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BOARD MEETINGS FOR 2013

The 2013 Board Meetings will be held at 227 French Landing, Heritage Place, Metro Center, Nashville, TN, 37243 Room on the Ground Floor

March 7, 2013
Poplar Room
9:00 a.m.

July 11, 2013
Poplar Room
9:00 a.m.

November 14, 2013
Poplar Room
9:00 a.m.

The Tennessee Open Meetings Act passed by the General Assembly in 1974 requires that meetings of state, city and county government bodies be open to the public and that any such governmental body give adequate notice of such meeting. Open meeting notices can also be accessed at

<http://health.state.tn.us/boards/calendar.htm>

This form is also available on the bulletin board in the reception area of the Health Related Boards located at 227 French Landing, Suite 300, Heritage Place Metro Center, Nashville, TN 37243. A copy may also be requested by calling the Board office.

BOARD MEMBER ACTIVITY

A Farewell and Thanks to Former Board Members

Sandra Fletchall, OT
Millington, TN

Manoj M. Tendolkar, OT
Knoxville, TN

Lorry Liotta-Kleinfeld,
Franklin, TN

Quateka Renee Darrington, OTA
Hermitage, TN

Welcome New Board Appointees

Jeremy Keough OT
Maryville, TN

Jewel Ann Davis, Consumer
Harriman, TN

Amy Venhuizen Burba OT
Hixon, TN

Ruth Ann Ford, OT
Franklin, TN

Donna Carron, OTA
Adams, TN

THE TENNESSEE BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Statutes, Policies, Rules and Regulations

It is important and necessary to know and understand the Statutes, Policies, Rules and Regulations under which one operates and works. If you do not have or know where to obtain this information, they may be accessed using the following link:

<http://health.state.tn.us/Boards/OT/index.htm>

PUBLIC NOTICE INFORMATION

Public Chapter 230

Provides that each health-related board shall establish a procedure to expedite the issuance of a license, certificate, or permit for an applicant who is certified or licensed in another state to perform the same profession that is the subject of the application; whose spouse is a member of the armed forces; whose spouse is the subject of a military transfer to Tennessee; and who has left employment to accompany the person's spouse to Tennessee. The procedure shall include issuing the applicant a license, certificate, or permit if the licensure requirements in the other state are substantially equivalent to Tennessee's requirements or developing a method to authorize the applicant to practice in Tennessee with a temporary permit in accordance with current law (T.C.A. §63-1-142). **Effective May 20, 2011.**

Public Chapter 435

Provides that any governmental entity or private business or establishment that provides or offers a place of assembly or entertainment, transportation, lodging, dining, educational, medical or leisure activities or services, or any business or any establishment licensed by the State or any political subdivision thereof, or that is engaged in commerce in this State is strongly encouraged to post a sign indicating that certain information regarding the Tennessee human trafficking resource center hotline is in a location within the establishment that is visible to employees and the general public. The Department of Labor and Workforce Development shall provide the sign authorized by this section on its internet website for entities or establishments to print as needed. **Effective October 1, 2011.**

Notice to All Healthcare PROFESSIONALS LICENSED Under Title 63

On January 1, 2013, a new law, Public Chapter 952, became effective requiring your licensing board to provide electronic notices to you. The law gives you the **option** of being notified electronically of the following: (1) Renewals of license, certification or registration; (2) Any fee increases; (3) Any changes in state law that impact the license holder; and (4) Any board meeting where changes in rules or fees are on the agenda. If you "opt in", the Department of Health will also be able to alert you of critical public health matters impacting the State of Tennessee.

Please visit <https://apps.tn.gov/hhrs/begin.jsp> and complete the registration process to opt in. Once you opt in and provide a current email address, you will begin to receive **ALL** notices electronically rather than through the United States mail. Please note that opting in means your renewal notification will be delivered electronically approximately 45 days in advance of your expiration. The e-notice will direct you to the appropriate webpage to renew. If your profession does not permit you to renew your license online, a paper renewal will continue to be provided.

Questions? Contact your professional board at
<http://health.state.tn.us/providers.htm>

RULE ADMENDMENTS

1150-02-.04 (3) Qualifications for Licensure – This rule is amended to include additional requirements for licensure an applicant may be subject to if the date of application for licensure is more than three years following successful completion of the Nation Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy Examination.

1150-02-.04 (4) (a) (2) Qualifications for Licensure – This rule is amended to allow documentation from the Hand Therapy Certification Commission

1150-02-.04 (4) (a) (4) Qualifications for Licensure – This rule is amended to specify the required documentation for an applicant seeking certification in the use of physical agent modalities

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1150-02-.05 (1) (i) Procedures for Licensure – This rule is amended to specify the required documentation for an applicant seeking certification in the use of physical agent modalities

1150-02-.05 (2) (i) Procedures for Licensure – This rule is amended to specify the required documentation for an applicant seeking certification in the use of physical agent modalities

1150-02-.010 (4) Supervision – This rule is amended to include the requirements for supervision of occupational therapy services provided by occupational therapy doctoral-degree level students, masters-degree level students and occupational therapy assistant students

1150-02-.012 (11) (s) Continued Competence – This rule is amended to include credit for contact hours for direct supervision of both Level I and Level II fieldwork by an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant **Effective November 26, 2012**

TENNESSEE PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Board of Occupational Therapy in addition to other enumerated powers and duties has as its purpose to assist in the rehabilitation of impaired practitioners. To that end, the Occupational Therapy Board has contracted through the Tennessee Nurse's Foundation with the Tennessee Professional Assistance Program (TnPAP) to offer peer assistance to its practitioners.

The concern is for both the practitioner and the public. It is the mission of TnPAP to assist in the rehabilitation of impaired healthcare professionals by providing consultation, referral, and monitoring services to facilitate a safe return to practice

Protect your license, your career and your health much more effectively by seeking help **BEFORE** you are confronted in your place of employment, by the police, or investigated by the Tennessee Department of Health. TnPAP serves healthcare professionals impaired by certain mental illnesses, such as anxiety, depression, bipolar, and chemical dependence, including alcoholism.

If you or a healthcare provider you know needs assistance, please review the information available at the TnPAP website, www.tnpap.org.

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