Kara J. O'Donnell
29. Kathleen L. Flynn
30. Kelly A. Lafferty
31. Kristen M. Best
32. Kristin L. Wood
33. Laurie A. Saliani
35. Lhiel O Taga-Oc
36. Lisa A. Prout
37. Lovella Nova P. Busa
38. Lullette Ann T. Africa
39. Lynn E. Boulter
40. Madhuri S. Rele
41. Maria Leon
42. Mozelle Tobias
43. Nancy L. Bilow
44. Natalia E. Pineda
45. Norman R. Rothstein
46. Randall Alan Weston
47. Regina A. Navia
48. Sandra P. Neubauer
49. Sheryl J. Brown
50. Suman K. Sud
51. Susan M. Shannon
52. Terrienne Tanguay
53. Tina M. Giazzoni-Fialko
54. Xiomara Mendez
55. Yael Rosenbaum

Occupational Therapy Assistants

1. Patricia A. Burbee

At 11: 00 A.M. the Advisory Council upon motion made by Aida E. 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 11: 00 A.M. THE BOARD, UPON MOTION MADE BY AIDA E. MENDEZ-BOUD AND SECONDED BY MARIANN E. MORAN, VOTED TO ADJOURN THE PUBLIC SESSION.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Anderson
Executive Director