

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ADVISORY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2007**

The meeting of the New Jersey State Occupational Therapy Advisory Council was held on September 20, 2007 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 10:00 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 Tiffany Charles, voted to accept the July 12, 2007 Public Session Minutes as amended.

## **I. ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **1. New Council Member Appointment**

On behalf of the Council, Deputy Attorney General Nancy Costello Miller, welcomed new member Tiffany Charles, O.T. and presented her with a brief overview regarding the duties and responsibilities of a member of a Board/Council/Committee and instructions regarding ethical issues while serving within the Division of Consumer Affairs.

## **II. RULES AND REGULATIONS**

### **1. MODALITIES**

The Council reviewed a draft prepared by Regulatory Analyst, Maryann Sheehan, including the changes and modifications discussed at the last meeting. With Ms. Sheehan's assistance and Deputy Attorney General Nancy Costello Miller, the Council continued working on the draft proposal. Ms. Sheehan will prepare another draft with incorporated changes to be brought back at the next meeting.

## **III. REPORTS**

### **1. LEGISLATION**

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.

The Council accepted this material as informational.

## **IV. CORRESPONDENCE**

## 1. THE AMERICAN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION ("AOTA")

The Council reviewed a letter from AOTA, regarding staffing changes and plans for future staffing in the state area.

The Council accepted this material as informational.

## V. UPDATE

### NEW JERSEY OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION ( "NJOTA")

Laura Anderson reported on the request for the authorization to allow the Council to hold its public meeting at the next NJOTA yearly conference to be held on October 28, 2007 at Kean University.

The Council accepted this material as informational.

## VI. MEETING SCHEDULE

According to the meeting schedule for Calendar year 2008, the next meeting is to be held on November 8, 2007. Due to a schedule conflict, the Council agreed to move the meeting date from November 8 to November 15, 2007.

## VII. APPLICATIONS REVIEW

1) Karen Devlin-Bronstein Applicant #1219727 Reentering the profession.

The Council reviewed an application for licensure as an occupational therapist submitted by Ms. Devlin-Bronstein. Ms. Devlin-Bronstein is reentering the profession after (5) five years.

The Council, upon motion made by Mariann E. Moran and seconded by Aida Mendez-Boud, determined that due to the extended period of time the applicant had been out of occupational therapy practice, to grant a license to Ms. Devlin-Bronstein providing she agrees to comply with certain conditions.

2) Kenneth J. Peisecki Applicant #1076921 Notice of intent to withdraw application . The Council reviewed a notice from applicant Kenneth J. Peisecki to withdraw his application.

The Council, upon motion made by Aida Mendez-Boud and seconded by Tiffany Charles, determined to send a letter to Mr. Peisecki acknowledging his request and advising on a procedure should he reapply.

At 12:50 P.M. the Council, upon motion made by Betty Thomas and seconded by Aida Mendez-Boud, 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: 50 A.M. the Council, upon motion made by Betty Thomas and seconded by Aida Mendez-Boud, voted to adjourn the public session.

The meeting was adjourned at 2: 35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Anderson  
Executive Director