



CALIFORNIA BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS
July 19, 2004
Sacramento, California

The executive officer reported that:

- The Senate Business and Professions Committee has introduced Senate Bill 1913 (SB 1913) that includes clean-up legislation for the Board, repealing Occupational Therapy Practice Act (OTPA) section 2540.14(c) and authorizes OTs certified in physical agent modalities to apply topical medications through iontophoresis and phonophoresis. This bill is scheduled to be heard in the Assembly Appropriations Committee on August 4, 2004.
- SB 136 would extend the date of the Board's sunset review to July 1, 2007. This bill is scheduled to be heard in the Assembly Appropriations Committee on August 4, 2004.
- SB 899 was chaptered on April 19, 2004. It limits the number of occupational therapy visits to 24 for each industrial injury sustained by a worker.
- Assembly Bill 2909 would define the qualified personnel able to assess an infant or toddler's needs that is deaf, hard of hearing, blind, visually impaired, or orthopedically impaired. This bill is scheduled to be heard in the Senate Appropriations Committee on August 2, 2004.
- The Board's continued competency, supervision, limited permits, disciplinary guidelines, and fee reduction regulations are under review by the Department of Consumer Affairs. Once signed by the director, they will be sent to the State and Consumer Services Agency, Department of Finance, and the Office of Administrative Law.

The Advanced Practice Regulatory Committee began discussions on developing regulations regarding supervision requirements for OTs in the process of completing post-professional training to obtain certification in an advanced practice area. The regulations will clarify the type, amount, and nature of supervision required.

The Regulatory Committee began discussions on developing regulations to further clarify requirements for practitioners who are licensed in another state and want to practice occupational therapy in California while waiting for their California license.

The Board voted to adopt its 2004 Strategic Plan that identifies the Board's vision, mission, core values, key strategic issues, goals, and objectives.

The Board will hold a teleconference meeting on August 27, 2004. Locations and agenda will be available on our website when finalized.