

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ADVISORY COUNCIL
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
JUNE 15, 2006**

The meeting of the New Jersey State Occupational Therapy Advisory Council was held on June 15, 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 9:30 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; 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 ACCEPT THE APRIL 18, 2006 MINUTES AS AMENDED.

I. RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. "MODALITIES"

With the assistance of regulatory analyst Maryann Sheehan and Deputy Attorney General Miller, the Council continued the discussion regarding regulations to be implemented on physical modalities.

In order to facilitate such implementation, the Council determined that the executive director contact the Chairs of the Occupational Therapy Department within the Tri-State area advising them the Council considering a regulation and also request for information about programs that they may be able to offer.

II. LICENSEES REQUEST

Daxa Patel License #46TR00130800

Daxa Patel failed to renew her license for the 2005-2007 period. She was issued a Uniform Penalty Letter with a reprimand and a \$ 250.00 penalty. Ms. Patel submitted an explanation and waived her right to a hearing.

THE COUNCIL, UPON MOTION MADE BY AIDA MENDEZ-BOUD AND SECONDED BY MARIANN E. MORAN, AFTER A CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF THE LETTER EXPLAINING THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE FAILURE TO RENEW HER LICENSE IN A TIMELY FASHION, VOTED TO SUSTAIN THE SANCTION OF A REPRIMAND AND \$ 250.00 PENALTY.

III. CORRESPONDENCE

1. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; SECTION 21 OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

The Council reviewed information received regarding a proposed regulation that will result in the placing of information that we currently report to the HIPDB into the NPDB as well.

THE COUNCIL CONSIDERED THIS MATERIAL INFORMATIONAL.

2. THE AMERICAN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION ("AOTA")

The Council reviewed an AOTA Newsletter Volume 8, Issue 2

THE COUNCIL CONSIDERED THIS MATERIAL AS INFORMATIONAL

3. NATIONAL BOARD FOR CERTIFICATION IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ("NBCOT")

The Council reviewed information regarding 12th Annual NBCOT National Conference on Occupational Therapy State Regulations to be held on September 30, 2006 in Alexandria, Virginia.

THE COUNCIL CONSIDERED THIS MATERIAL AS INFORMATIONAL. THE COUNCIL ALSO REQUESTED THAT THE DIVISION APPROVE THE ATTENDANCE OF MARIANN MORAN TO REPRESENT THE NEW JERSEY COUNCIL AS THE MEETING AGENDA IS RELEVANT TO THE COUNCIL'S WORK.

IV. APPLICATIONS REVIEW

The Council reviewed applications for licensure for occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants. Upon motion made by Mariann Moran and seconded by Aida Mendez-Boud, voted to approve the following applicants:

Sarah Greenstein Maria Luisa Erickson
Kristy D. Buechele Christina D. DeMarco
Sheila A. Mitchell Natalie S. Snyder
Tricia L. Concepcion Jessica R. Dittami
Jenny Shulman Myla N. Javier
Debbie E. Korkosz Rachel N. Janowski
Gary C. Sowers Jr. Danielle Recchia
Karen Elizabeth McGee Cynthia J. Shechter
Mary H. McLaughlin Silvia Edelina Ordonez
Mary Ann Cassidy Ruth Levine
Luis Irog S. Belen Chimene B. Tirol
Patricia A. Roberson Tamar E. Sarfati
Andria L. Trainer Lynda B. Pavel
Jessica A. Pritchard Dina Rochelle Krupka
Terri A. Ocean Becky Kristen Hutchinson
Shaun Joseph Glover Jennifer L. LaGrande
Heike H. Meling Kate E. Shumaker
Sherry R. Smith Eileen F. Weinstein
Maureen P Heller Natalie A. Popowicz
Berenice P. Macaraya Crystal Yanez
Lisa A. Blaszkowski Abigail M. Solomon
Maria Paternoster Cathy A. Munro
Marjorie Wormser Ute S. Patrick
Hannah Preetha George Thomas

V. APPEARANCES:

Erin L. Hurley - Applicant # 1084363

Ms. Hurley testified regarding her application for licensure and her activities since graduation. After deliberation,

the Council determined that it would issue a license with the requirement of direct supervision for a limited period of time and completion of a refresher course.

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