

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ADVISORY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES  
July 10, 2008**

The meeting of the New Jersey State Occupational Therapy Advisory Council was held on July 10, 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 9:25 A.M.

Opening Statement - Regarding compliance with the Open Public meeting Act

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

Also, Present: Deputy Attorney General N. Miller Division of Law Intern, S. Curnetto Executive Director, Laura L. Anderson Recording Secretary Maria Ormeno-Bertorelli

MINUTES - The Council, upon motion made by Mariann E. Moran, and seconded by Tiffany Charles voted to approve the May 8, 2008, Public Session Minutes as presented.

## **I. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Records Retention in Educational Institutions.

With the assistance of Deputy Attorney General Miller, the Council discussed the matter concerning the retention of records of occupational therapist and occupational therapy assistants employed by educational institutions, as part of their occupational therapy practice. To continue the discussion, the Council requested that information from other institutions, and other boards to be gathered and be placed in the next available meeting agenda.

## **II. CORRESPONDENCE**

" Wound care- sharp debridement"

The Council reviewed a letter from an Occupational Therapist from New York, Ms. Selena Schreiber, requesting clarification of the New Jersey Occupational Therapy rules and regulations with regard to whether occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants allowed to perform wound care-specifically the use of sharp debridement and /or the current guidelines for additional training in order to use sharp debridement in wound care.

The Council, upon motion made by Aida Mendez-Boud and seconded by Tiffany Charles, determined that a letter be sent to Ms. Schreiber, advising that there are no specific regulations covering the performance of wound care and citing N.J.A.C 13:44K5.1 Scope of Practice in the letter. The Council requests additional information from Ms. Schreiber, including the situations, purposes and training regarding the use of any of these methods. Ms. Schreiber will be also asked as to the nature of the procedure and finally if any of these procedures will be performed pursuant a physician's order and/or supervision.

## **III. INITIAL APPLICATIONS**

The Council reviewed applications for licensure. Upon motion made by Aida Mendez-Boud and seconded by Tiffany Charles voted to approve the following applicants:

## **OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS**

Armellino/Veronica M. Kalichman/Shana M.  
Arroyo/Shiri Korbman/Naomi  
Baheti/Keira F. Lim/Suet Y.  
Barhorst/Lori A. Lumi/Taralynn A.  
Bernard/Tara E. McCarthy/Kelly A.  
Berenstein/Cheryl E. Mendoza/Cristina Maria  
Breault/Dana M. Oberoi/Manavi  
Chang/Melissa T. Palmer/Laurie Ann  
Cline/Jessica M. Pugliese/Kathleen C.  
Darcera/Frances Marie Reilly/Maeghan V.  
DiCiccio, Veronica Leigh Rein/Rachel  
Edwards, Lisa Anne Rovner/Susan B.  
George/Kara A. Russo/Christina D.  
Gladysz/Jaime Lynn Saffer/Katherine A.  
Goldman/Laurie Seavey/Stacey J.  
Heil/Laura A. Verett/Nicole H.  
Hertel-Kiszkiel/Beata

## **OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANTS**

Bouillon/Anastasia M.  
Messick/Nicole Louise  
Walsh/Eileen M.

At 10:15 A.M. the Council, upon motion made by Tiffany Charles and seconded by Mariann Moran, voted to move into the Executive Session to consider and review consumer complaints, investigative reports and other information received pursuant to the Council's regulations. The results of these deliberations will be made known when and if the Council determines to initiate disciplinary actions will be taken in public session immediately after the executive session.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Anderson  
Executive Director