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OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Board of Optometry

899 NORTH CAPITOL ST. NE – 2ND FLR.

WASHINGTON, DC 20002

Thursday, July 17, 2014

9:30am-12pm

OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES

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BOARD MEMBERSHIP/ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:	TRACY HAMMOND, CONSUMER MEMBER	PRESENT
	JEFFREY L. KRASKIN, OD, CHAIRPERSON	PRESENT
	DAVID REED, OD, BOARD MEMBER	PRESENT
	LISA JOHNSON, OD, BOARD MEMBER	PRESENT
QUORUM		
STAFF:		
	THELMA OFOSU MENSAH – HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST	PRESENT
	MARK DONATELLI – INVESTIGATOR	PRESENT
	DIANE MOORER – IT SUPPORT	PRESENT
	ROBIN Y. JENKINS- EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	PRESENT
LEGAL STAFF:	VAN BRATHWAITE. – BOARD ATTORNEY ADVISOR	PRESENT
VISITORS	MR. MICHAEL ROSENBLATT- OD	PRESENT
	MR. RONALD KING – SENIOR POLICY ADVISOR	PRESENT
	MS. DORREN HODGES	PRESENT
	LYNN GRASSO, MS, OTR/ EAGLE ACADEMY	PRESENT



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OS-07117-01	<u>Senior Deputy Director's Report</u> There was no report from the Senior Deputy Director	
OS-0717-02	<u>Executive Director's Report</u> Ms. Jenkins informed the Board that the agency has a new Deputy Director of Operations- Mr. Forrest Daniels.	
OS-0717-03	<u>Board Attorney's Report</u> There was no report from Board Attorney	
OS-0717-04	<u>Chairperson's Report</u> Dr. Kraskin informed the Board that he attended the ARBO annual meeting held at Philadelphia. He reported that New Zealand is now a member of ARBO and gave a summary on the topics that were discussed.	
OS-0717-05	<u>MINUTES</u> <u>Board Action:</u> The Board unanimously approved the Open Session Minutes for April 10, 2014.	
VISITOR COMMENTS	MR. RONALD KING –SENIOR POLICY ADVISOR FOR THE COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON HEALTH Mr. King and Board members engaged in a conversation regarding the inability of Optometrists to recommend Medical Marijuana to patients being treated for diseases such as glaucoma as well as the inability of Optometrists to prescribe scheduled III to V drugs. Mr. King noted Board's concerns and will inform committee members.	
VISITOR COMMENTS	MS. DORREN N HODGES - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF DC FAMILY VOICES Ms. Hodges gave a brief background about the activities and achievements of Family Voices in the District of Columbia. Ms. Hodges and the Board engaged in a conversation regarding her organization's establishment of partnerships with licensed Optometrists to provide eye care services for the children with special needs. She discussed the positive impact of Optometric services for special needs children. She further discussed ways that Optometrists can help her organization access the Medicaid services for special needs children. MS LYNN GRASSO, MS, OTR Ms. Lynn Grasso, MS, OTR updated the Board about her work at the Eagle Academy Charter School in Washington DC. She informed the Board that there is a need for licensed Optometrists to examine children's vision.	



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	she further acknowledged that the school's need for Optometrist has been impacted by financial constraints from Medicaid/ Medicare	
OS-0717-06	REGULATORY REVISION <u>Board Action:</u> The Board amended Section 6406.5 and 6406.6 to correspond with changes previously made to 6406.4 of the DC Municipal Regulations. The Board's attorney will update the regulations.	
OS-0717-07	AUDIT 2014 <u>Board Action:</u> The Board decided to audit practitioners in 2014 using non - compliant data collected from ARBO's Optometric Education system.	

This concludes the Open Session Minutes. The next meeting is scheduled for October 16 2014 at 9:30 am

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