



PSYCHIATRIC TECHNICIANS (AD-HOC) COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

May 2, 2024

**2535 Capitol Oaks Drive, Ste. 205
Sacramento, CA 95833
via WebEx Webinar**

**Board Members
Present:**

Mr. Hill, PT Member, Chair
Ms. Moore, PT Member

Staff Present:

Ms. Yamaguchi, Executive Officer
Mr. Ito, Assistant Executive Officer
Ms. Wood, Chief, Enforcement Division
Ms. Brown, Licensing Manager
Ms. Arreola, Licensing Supervisor
Mr. Hall, Licensing Supervisor
Ms. Archibald, Enforcement Manager
Mr. Prouty, Discipline Manager
Mr. Weiler, Administration Manager
Mr. Delgado, Enforcement Supervisor
Ms. Gomez, Nursing Education Consultant
Dr. Fairchild, Nursing Education Consultant
Dr. Thomson, Nursing Education Consultant
Ms. dela Rosa, Nursing Education Consultant
Ms. Silverman, Nursing Education Consultant
Ms. Maracino, Education Analyst
Mr. Gonzales, Education Analyst
Ms. Ball, Board Administrative Analyst (moderator)

DCA Staff Present:

Mr. Swenson, Attorney III, Board General Counsel

1. Call to Order & Committee Roll Call – Mr. Hill, Chair.

Mr. Hill called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

Committee members introduced themselves.

2. Introduction of Staff and Counsel – Ms. Yamaguchi, Executive Officer.

Ms. Yamaguchi introduced board staff. Mr. Swenson introduced himself.

3. Understanding the intent of the Committee – Ms. Yamaguchi, Executive Officer.

This committee has been desired for years; and was discussed in 2020 Strategic Planning process. With the need for mental health professionals and the decrease in enrollment/licensee population, lack of understanding of the position itself, the board has wanted to look into re-imagining this career to better serve the population. With both Psychiatric Technician Licensee positions on the board now set, staff is eager to begin conversations and taking action on this goal; being led by the expertise of the board members.

As a true kick-off meeting, Ms. Yamaguchi invited the members to share thoughts and opinions on what some priorities would be, what are some pain points in the profession, personal experience as PT educators and on the floor as a PT, et al.

Committee Discussion:

Mr. Hill shared a story from his experience as a licensed PT working for a state agency's mobile crisis team. His role was to assess and provide resources to allow patients to stay in their own home(s) for better quality of life. His story provided insight into his experience with a 14-year-old child with developmental disabilities in a hospital; his opinion and expertise were not initially respected or understood until he was able to have a more one-on-one discussion with the care team. He believes that if more medical professionals had a better understanding of the PT role and expertise, care could be better than this experience.

Ms. Moore shared that this story was profound, and if there was more information and understanding of the career it will have a huge impact on the crisis we are experiencing now.

4. Idea Mapping/Topics for consideration, discussion, or possible action – Mr. Hill, Chair.

Mr. Hill asked AI to define “technician”; the definition was someone who specialized in a field, usually in technology or machinery. None of the examples given of technician aligned with what a PT does.

Ms. Yamaguchi shared that this is why this committee has been needed, and the why this career needs to be modernized. The actual role does fall under the basic definition of nursing than technician.

The agenda item continued with robust conversation of ideas, personal experiences, and a myriad of discussions from both board members and BVNPT staff. This discussion was organic and was intended to put ideas out for consideration and potential for future discussion or action(s).

Ms. Yamaguchi shared that based on the conversation she believes a good first step is for new and/or updated resources for all stakeholder, including employers and policymakers to better understand the role of, the cope, the education and the expertise of the PT. Ms. Maracino suggested reaching out to the states that also have licensed PTs to see how they promote. Dr. Fairchild will be preparing and NCSBN survey for all states to gather data from those states that do not have licensed PT and learn what role in their state covers this need.

5. What's Next? – Ms. Yamaguchi, Executive Officer.

Much of what's next was handled in the previous agenda item. Ms. Moore agreed to reach out to CAPT to start discussing options for updated marketing.

Mr. Hill shared information he had found in his own research, including the decrease on licensees the state has seen in the past few years. He continued to agree and voice his interest in finding out more information about where PT's aren't being hired, but could offer additional support and looking into better reimbursement options for PT's in facilities as well.

Ms. Maracino included within inter-state research, determining whether our licensees could include endorsement rights to another state; this could open more doors and a positive selling point for future student.

6. Suggestions for Future Agenda Items.

- Survey of states scope of work and determine who is doing what (and what are current titles of the role/roles covering this scope)
- Survey of workplaces PTs are or are not being hired
- More resources for all stakeholders; including geared toward high school students

7. Schedule Next Psychiatric Technician Ad Hoc Committee Meeting: TBD June 2024

The next meeting was scheduled July 18, 2024 from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. or until the completion of business.

8. Adjournment.

Mr. Hill adjourned this meeting at 4:22 p.m.