

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ADVISORY COUNCIL
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
September 11, 2008**

The meeting of the New Jersey State Occupational Therapy Advisory Council was held on September 11, 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 Meetings Act

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

Also, Present Deputy Attorney General Nancy Miller
Executive Director, Laura L. Anderson
Recording Secretary, Victoria Suarez

MINUTES- The Council, upon motion made by Mariann E. Moran, and seconded by Aida Mendez-Boud, voted to approve the July 10, 2008, Public Session Minutes as presented.

I. LEGISLATION

A. 2nd QUARTER LEGISLATIVE REPORT

The Council reviewed a report received from Burt Liebman, Legislative Liaison, Division of Consumer Affairs, showing the history of bills on which the Council was asked to comment and legislative action taken during the quarter that ended on June 30, 2007.

B. BILL - A789/S1279 (1R) ADVANCE LAW NOTICE

The Council reviewed a copy of the recently enacted law delaying expiration date of certain professional and occupational licenses and registrations for individuals with certain types of military services. Approved 8/12/08 P.L. 2008, c.62. The Council considered this material as informational.

II. DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS - PUBLIC NOTICE

A. The Council reviewed a Division of Consumer Affairs Public Notice of Requirements for Providers of Oxygen and Oxygen Delivery Systems.

The Council considered this material as informational.

III. CORRESPONDENCE

1. National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy ("NBCOT") Conference.

The Council reviewed information for the 14th Annual NBCOT National Conference on Occupational Therapy State Regulation to be held on October 24-25, 2008 in Phoenix, Arizona.

The Council considered this material as informational.

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

The Council reviewed information from AOTA, advising that the 2008 edition of the Reference Guide to the Occupational Therapy Ethics Standards was published and available for purchase.

The Council considered this material a good reference volume and source of information, and may be relevant for individuals reentering the profession. Upon motion made by Tiffany Charles and seconded by Aida Mendez- Boud, the Council voted to authorize the Executive Director to submit a request to purchase the book.

3. Occupational Therapy Assistant Supervision

The Council reviewed an inquiry received from a licensed occupational therapy assistant interested in working in a home care setting. He is asking clarification of the term used in Sub-Chapter 5, Scope of Practice, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:44K-6.2 section (e) 2, "Practice setting"

The Council, upon motion made by Mariann E. Moran and seconded by Aida Mendez-Boud, determined that the Council could not answer the inquiry without further information . The Council asks that he submit information regarding a) types of clients the licensee anticipates treating and the nature and type of services to be provided; b) practice area and/or setting in which he will be practicing occupational therapy assisting; c)what is/was the licensee's area of practice; and d) if the licensee will be providing home care, what is the nature, type, and extent of supervision to be provided.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy ("NBCOT")examination.

Executive Director Anderson advised the Council regarding changes in the NBCOT examination process. In the past, individuals who had failed the examination were not allowed to take the next examination before expiration of 90 days. Currently, NBCOT is administering the exam at the request of the candidate after expiration of 45 days from the date of results and/or scores notification.

The Council discussed this matter and determined no changes to the current regulations with regard to candidates seeking temporary licensees to practice in New Jersey were warranted.

V. CALENDAR YEAR 2009 MEETING SCHEDULE

January 8, 2009 May 14, 2009 September 10, 2009
March 12, 2009 July 9, 2009 November 12, 2009

The Council, upon motion made by Tiffany Charles and seconded by Mariann E. Moran, voted to accept the proposed meeting schedule for the calendar year 2009.

VI. INITIAL APPLICATIONS

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

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS

Azzerayer, Hend Nasser Labella, Jamie A.
Baranick, Jennifer Ann Lemire, Leah H.
Bodine, Brenda M. Mosley, Megan A.
Dantico, Paul W. Ng, Melanie Rose P.

Downes, Theresa M. Nguyen, Tuan C.
Fleming, Kayle A. Parker, Katherine Helen
Ghods, Nadia Rauch, Rachel E.
Ginder, Victoria E. Rodriguez, Luisa M.
Goldwasser, Aviva L. Roldan, Maria Lourdes O.
Habermann, Amanda Kathleen Saidel, Jennifer L.
Jackson, Bianica C. Sana, Lou-Wanda Marie Gregorio
Johnson, Nakia L. Schwob, Nathalie S.
Kalatsky, Tzipporah Leah Shah, Suryakumar
Kaplan, Shoshana P. Shapiro, Karen E.
King, John W. Somerville, Daria L.
Kirwin, Christina L. Tahir, Shaista
Wagreich, Sarah J.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANTS

Almeter, Heather D. Premock, Kathleen A.
Clifford, Heather Lee Rivera, Stephanie
Kelso, Vickie A. Strouse, Erin Elizabeth

At 10:50 a.m. the Council, upon motion made by Mariann E. Moran and seconded by Aida Mendez-Boud, voted to move into 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 in public session immediately after the executive session.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Anderson
Executive Director