



Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy,
and Athletic Trainers Board

Occupational Therapy Section
May 23, 2019
9:00 a.m.

Members Present

Beth Ann Ball, OTR/L
Joanne Phillips Estes, OTR/L, Secretary
Mary Beth Lavey, COTA/L
Anissa Siefert, OTR/L, Chair
Melissa Van Allen, OTR/L

Legal Counsel

LaTawnda Moore, AAG
James Wakley, AAG

Staff

Jennifer Adams, Investigator
Melissa Anthony, Executive Director
Carlton Jones, Administrative Assistant

Guests

Jacquelyn Chamberlin, OOTA
Carol Hofbamer
Melinda Gerty
Samantha Chorba
Eric A. Jones

Call to Order

Anissa Siefert, Section Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:16 AM.

The Section began the meeting by reading the vision statement.

The Occupational Therapy Section is committed to proactively:

- Provide Education to the Consumers of Occupational Therapy Services;
- Enforce Practice Standards for the Protection of the Consumer of Occupational Therapy Services;
- Regulate the Profession of Occupational Therapy in an Ever-Changing Environment;
- Regulate Ethical and Multicultural Competency in the Practice of Occupational Therapy;
- Regulate the Practice of Occupational Therapy in all Current and Emerging Areas of Service Delivery.

Enforcement Actions:

Affidavit Hearings

Good Morning. My name is Anissa Siefert, Chair of the Occupational Therapy Section of the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board. Let the record show that this proceeding was called to order at 9:18 AM on May 23, 2019, at the Riffe Center 77 S. High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. Members of the Board Present for the proceedings are:

Beth Ann Ball	Present
Joanne Estes	Present
Mary Beth Lavey	Present
Anissa Siefert	Present
Melissa Van Allen	Present

It was noted for the record that a majority of the member of the board were present. There was one adjudication proceeding, the matter of case number OT-19-015, Linda Sterrett.

The proceeding was an affidavit-based adjudication relative to the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed to the respondent in the aforementioned case and believed to have been properly served according to the Administrative Procedures Action (Chapter 119. Of the Ohio Revised Code).

As the respondent did not properly request a hearing in this case, this proceeding was held before the board pursuant to *Goldman v. State Medical Board of Ohio*. The individual named did not have the ability to present written or oral testimony but was permitted to be present to hear the proceedings and outcome.

The Section received the sworn affidavit from the Board's Enforcement Investigator and accompanying exhibits for the Goldman Proceeding in the board packet. The affidavit contained the evidence and testimony upon which the Section deliberated.

In lieu of a stenographic record being made, the original sworn affidavit and exhibits are kept as the official record of the proceeding in the aforementioned matter in the Board office.

Senior Associate Attorney General, LaTawnda Moore, was recognized for the purpose of providing a brief synopsis of the case. Ms. Moore provided a synopsis of the case.

Action: Beth Ann Ball moved that the Section admit the findings of facts and exhibits outlined in the sworn affidavit in the aforementioned case into evidence. Joanne Estes seconded the motion. The motion carried, Mary Beth Lavey abstained.

Joanne Estes moved the Section go into executive session for the purposes of quasi-judicial deliberation. Beth Ann Ball seconded. Anissa Siefert called roll:

Beth Ann Ball	Yes
Joanne Estes	Yes
Mary Beth Lavey	Yes
Anissa Siefert	Yes
Melissa Van Allen	Yes

The motion carried.

The Section went into private session at 9:35 AM and came out at 10:10 AM. Mary Beth Lavey left the room.

In the matter of case number OT-19-015, Linda Sterrett after review of the evidence, the Board made the following findings of fact:

1. The Board had jurisdiction to conduct a hearing in this matter pursuant to *Goldman v. State Medical Board of Ohio*, 110 Ohio App. 3d 124, 673 N.E. 2d 677 (1996).
2. On or about October 11, 2018, Sterrett was overly aggressive with a resident, which resulted in the pulling of the resident's hair, where an investigation completed by Montgomery County Stillwater Center Management and a Montgomery Council Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) Agency substantiated a finding of physical abuse of the resident.
3. On or about December 21, 2018, Sterrett's employer, Montgomery County, terminated her from her position as an occupational therapy assistant as a result of her overly aggressive conduct with a resident at Montgomery Council's Stillwater Center.
4. Sterrett's conduct occurred in the course of her practice as an occupational therapy assistant.
5. Sterrett did not request a hearing on the aforementioned charge.

Based on a thorough review of the evidence, the Board made the following conclusions of law:

1. Sterrett was properly served with the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing pursuant to R.C. 119.07.
2. R.C. 119.07 required Sterrett to request a hearing within thirty (30) days of the mailing of the Notice.
3. Sterrett's overly aggressive conduct with a resident in the course of her practice as an occupational therapy assistant, as detailed in the Findings of Fact, violates the Ohio Revised Code Section 4755.11 (A)(3), (5), (16), & (17) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4755-7-08 (C)(1)(e), (10), & (17)(b)

Action: Joanne Estes moved to revoke the occupational therapy assistant license for Linda Sterrett. Beth Ann Ball seconded the motion.

The Executive Director called roll:

Beth Ann Ball	Yes
Joanne Estes	Yes
Mary Beth Lavey	Abstained
Anissa Siefert	Yes
Melissa Van Allen	Yes

The motion carried.

The occupational therapy assistant license of Linda Sterrett is hereby revoked. Effective May 23, 2019.

The Executive Director is hereby instructed to prepare an adjudication order to carry out the mandates of this Board and serve the order on OT-19-015, Linda Sterrett, in the manner prescribed by law.

Approval of Minutes

Action: Beth Ann Ball moved that the minutes from the February 28, 2019 meeting be approved as amended. Mary Beth Lavey seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Executive Director Report

The Executive Director deferred her report to the meeting of the Joint Board.

Laws and Rules

Discussion on laws and rules was deferred to the next meeting.

Ohio Occupational Therapy Association (OOTA) Report

No report.

Administrative Reports

Licensure Report

Action: Melissa Van Allen moved that the Occupational Therapy Section ratify, as submitted, the occupational therapist and occupational therapy assistant licenses issued by examination, endorsement, reinstatement, and restoration by the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board from March 1, 2019 through May 23, 2019 taking into account those licenses subject to discipline, surrender, or non-renewal. Mary Beth Lavey seconded the motion. Joanne Estes abstained from voting on applications of students from Xavier University. The motion carried.

Occupational Therapist – Examination

Christopher Andrew Adams	Abigail Kathleen Brinkman	Allyson Marie Coyne
Shelby Nicole Armand	Sean Brown	Chelsea Craft
Jessica Marie Baker	Chelsi Kathryn Brown	Madelyn Raine Dagg
Jessica Mair Balhorn	Elsie Bush	Leah Damschroder
Katelyn Barrett	Leeah Joyce Calderon	Ashton Sue Daniel
Jessica Ann Barth	Shannon Caldwell	Samantha Catherine Darner
Allyson Bates	Clintina Shu Nee' Callender	Alexandra Danielle Demboski
Andrea Ellen Bellmann	Amanda Carbone	Nicole Elizabeth Diehm
Abigail Bessler	Lauren Christina Carroll	Jessica Lynne Dietz
Tyler Douglas Bilinovic	Meghan Katherine Ceneviva	Maria Elizabeth DiLucia
Lauren Nichole Black	Jimmy Clagg	Shannon Elizabeth Drennan
Juliana M Blanch	Moirra Anne Cleary	Danielle Duguid
Amanda Boeing	Lindsay Coffey	Whitni Paige Dunlap
Ellie Renee Braidic	Jayne T Consolo	Emma Rose Durante
Taylor Ann Brandy	Sarah K Cooper	Kylie Enders
Shaquille Bridges	Juliet Rose Corrigan	Alexis Enis

Megan Ferrell
Emily Finch
Laura Ann Flowers
Francesca Deann Force
Christine M Fortuna
Taylor D Foy
Samantha Maria Francis
Kristin A. Fredmonsky
Allison Grace Gineman
Amber Lynn Grimes
Marisa Christine Grimes
Sophia Elisabeth Gucciardi
Eliza Ray Gunner
Kelsie Leigh Harbaugh
Kylie Hardin
Alyssa Renee Heckman
Clare Frances Heisey
Tara Christine Henderson
Alexandra Hoggard
Rebecca Renee Holderman
Claire Michaela Horstman
Mary Tess Irvine
Hayley Jenkins
Megan Kayla Jesse
Elaina Jurica
Jeffrey Keller
Craig Klausing
Robert John Kleinhoff
Wayne T. Kline

Julianna Marie Koballa
Ashley Koepke
Cara LaFleur
Allie Elizabeth Lawrence
Morgan Leonti
Jessica Mary Liptay
Madelynn Long
Paige Martin
Allison Mazey
Taylor McElroy
Megan McNulty
Hannah Mills
Mallory Nicole Monaco
Katelyn Ann Morris
Lauren Mueller
Ashley Muhar
Lauren Ann Musleve
Jacob Naumann
Alyssa Marie Niese
Lindsey Margaret Norris
Megan Olegario
Alexis Overton
Lee Montgomery Parrish
Ashley Nicole Perkins
Amber Lynn Perpich
Melissa Ann Perretta
Hannah Christine Perry
Amber Rose Peto
Mary Porter

Heather Price
Katherine Purtee
Sarah Ann-Elizabeth Pyers
Sara Elizabeth Reilman
Rachel Ann Riedmann
Kelsey Marie Riley
Emily Nicole Rinehart
Elise Ann Rininger
Erin Kristine Roberts
Leah Nicole Rosler
Krista Ann Schimmoeller
Meghan Rose Schrom
Alison Seitz
Megan Alicia Selhorst
Sarah Elizabeth Shappelle
Jillian Shelly
Lori Michelle Shonkwiler
Brianna Smith
Carrie Esther Solomon
Stacey Sponsler
Eliza Kathryn Stanford
Bukurije Ukshini
Mackenzie Leigh Vanderpool
Dieuvil Varice
Siana Danielle Vernot
Maria Pauline Wade
Sara Anne Weigand
Colleen Heather Welker
Ashley Whitacre

Occupational Therapy Assistant – Examination

Haley Azbill
Lesley Ann Bishop
Laura Bradford
Kayla Nicole Brendlinger
Brittany Sue Caldwell
Stacy Lynn Cappitte
Megan Carsey
Jeanette Nicole Cobb
Emily Anne Cullopp
Heather Renee Davis
Jenna Marie Dorchock
Ashley Michelle Evans
Krista Lou Ferreira
Alana Christine Focht

Emily Dawn Gollihue
Tisha Brooke Grant
Kellie Anne Greene
Shawna Marie Hall
Kennedy Halman
Christy Heim
Laura Elizabeth Hughes
Molly Anne Kirwin
Cynthia Marie Kisik
Lauren Marie Longo
Haley Looney
Megan McHugh
Leanne Marie Miller
Sheaton Curtis morgan

Renee Eleanor Panyko
Marina Puselja
Laura L Regan
Shelby Lynn Rini
Harneet Sandhu
Lydia Marie Siekkinen
Alexis Rae Stein
Emily Nicole Strause
Karie L Taylor
Michaela Jade Ulmer
Miranda Waite
Shannon Lynn Wilson
Megan Marie Wix
Sophia Christine Woods

Occupational Therapist – Endorsement

Rena Abramchik
Megan Adams
Margaret Hornack Alexander
Taylor Bellina
Brandi Nicole Blackburn
Brandy Lynn Britenbaugh
Chelsea Ann Bulka
Shira Burstein
Sara Anne Clements

McKenzie Cook
Kristi Lynn Florence
Marissa-Li Garrett
Nicole M Geen
Jennifer Lynn Gendeman
Cindy Hahn
Caitlyn Leigh Harvey
Alissa RaLynn Hayes
Lisa Marie Herbert

Michael Ray Hess
Matthew Hill
Healy Hindley
Matthew Husband
Emma Linnea Lamore
Cindy L Lawson
Hope Marie Lohmueller
Stacia Macchia
Jennifer Macey

Milan Marinkovich
Shannon McFarland
Maria Regina Licitra Medeiros
Lauren Elizabeth Norbeck
Joanne Oates
Sarah Detmer Palmer
Saloni Parikh
Bridget Ann Peterson
Kaitlin Blake Phillips

Aimee Marie Quattrochi
Hillary Kline Rink
Amanda June Rodenbucher
Kelly Cobalt Ruhlach
Carissa Dimaculangan Santell
Noreen B Schlatmann
Cynthia Schwalm
Chanlar Seymour
Anna Corcoran Sherman

Caitlyn Werner Stortini
Mary Beth Street
Marisa Thomas
Lara Ullman
Leah Volpenhein
Claire E Werner
Emily Horvath Woodcock

Occupational Therapy Assistant – Endorsement

Timothy James Hay
Angeline Denise Heinzinger
JoLynn Hernandez
Melisha Lynn Jansen
Mathias Achanyi Kikam

Emily Kathleen Kuck
Patrick Laine Lockhart
Erica Blair Mcadams
Charles Jacob Minnick
Steven W Nixon

Jennifer Helen Peterman
Timothy Wayne Petty
Sidney Deana Savage
Shannon Lynn Selak
Shelley Rene Wilkin

Occupational Therapist – Reinstatement

Kathlyn M. Bork

Occupational Therapy Assistant – Reinstatement

None

Limited License Agreements

None.

Continuing Education Report

Action: Melissa Van Allen moved that the Section approve 70 applications for contact hour approval and four applications be denied. Mary Beth Lavey seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Assistant Attorney General's Report

LaTawnda Moore, AAG had no formal report for the Section.

Enforcement Report

Mary Beth Lavey reported that the Enforcement Division opened six cases and closed three cases since the February 28, 2019, meeting. There are currently sixteen cases open.

Enforcement Actions:

Mary Beth Lavey recommended that the Section issue a notice of opportunity for a hearing for case number OT 19-050, for documenting or billing for services not provided. **Action:** Melissa Van Allen moved that the Section issue a notice of opportunity for a hearing for case number OT 19-050, for documenting or billing for services not provided. Beth Ann Ball seconded the motion. Mary Beth Lavey abstained from voting. The motion carried.

Mary Beth Lavey recommended that the Section issue a notice of opportunity for a hearing for case number OTLD 19-001, for proposing to deny the application of an individual who is the subject of denial, revocation, suspension, or restriction of authority to practice occupational therapy in another state. **Action:** Melissa Van Allen moved that the Section issue a notice of opportunity for a hearing for case number OTLD 19-001, for proposing to deny the application of an individual who is the subject of denial, revocation, suspension, or restriction of authority to practice occupational therapy in another state. Beth Ann Ball seconded the motion. Mary Beth Lavey abstained from voting. The motion carried.

Mary Beth Lavey recommended that the Section accept consent agreement OT 19-052 in lieu of going to hearing. **Action:** Beth Ann Ball moved that the Section accept consent agreement OT 19-052 in lieu of going to hearing. Melissa Van Allen seconded the motion. Mary Beth Lavey abstained from voting. The motion carried.

Mary Beth Lavey recommended that the Section accept consent agreement OT 18-026 in lieu of going to hearing. **Action:** Joanne Estes moved that the Section accept consent agreement OT 18-026 in lieu of going to hearing. Beth Ann Ball seconded the motion. Mary Beth Lavey abstained from voting. The motion carried.

Correspondence

The Section reviewed the correspondence and provided feedback to the Correspondence Liaison.

The Section adjourned for Joint Board at 11:00 AM and reconvened at 1:02 PM.

Enforcement Actions:

Hearing Officer's Report and Recommendation for Case Number OT 18-017

The Section reviewed the hearing officer's report and recommendation from Paul Stehura, Hearing Officer in the matter of Samantha Chorba, Case Number OT 18-017. The hearing was held before Hearing Officer Paul Stehura on October 3, 2018.

In accordance with Board procedures, the member who reviewed the application for this individual and made a recommendation to the Board regarding this case, did not participate in further adjudication of the case and abstained from further participation in the adjudication of these matters. Mary Beth Lavey recommended the enforcement action and identified herself.

The Hearing Officer Paul Stehura served a Report and Recommendation to the Board Office on February 15, 2019. Ms Chorba did file objections to the Report and Recommendation and requested to address the Board through her attorney.

Action: Beth Ann Ball moved to go into private session for the purpose of quasi-judicial deliberation on this matter. Melissa Van Allen seconded the motion.

Executive Director called roll:

Beth Ann Ball	Yes
Joanne Phillips Estes	Yes
Mary Beth Lavey	Yes
Anissa Siefert	Yes
Melissa Van Allen	Yes

Mary Beth Lavey left the room. The Section went into private session at 1:21 PM and came out at 1:55 PM.

Anissa Siefert asked each of the Board members if they received, read, and considered the entire record in this matter, including the transcript of proceedings, exhibits, oral testimony, the Hearing Officer's Report, and Hearing Officer's Recommendation in the Matter of Samantha Chorba, Case Number OT 18-017, and asked each member if they were prepared to adjudicate in this matter.

Executive Director called roll:

Beth Ann Ball	Yes
Joanne Phillips Estes	Yes
Mary Beth Lavey	Abstained
Anissa Siefert	Yes
Melissa Van Allen	Yes

Anissa Siefert reminded the Board that Pursuant to Section 4755.11 (A), of the Ohio Revised Code, you may dismiss the charges against Ms. Samantha Chorba if you find that they are not supported by reliable, probative, and substantial evidence, or if the you find the charges are supported by the evidence, you may impose the following on Ms. Chorba's occupational therapist license: suspend, revoke, reprimand, fine, place on probation, require corrective action courses. The members did not have any questions concerning the range of possible actions available to the Board.

Action: Beth Ann Ball moved to accept the Hearing Officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law in the matter of Samantha Chorba, Case Number OT 18-017. Melissa Van Allen seconded the motion. Mary Beth Lavey abstained from voting. The motion carried.

Action: Melissa Van Allen moved to modify the Hearing Officer's recommendations by removing the recommended fine and submission of final order to all employers. Mary Beth Lavey abstained from voting. The motion carried.

Action: Joanne Estes moved to accept the Hearing Officer's recommendations as modified. Beth Ann Ball seconded the motion. Mary Beth Lavey abstained from voting. The motion carried.

Anissa Siefert stated that, pursuant to section 4755.031 of the Ohio Revised Code, fees shall be assessed against Ms. Samantha Chorba. Melissa Anthony reported that the costs required under section 4755.031 of the Ohio Revised Code covered a total of two invoices: (1) hearing officer, and (2) court reporter, which included transcripts. The total cost for the two vendors is \$3,113.30.

The Executive Director is hereby instructed to prepare an adjudication order to carry out the mandate of this Section of the Board and serve the order to Ms. Samantha Chorba in the manner prescribed by law.

International CE

The Section decided not to move forward with a rule change to accommodate the accrual of continuing education as a result of volunteer work abroad due to the difficulty of defining how it would apply.

Mentorship CE

The Section discussed the issue of mentorship and developed language to add to the continuing education rule to clarify what can be accepted for mentorship.

Low Vision Standard Response

The Section discussed a written response that may be issued with regard to inquiries related to occupational therapy's role in treatment for low vision.

New Business

Retreat Topics

The Section reviewed a list of topics and set a date in August for a retreat meeting agenda.

OT – auditory processing and vestibular functioning

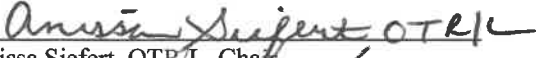
The Section deferred discussion until more background on the issue could be obtained.

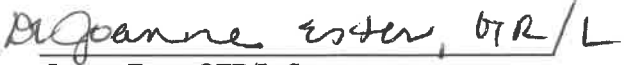
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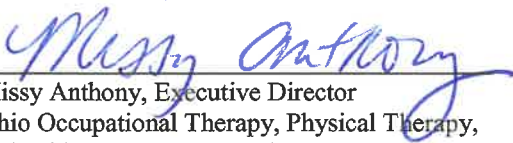
The next regular meeting date of the Occupational Therapy Section is scheduled for Thursday, July 18, 2019.

Action: There being no further business and no objections, Anissa Siefert adjourned the meeting at 2:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Missy Anthony


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