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Future Board Meeting Dates

*September 5, Austin
November 7, Sugar Land*

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With this column my tenure as the OT Coordinator is nearly at a close. I am grateful that in the short amount of time remaining I am mentoring and teaching as this agency has experienced unprecedented turnover with retirement, moves and resignations resulting in new employees at every level.

When I began working the licensing exam through NBCOT was only given twice a year, but now applicants can schedule their exam 50 weeks a year with results arriving weekly. The number of licensees has more than doubled.

I can honestly say I've enjoyed speaking to so many occupational therapists, occupational therapy assistants, students, educators, employers, facility owners and the public on various and many occupational therapy issues. I've learned so much along the way.

I have esteemed each board and observed thoughtful conversations in conducting board business. The board members have responded quickly and thoroughly when I needed information for a licensee.

I will miss my colleagues here at ECPTOTE. Thank you for the honor and privilege of serving as the OT Coordinator and perhaps assisting you.



OT BOARD FORMAL DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS TAKEN JUNE 13, 2004

- (1) **Frankie Burget, OTR #101891 (Bedford)** – practiced occupational therapy with an expired license. Violation of Section 454.301 of the Act and chapter 374 of the board rules. ***Board Order suspended her license for sixty (60) days.***
- (2) **Dwayne Kirkland, COTA #209534 (Plano)** – practiced occupational therapy in a detrimental manner by inaccurately documenting treatments rendered. Violation of Section 454.301 of the Act and chapter 374 of the board rules. ***Board Order suspended his license for thirty (30) days.***
- (3) **Quentin Youmans, COTA #211625 (Lubbock)** – practiced occupational therapy in a detrimental manner by inaccurately documenting treatments rendered. Violation of Section 454.301 of the Act and chapter 374 of the board rules. ***Board Order suspended his license for forty-five (45) days.***
- (4) **Sylvia Milam, COTA #205770 (San Antonio)** – practiced occupational therapy in a detrimental manner by resigning her position prior to the notice previously given – thereby abandoning the patients she was scheduled to treat. Violation of Section 454.301 of the Act and chapter 374 of the board rules. ***Board Order suspended her license for ten (10) days.***

Proposed changes to [§367.2 & §367.3](#)
[To Read Proposed Rule Amendment on the Website, click on link above]

The OT Board proposed and published for public comment a new category of obtaining continuing education credit. The proposed wording is:

§367.2 Categories of Continuing Education. Creation of a new course at or through an accredited college or university may be counted for 10 hours maximum. Proof of this type of CE shall be a letter from the Program Director.

At present regular faculty and adjunct faculty cannot count any of their instruction time for continuing education, but this proposed amendment will allow anyone to have another category to count toward continuing education requirements. Teaching occupational therapy in and of itself still does not count for continuing education.

§367.3 Continuing Education Audit (a) is a clean-up to reflect the reality that more than 90% of licensees complete their renewal online and are not signing their renewal. The proposed wording is:

The board shall select for audit a random sample of licensees. The audit will cover a period for which the licensee has already completed the continuing education requirement. ~~30 hours required and has signed to that fact on the renewal form. and has signed to that fact on the renewal form.~~

Public comment on proposed rule amendments may be sent to: lea@ptot.texas.gov or mailed to TBOTE, 333 Guadalupe St #2-510, Austin, TX 78701. Write "Public Comment" in subject line.

Rule Reminder

As a reminder licensees in Texas may **not** sign MY NAME, OTR/L or MY NAME OT/L or MY NAME, COTA/L or MY NAME, OTA/L.

§369.3, Use of Titles

(a) A licensed occupational therapist shall use the title occupational therapist or the initials OT. OTR® is an alternate term for OT if an individual who is licensed by this board takes the responsibility for ensuring that he or she is qualified to use it by maintaining certification through NBCOT.

(b) A licensed occupational therapy assistant shall use the title occupational therapy assistant or the initials OTA. COTA® is an alternate term for OTA if an individual who is licensed by this board takes the responsibility for ensuring that he or she is qualified to use it by maintaining certification through NBCOT.

Here are some statistics from 2012-2013 as reported by licensees during online renewal.

2012-2013 OTA Primary Work Settings

| | Frequency | Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|--|-----------|---------|--------------------|
| Valid | 828 | 23.6 | 23.6 |
| Athletic facility (university, amateur, professional) | 1 | .0 | 23.6 |
| College or university research institution | 5 | .1 | 23.8 |
| Community outreach facility | 1 | .0 | 23.8 |
| Early childhood setting | 36 | 1.0 | 24.8 |
| Fitness or sports center | 1 | .0 | 24.9 |
| Home health | 372 | 10.6 | 35.5 |
| Hospital (critical, intensive, acute, subacute care) | 167 | 4.8 | 40.2 |
| Mental health facility | 19 | .5 | 40.8 |
| N/A | 56 | 1.6 | 42.4 |
| Other | 37 | 1.1 | 43.4 |
| Outpatient clinic or office | 303 | 8.6 | 52.1 |
| Rehabilitation facility | 267 | 7.6 | 59.7 |
| School (preschool, primary, secondary) | 193 | 5.5 | 65.2 |
| Skilled nursing, extended care or subacute care facility (inpatient) | 1222 | 34.8 | 100.0 |
| Total | 3508 | 100.0 | |

2012-2013 OTA Primary Specialties

| OTA Speciality | Frequency | Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|-----------------------------|-----------|---------|--------------------|
| Valid | 1186 | 33.8 | 33.8 |
| Advanced Practice for COTAs | 38 | 1.1 | 34.9 |
| Assistive Technology | 5 | .1 | 35.0 |
| Cardiopulmonary | 4 | .1 | 35.1 |
| Ergonomics | 1 | .0 | 35.2 |
| Geriatrics | 1409 | 40.2 | 75.3 |
| Hand | 19 | .5 | 75.9 |
| Health Information | 4 | .1 | 76.0 |
| Healthcare Compliance | 4 | .1 | 76.1 |
| Manual Therapy | 13 | .4 | 76.5 |
| Orthopedics | 72 | 2.1 | 78.5 |
| Other | 156 | 4.4 | 83.0 |
| Pediatrics | 593 | 16.9 | 99.9 |
| Vocational Evaluation | 3 | .1 | 100.0 |
| Wound care/management | 1 | .0 | 100.0 |
| Total | 3508 | 100.0 | |

2012-2013 OT Primary Specialties

Primary Specialty

| | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|-----------------------------|-----------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| Valid | 2085 | 27.7 | 27.7 | 27.7 |
| Advanced Practice for COTAs | 1 | .0 | .0 | 27.7 |
| Assistive Technology | 30 | .4 | .4 | 28.1 |
| Cardiopulmonary | 30 | .4 | .4 | 28.5 |
| Clinical Electrophysiology | 2 | .0 | .0 | 28.6 |
| Ergonomics | 15 | .2 | .2 | 28.8 |
| Geriatrics | 1983 | 26.4 | 26.4 | 55.1 |
| Hand | 293 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 59.0 |
| Health Information | 7 | .1 | .1 | 59.1 |
| Healthcare Compliance | 10 | .1 | .1 | 59.3 |
| Manual Therapy | 43 | .6 | .6 | 59.8 |
| N/A | 1 | .0 | .0 | 59.8 |
| Orthopedics | 281 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 63.6 |
| Other | 796 | 10.6 | 10.6 | 74.2 |
| Pediatrics | 1932 | 25.7 | 25.7 | 99.9 |
| Sports | 1 | .0 | .0 | 99.9 |
| Vocational Evaluation | 9 | .1 | .1 | 100.0 |
| Wound care/management | 1 | .0 | .0 | 100.0 |
| Total | 7520 | 100.0 | 100.0 | |

2012-2013 OT Primary Settings

| | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|--|-----------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| Valid | 1220 | 16.2 | 16.2 | 16.2 |
| Athletic facility (university, amateur, professional) | 1 | .0 | .0 | 16.2 |
| College or university research institution | 79 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 17.3 |
| Community outreach facility | 3 | .0 | .0 | 17.3 |
| Early childhood setting | 161 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 19.5 |
| Fitness or sports center | 1 | .0 | .0 | 19.5 |
| Home health | 982 | 13.1 | 13.1 | 32.5 |
| Hospice | 2 | .0 | .0 | 32.6 |
| Hospital (critical, intensive, acute, subacute care) | 870 | 11.6 | 11.6 | 44.1 |
| Industrial, workplace, or other occupational environment | 20 | .3 | .3 | 44.4 |
| Mental health facility | 37 | .5 | .5 | 44.9 |
| N/A | 317 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 49.1 |
| Other | 144 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 51.0 |
| Outpatient clinic or office | 1216 | 16.2 | 16.2 | 67.2 |
| Rehabilitation facility | 613 | 8.2 | 8.2 | 75.3 |
| School (preschool, primary, secondary) | 796 | 10.6 | 10.6 | 85.9 |
| Skilled nursing, extended care or subacute care facility (inpatient) | 1058 | 14.1 | 14.1 | 100.0 |
| Total | 7520 | 100.0 | 100.0 | |



Frequently Requested Numbers

<http://www.ptot.texas.gov/occupational-therapy/ot-resources/ot-links>

Texas Board of Occupational Therapy Examiners (TBOTE)

Act & Rules, complaints, and practice of OT in Texas

512/305-6900 telephone

512/305-6970 fax

Website: www.ecptote.state.tx.us

Email: info@ecptote.state.tx.us

Texas Occupational Therapy Association (TOTA)

512/454-8682 telephone

512/450-1777 fax

www.tota.org

American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA)

Specialty certification, student fieldwork, national issues, etc.

301/652-2682 telephone

www.aota.org

National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT)

National certification exam and score reports

301/990-7979 telephone

301/869-8492 fax

www.nbcot.org

Dept. of Assistive and Rehab. Services (DARS)

Division of Early Childhood Intervention (ECI)

512/424-6790 telephone

512/424-6799 fax

www.dars.state.tx.us/ecis/

Early Childhood Education DARS, ECI

4900 N Lamar

Austin, TX 78751-2399

<http://www.dars.state.tx.us/ecis/index.shtml>

Medicare and Medicaid

<http://www.cms.gov/>

www.medicare.gov

Medicare Part A

888/763-9836 (Rehab Dept. Hospital)

Medicare Part B

903/463-0720 (independent practitioners)

To report Medicare fraud or abuse:

<http://www.medicarefraudcenter.org/>

800/252-8263

<http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/medicaid/>

Medicaid provider fraud or abuse of a Medicaid recipient: 512/463-2011 or email mfcu@aog.state.tx.us

School Health and Related Services (SHARS)

www.tea.state.tx.us/interagency/shars.html

Texas Dept. Aging and Disability Services (DADS)

800/458-9858 Long term care & complaints about nursing homes, home health agencies, or assisted living facilities

800/252-8016 Nursing homes

512/719-3521 Licensing Boards

800/228-1570 Home health agencies

Elderly or disabled abuse, neglect call

800/252-5400.

www.dads.state.tx.us

Texas Dept. of State Health Services (TDSH)

512/834-6650 Hospital licensing

www.tshs.state.tx.us

Texas Online Services

License applications, renewals, profile

TxServiceDesk@egov.com

877-452-9060 Help desk