

BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Open Session Minutes

December 20, 2021

2:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Virtual Meeting Notice

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BOOT Mission Statement:

"To provide oversight to licensed professionals and ensure the health and safety of citizens and visitors in the District of Columbia through provision of health care services."

OPEN SESSION MINTUES

December 20, 2021

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL	
OS-1220-01	<p><u>INTRODUCTIONS</u></p> <p>The meeting was called to order at 2:38 pm and a quorum was established.</p> <p>A. Board Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr.Gillian Rai - Present • Charles Bond- Present <p>B. Board Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LaTrice Herndon, Executive Director- Present • Joanne Drozdoski , Board Attorney- Present • Tamika Wells, Health Licensing Specialist-Present • Lakisha Tyer, Health Licensing Specialist-Present • Leonard Howard, Investigator-Present
OS-1220-02	<p><u>APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA</u></p> <p>Motion: Motion made by Mr. Charles Bond to accept the December 20, 2021, Open Session Agenda. Seconded by Dr. Gillian Rai.</p> <p>Vote: Mr. Charles Bond, and Dr. Gillian Rai voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>

MINUTES AND STAFF REPORTS		
OS-1220-03	<p><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:</u></p> <p>Executive Director Ms. LaTrice Herndon reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Licensure Attestation and Exemption: <p>The deadline for licensees to submit their vaccine attestation and exemption request has now closed. However, licensees who previously submitted their exemption requests are currently under review and reviewed daily. The Department is sending approval and denial letters to licensees along with the information and instructions for individuals who wish to appeal their request.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Licensure Waiver: <p>Beginning September 22, 2021, health care practitioners licensed in good standing in other states (who are vaccinated against COVID-19 unless granted a medical or religious exemption by the Department of Health) will be able to practice in DC without a license at a health care facility or via telepractice to an existing client/patient for continuing care until March 31, 2022. Applicants must have an application on file by the end of March 31, 2022.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Temporary License: <p>Applicants can now apply for a temporary licensure waiver. the individual may engage in the unlicensed practice of providing healthcare to District residents for a particular health occupation if the individual</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. The applicant has an active license in good standing in another jurisdiction in the applicable healthcare occupation. B. The applicant has no suspension or revocation order in another jurisdiction C. Passes Criminal Background Check in the district D. And has applied for a license in the district 	
OS-1220-04	<p><u>BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT:</u></p> <p>Board Attorney Ms. Joanne Drozdoski Reports:</p>	

	The Board Attorney reports the new Health Professional Reporting Requirements. Chapter 25 subtitle B of title, 22 public health and medicine of the district municipal regulations.	
OS-1220-05	<u>BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT:</u> No Report	
OS-1220-06	<u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES:</u> <u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the September 21, 2021 meeting. Motion: Motion made by Dr. Gillian Rai to accept September 21, 2021, Open Session Minutes with the change of the Board Attorney's first name to Joanne. Seconded by Mr. Charles Bond Vote: Mr. Charles Bond and Dr. Gillian Rai and voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.	

DISCUSSION ITEMS

OS-1220-07	<u>CONTINUING EDUCATION RENEWAL OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS</u> <u>Board Action:</u> The Board is to determine whether to accept official or unofficial continuing education credit transcripts from universities during the renewal period. Motion: Motion made by Mr. Charles to accept official continuing educating credits and amend the regulation Seconded by Dr. Gillian Rai Vote: Mr. Charles Bond and Dr. Gillian Rai and voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.	
OS-1220-08	<u>DISCUSSION –MEETING DATES 2022</u> <u>Board Action:</u> Discuss meeting dates for 2022	

	<p>Motion: Motion made by Mr. Charles Bond to amend 2022 meeting dates to March 21st, June 20th at 3pm, September 19th and December 19th. Seconded by Dr. Gillian Rai</p> <p>Vote: Mr. Charles Bond and Dr. Gillian Rai and voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-1220-09	<p><u>Open Session Consent Agenda:</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the applications approved for purposes of review and/or ratification of Board actions taken since the last Board meeting.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> The Consent Agenda is a record of the decisions and/or actions taken by the Board or its staff since the last meeting of the Board.</p>	
	<p><u>Motion to Close</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p><u>Background:</u> Chairperson, I move that the Board close the Open Public session portion of the meeting and move into the Closed Executive Session portion of the meeting pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b) for the following purposes: to discuss disciplinary matters pursuant to § 2- 575(b)(9); to seek the advice of counsel to the board, to preserve the attorney-client privilege, or to approve settlement agreements pursuant to § 2- 575(b)(4); and to plan, discuss, or hear reports concerning ongoing or planned investigations pursuant to § 2- 575(b)(14).”</p> <p>Motion: Motion made by Dr. Gillian Rai made to be adjourned at 5.17pm. Seconded by Mr. Anthony Roberson.</p> <p>Vote: Ms. Tracey Ellis, Dr. Gillian Rai, Mr. Charles Bond, and Mr. Anthony</p>	

	Roberson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.	
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The next Board meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2022.

This meeting is governed by the Open Meetings Act. Please address any questions or complaints arising under this meeting to the Office of Open Government at opengovoffice@dc.gov.

OPEN SESSION FYI – NO ACTION NEEDED

FYI-OS-1220-01	<p><u>LICENSURE WAIVER</u></p> <p><u>Background:</u> Beginning September 22, 2021, health care practitioners licensed in good standing in other states (who are vaccinated against COVID-19 unless granted a medical or religious exemption by the Department of Health) will be able to practice in DC without a license at a health care facility or via telepractice to an existing client/patient for continuing care until March 31, 2022, and DC Health cannot require these health care practitioners to apply for licensure, registration, or certification until March 31, 2022. The licensure waiver will continue until August 10, 2022.</p>	
FYI-OS-1220-02	<p><u>TEMPORARY WAVIER OF LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS</u></p> <p><u>Background:</u> individual may engage in the unlicensed practice of providing healthcare to District residents for a particular health occupation if the individual:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Is licensed in good standing in another jurisdiction in the applicable healthcare occupation. (b) Has not been issued a suspension or revocation order by a District of Columbia health occupation board; (c) Files an application with the Department of Health by October 1, 2021, or ten (10) calendar days after the individual first 	

	<p>engages in the unlicensed practice of providing healthcare to District residents pursuant to this section, whichever is later, for a health occupation license that would allow the individual to continue to provide healthcare services in their health occupation after October 31, 2021; and</p> <p>(d) Provides healthcare services pursuant to this section only:</p> <p>(1) At a licensed or certified healthcare entity listed in subsection 4020.2 of this section, which may include the provision of healthcare services by telehealth; or</p> <p>(2) To an established patient who has returned to the District of Columbia, and the individual is providing continuity of care to the patient by telehealth in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.</p>	
FYI-OS-1220-03	<p>NBCOT IMPOSTER SCAM ADVISORY</p> <p><u>Background:</u></p> <p>On October 21, 2021, NBCOT sent an advisory opinion in regards to an imposter scam that has impacted several different professions in Arkansas.</p> <p>The Office of the Attorney General recently became aware of a telephone scam targeting Arkansans who hold a professional license issued by the state. The caller poses as an agent for the licensing office and claims that the licensee is under an investigation and that their license has been suspended. The licensee's caller ID may even display the licensing office's phone number. To further attempt to appear legitimate, the caller may pretend to be a law enforcement officer or transfer the call to another person posing as a law enforcement officer or federal agent. The caller then offers to fix the problem or issue a temporary license and asks for personally identifiable information and a payment for a bond, e.g., \$5,000. The caller likely will require that the payment be made by purchasing gift cards at a local retail store. The caller may direct the licensee to travel to a UPS store or other such location to receive purported official documents, e.g., a letter of the licensee's suspension, and to fax copies of the gift</p>	

	<p>cards as payment. Of course, once the scammers have the gift card numbers, they immediately cash out the cards, and are never heard from again. There have been several recent instances of this scam in Arkansas. We are also aware that this activity is occurring in other states.</p>	
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