



PSYCHIATRIC TECHNICIANS (AD-HOC) COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

March 24, 2025

**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
 Dr. McLeod, Supervising Nursing Education Consultant
 Ms. Brown, Licensing Manager
 Mr. Hall, Supervising Program Technician II
 Mr. Trimble, Program Technician II
 Mr. Prouty, Discipline Manager
 Mr. Weiler, Administration Manager (Co-Moderator)
 Ms. Brady, Administration Analyst (Moderator)
 Ms. Vierra, Probation Manager
 Dr. Fairchild, Nursing Education Consultant
 Dr. Thomson, Nursing Education Consultant
 Ms. Silverman, Nursing Education Consultant
 Ms. Maracino, Education Analyst
 Mr. Gonzales, Education Analyst

DCA Staff Present:

Ms. Butu, Attorney III, Board General Counsel

1. Call to Order & Committee Roll Call – Mr. Hill, Chair.
 Mr. Hill called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
 Committee members introduced themselves.
2. Introduction of Staff and Counsel – Ms. Yamaguchi, Executive Officer.
 Ms. Yamaguchi introduced board staff. Ms. Butu introduced herself.
3. Topics for consideration, discussion, or possible action – Abraham Hill, Chair.
 - A. PT Survey Update

Mr. Hill referred the matter to Dr. McLeod, who provided an update on the Occupational Analysis for the Psychiatric Technicians (PT) survey. The analysis has been viewed by over 800 people. Dr. McLeod also noted that the survey regarding a possible name change for PTs is set to be distributed on April 1, 2025. Ms. Butu mentioned that depending on the survey results, the board will need to complete a statutory change.

B. PT Outreach Possible Modalities

Mr. Hill informed us that they are currently researching other states that offer PT licenses and will reach out to additional boards to build alliances and gather new information. Dr. McLeod reported that a meeting with the Department of State Hospitals is forthcoming, as they are very interested in collaborating with the board. Dr. McLeod further shared that state hospitals are in need of PTs and would like them to complete their clinicals with the department.

C. Network of Allies – Contact List Update

Mr. Gonzales updated us that he has contacted the Board of Behavioral Sciences (BBS) and the Department of Healthcare Access and Information, and he plans to reach out to the Department of Corrections (CDCR) and the Board of Psychology.

D. Invite – CA Community College PT Program Directors

Dr. Thomson shared that she met with directors and that several community colleges are interested in participating in a pilot program. She explained that students could obtain a dual license by adding just two semesters to their curriculum. Dr. Thomson also mentioned that a few of her programs will have new directors joining soon, and she hopes they will be interested in the new program. Ms. Butu inquired about what the second license would entail, and Dr. Thomson said that the Education Division is considering a dual VN (Vocational Nurse) and PT license. Dr. McLeod provided additional information about the mental health component associated with this dual license, indicating that it would allow holders to perform some duties of both roles, potentially making it a valuable credential.

E. Director Forum

Dr. Fairchild reported that the director forum is underway and thanked Mr. Hill for his discussion on compassion fatigue. She is in discussions with Dr. Raju and a colleague regarding ADA accommodations, focusing on what is considered reasonable in both classroom and clinical settings.

F. CAPT Board Meeting

Ms. Moore updated that she has reached out to several contacts but has not received any responses. Mr. Hill mentioned that Coby Pizzotti would like to be included in these meetings. Ms. Butu stated that the board is welcome to invite anyone to the PT Ad Hoc meetings. Ms. Yamaguchi added that it's appropriate to invite other guests in an advisory committee capacity. She also advised Ms. Moore to include Coby Pizzotti in all correspondence related to CAPT.

G. Meeting Recap Board of Behavioral Sciences

Mr. Gonzales reported on a meeting with the Board of Behavioral Sciences (BBS), discussing shared responsibilities in mental health care, outreach efforts, and shared concerns regarding licenses. Mr. Gonzales emphasized the need for both boards to establish a clearer way to communicate their roles to the public. Additionally, Mr. Gonzales noted that both boards will collaborate on outreach programs aimed at high school and community college students. Mr. Gonzales also mentioned that the California Department of Healthcare Access and Information (HCAI) is actively working to update the public and streamline access to information.

4. What's next? – Ms. Yamaguchi.

Ms. Yamaguchi reported that the board will undergo another sunset review in 2028. Ms. Yamaguchi emphasized that this provides a valuable two-year period for building and preparing. Ms. Yamaguchi believes the Director's Forum would be an excellent starting point for discussions with additional stakeholders, allowing the board to gradually assess what needs to be completed each year.

Mr. Hill suggested that the board create a collective timeline. Mr. Hill inquired whether this could be organized as a subcommittee or if one individual could be assigned to oversee the task. Additionally, Mr. Hill proposed that the Board define specific goals to gradually achieve the vision of what the Psych Technician role should ultimately become.

5. Suggestion for Future Agenda Items.

Ms. Yamaguchi suggested that external stakeholders be invited to attend committee meetings. Additionally, Ms. Yamaguchi recommended that Mr. Hill and Ms. Moore attend a few of CAPT's meetings.

6. Schedule Next Psychiatric Technician Ad Hoc Committee Meeting.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for **June 2, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.**

7. Adjournment.

Mr. Hill adjourned this meeting at 10:44 a.m.