

OREGON Occupational Therapy Licensing Board

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NEWSLETTER

OTLB BOARD MEMBERS:

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Rachel Cillo, Administrative Asst.

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Please update your contact information.

We send updates and let you know of important changes by email and on the web site.

The private email is kept confidential. You can also provide a public e-mail.

Mission Statement: To protect the public by supervising occupational therapy practice.
The Board is charged with assuring safe & ethical delivery of occupational therapy services.

The next Board meeting will be held on **Monday, May 2nd, 2016** at the Portland State Office Building, 800 NE Oregon Street, Room 445. Contact the Board office for the Agenda.

Thank you and Good Bye from Felicia Holgate (see inside)

What a wonderful 12 years. I thank you for the opportunity to service as the OTLB Executive Director.

Late fees start after May 1st!

Renewals are due May 1st (without a late fee): **May 2nd – May 31**, there is a **\$50 late fee** added. **Please note:** May 1st is a Sunday - if you have any renewal issues contact us by Friday.

Fees are \$150 for a 2 year OT license & \$100 for a 2 year OTA license. You can pay by credit card or send the signed/dated confirmation page with a check. If you **do not plan to renew** let us know. Your current license expires on May 31, 2016 - *you cannot practice in Oregon without a license.*

New CE rule: If you are currently NBCOT certified when you renew - you are fine with your CE. Confirm the **date of your certification** from your NBCOT certification document or go to <https://my.nbcot.org/OnlineCredentialVerification/>.

If you just obtained your NBCOT certification in the last year, you do not need CE for the first year. For those who passed in 2013, keep working on your CE for the next renewal of your certification.

Renewal questions: When you renew you will need to report any charges, convictions, abuse of alcohol or controlled substances, disciplinary investigations, or conditions which could impede you ability to practice safely. If you have any questions feel free to contact the Board. The Board runs LEDS (Law Enforcement Data Search) checks each renewal period.

One-time PAIN MANAGEMENT Requirement



If you were licensed in the last two years and still need to complete this one-time legislative requirement, you can find information on the web site at www.oregon.gov/otlb or here: http://www.oregon.gov/otlb/Pages/CE.aspx#PAIN_MANAGEMENT_CE.

Email Nancy.Schuberg@state.or.us with the dates, name of class and hours and who it was give by. We can add the information on the data base and it will show as done when you renew.

Supervision

All OT Assistants must have a **licensed OT supervisor** if they are working in Oregon. We cross-check with who the supervising OT indicates as who they are supervising. This is the licensing supervisor, not a work supervisor or other therapists with whom you might work. Make sure you are current with your supervision form.

Welcome new Board Executive Director Nancy Schuberg

Nancy Schuberg will formally be appointed by the Board as the new Executive Director on June 1st. She has worked closely with Felicia Holgate for the last year learning the OTLB functions and processes. Nancy started working for the Board three and a half years ago as the Licensing Specialist learning about licensing, CE, supervision and the many aspects of the job. We have hired, and Nancy has trained, Rachel Cillo as the new Administrative Assistant.

Nancy has a degree from University of Oregon in Psychology and Business Management. Previously she worked at Nike for 12 years as a Product Development Manager and worked overseas part of that time in China and Thailand. Nancy has been working closely with Felicia to learn all aspects of the position and understanding the laws and rules. She looks forward to June 1st when she becomes the new Board Executive Director.

Thank you from Felicia Holgate

It is hard to say good-bye after working in this wonderful OT profession as the Executive Director of the OT Licensing Board for the last 12 and half years. I have learned so much from you and appreciate your kindness and positive feedback. I leave you in good hands as Nancy Schuberg takes over. I will think of you in my retirement and take what I learned in this next phase of my life. I will continue working for Habitat for Humanity, keep up my walking and yoga, do more travelling and have time for all those little things you wish you had time for, including sleeping in. No more getting up at 6 am in the dark. I hope I will not need OT services for a long time if ever, but when I do please help me out !

Welcome new public Board member – Erion Moore II.

Erion, our most recent appointee, received his B.A. in Criminology from Southern Oregon University, and his A.A. in Ethnic Studies from Foothill Community College in California. Erion worked with juvenile and adult offenders on cognitive skills following his graduation from college. He worked temporarily as a case manager and was involved with group meetings that decide to make changes to policies of work conduct. He has a personal interest in Occupational Therapy, having personal experience with many types of therapists in different settings including home, to inpatient, as well as outpatient. Erion volunteers with Pacific University, School of OT, as a patient, helping future Occupational Therapists learn necessary skills. The Board is fortunate to have him as the latest addition to our team.

Thank you Robert Bond

We say thank you to public member, Robert Bond, for his 8 years of dedication to the Board and OT profession.

2016 Legislative session:

Legislation day for OT Practitioners

On Feb. 8th Practitioner's attended OTA's Advocacy Day. Led by OTA Legislative Committee Co-chairs, Lara Lee-Reavis and Katie Shuler, OT's met with their Senate and House representatives about OT's legislative priorities in Oregon including access to rural health care, CCO's, school-based OT caseloads and OT education costs. As a result, OTA received offers from legislators to address these issues by sponsoring bills for the 2017 session. Participants earned 6 CEU's by attending the event.

...and Students

On Feb. 25th, OTD students from Pacific University and OTA students from Linn-Benton Community College descended to the State Library in Salem, Oregon to take part in "Legislation Day". The annual event was started in 2003, by Pacific University in close collaboration with the Oregon OT Licensing Board and Oregon Association (OTA). In 2012, Linn-Benton joined the event. The students come together in the morning to discuss their roles and interaction. They attend a capitol building tour and sit in the legislative session. The afternoon is the legislation portion. They presented an overview of the process and then get to meet their legislator in person to inform them of issues facing OT's.

Is dating a patient okay?

Recently the Board was presented with this question. Oregon Administrative Rule 339-010-0020:

- (1) Unprofessional conduct relating to patient/client safety, integrity and welfare includes:
 - (a) Intentionally harassing, abusing, or intimidating a patient/client, either physically or verbally;
 - (b) Intentionally divulging, without patient/client consent, any information gained in the patient relationship other than what is required by staff or team for treatment;
 - (c) Engaging in assault and/or battery of patient/client;
 - (d) Failing to respect the dignity and rights of patient/client, regardless of social or economic status, personal attributes or nature of health problems;
 - (e) **Engaging in sexual improprieties or sexual contact with patient/client;**
 - (f) Offering to refer or referring a patient/client to a third person for the purpose of receiving a fee or other consideration from the third person or receiving a fee from a third person for offering to refer or referring a patient/client to a third person;
 - (g) Taking property of patient/client without consent.

Link from Halley Read on CCBHC (Certified Community Behavioral health Clinics)
<http://www.oregon.gov/oha/bhp/Pages/Community-BH-Clinics.aspx>

ServOR: volunteer during floods, hurricanes, terrorist attacks

Oregon health professionals can volunteer for disaster preparedness and response. You can register in advance to be ready to lend a hand in the next public health emergency. After an application is approved, registered volunteers have access to free online and face-to-face training. Courses cover Basic and Advanced Disaster Life Support, disaster burn training, triage, personal and family preparedness, and the Incident Command System. There is no cost for registered volunteers and they receive an identification badge to assist with recognition during emergency response operations. See more information at:

<https://serv-or.org/> or email SERV.OR@state.or.us or call 1 – 877-343-5767.

<http://public.health.oregon.gov/Preparedness/Prepare/HealthAlertNetwork/Documents/esarvhp/index.html>

Volunteers don't get paid not because they are worthless but because they are priceless.

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Use the form on the web site or fax to 971-673-0226. We need a copy of the legal document showing a name change. You can scan and e-mail to Nancy.Schuberg@state.or.us. Make sure it shows exactly how the name reads and changes to address, e-mail, and telephone.

If you need license **verification** sent to another state, e-mail to Nancy.Schuberg@state.or.us and give the exact address where it needs to be sent. There is No charge. We do not need their form. We will e-mail you back when it is done.

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