

OREGON Occupational Therapy Licensing Board

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NEWSLETTER

OTLB BOARD MEMBERS:

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Juanita Shepherd, Public Member

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**Please update your email & contact information to keep current with important news.
Your e-mail is kept confidential. You can provide a public e-mail if you wish.**

**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 **Friday May 3** at Linn Benton CC in Lebanon.
The Board will meet with Linn Benton CC OT Assistant students
Please contact the Director for a copy of the Agenda

Work of the Board

New Board member: **Juanita Shepherd** has a special interest in occupational therapy after she was involved with a stroke group at Portland Good Sam and got to know therapists from Pacific University. As a Pilates teacher she felt fortunate to return to work within 6 months. In 2005 she began a 3 year training to be an Alexander Technique teacher.

Juanita enjoys helping others to function better through use and understanding the body's capabilities and limitations so they have the knowledge to better take care of themselves. She looks forward to serving on the Board to help protect the public by maintaining the quality and integrity of the OT profession. We welcome Juanita to the Board.

Telehealth: The Board is putting together a workgroup to consider a proposed rule to allow Telehealth for OTs in Oregon. It will follow the AOTA position paper on Telehealth. Please contact Felicia.M.Holgate@state.or.us if you want to be on the workgroup. Most of the work can be done by e-mail or by teleconference.

In order to finalize any **administrative rule changes**, the Board must follow strict procedures. After a study group looks at the issue, the proposed rule will be sent to all interested parties and licensees, and published by the Secretary of State's office. At a hearing the Board will consider all comments prior to adoption of the final rule by the OT Licensing Board.

Looking for free or inexpensive CE options: The Board is asked about where low or no cost can be obtained. If you have any suggestions for fellow therapists, please send them to Felicia Holgate. Any free or low cost options will be published on the OT Licensing Board (OTLB) web site under Continuing Education on the left menu bar under www.oregon.gov/otlb . Thank you for any help you can give.

Pacific University has **Research & Practice Symposium** on **Friday, May 3, 2013**. Contact Kelly Hering at khering@pacificu.edu or (503) 352-7345. 6 hours of CE are provided.

The **Pain Commission** has updated the **one hour free online module**. The board will allow an additional one hour of free CE if you take the updated training: <http://www.oregon.gov/oha/OHPR/Pages/pmc/index.aspx>

Discipline matrix: The Board has adopted a discipline matrix. [Click here to see a copy](#). It will be added to the Board's Policies and Procedures.

OT Licensing Board budget: The Board had its first budget hearing in Salem and will be finalized at the full Ways and Means committee. The legislature in Salem must approve the Board Agency 2013 – 2015 budget.

Legislative Session: Discussion of many legislative bills continues and the Director and Board members track the many bills that might affect the board. The list of bills found in the last newsletter is reduced now as hearings are held and some drop off.



We continue to follow issues such as bills about helping veterans, spouses and partners obtain licenses and provide notice in hearing; use of civil penalties; hearing notice changes; posting information on the Oregon Transparency web site; filing adverse health care incidents with the Oregon Patient Safety Commission; public records; autism; rulemaking; cultural competency Continuing Education; PT changes, and various hearing on merging boards, reducing government, board audits and sunset reviews.

Your OTAO Association's work with the Legislature

Bill Cross and **Nikki Terzieff** are your Association lobbyists who work with OTAO the state Association and its legislative committee - **Rachel Gligorea**, **Summer Ireland** and **Chrissy Van Osdol**. You can write to them at otaolegislativcommittee@gmail.com.

Legislators want to know the position of the profession, and that is through OTAO. Thank you to **Sara Pickett**, OTAO President and members of the OTAO Board for this important work.

OTAO LEGISLATIVE Day was held Feb. 28. Occupational Therapists, OT and OT Assistant students and teachers from Pacific and Linn Benton CC were in the rotunda of the state capital with posters and provided information to legislators about their concerns. They met on specific issues such as autism and consolidation. OTAO offered CE for attending the event.

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If you need a **license verification** sent to another state please just e-mail giving the exact address where it needs to go to Felicia.M.Holgate@state.or.us. There is No charge. We use our own form that has what is needed, is signed and has a seal.

For any other changes in contact information, send an e-mail to Felicia.M.Holgate@state.or.us Please check the **web site** at www.oregon.gov/otlb for answers to your questions. There is a section on **Information Requests and Issues, Questions and Topics**.

Tobacco Free State Properties: In January, state offices are tobacco-free, helping reduce tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke on state properties achieving the goal even more certain. You can get more information at: www.healthoregon.org/tobacco-free-state-properties.

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