



## PSYCHIATRIC TECHNICIANS (AD-HOC) COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

January 6, 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. Judith McLeod, Supervising Nursing Education Consultant  
 Ms. Wood, Chief, Enforcement Division  
 Ms. Brown, Licensing Manager  
 Mr. Hall, Supervising Program Technician II  
 Mr. Prouty, Discipline Manager  
 Mr. Weiler, Administration Manager (Co-Moderator)  
 Ms. Brady, Administration Analyst (Moderator)  
 Ms. Vierra, Probation Manager  
 Ms. Gomez, Nursing Education Consultant  
 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.

Mr. Hill reviewed the Occupational Analysis for the Psychiatric Technicians (PT) survey that will be sent out in March to all the licensees to gather some demographic information. Mr. Hill stated that this may be a good time to explore a possible name change for the PTs. He suggested a possible name change submission to the Office of Professional Examination Services (OPES) for the upcoming occupational analysis survey. Dr. McLeod had a brief discussion including a formal meeting to set up contact with Jason Underwood to see if he would consider adding a topic for a possible PT name change. Dr. McLeod also mentioned that two other states use the same name as Psychiatric Technicians (PT's). She suggested gathering information on the licensing type to obtain the correct guidance on the name change direction to be uniform. Mr. Hill asked Dr. McLeod if they could meet to discuss a game plan to get these ideas in motion.

Mr. Hill stated he reached out to Napa Valley College and wants to set up a meeting with the students to address why Mr. Hill chose this profession and his role on the Board. Mr. Hill wants to address the importance of outreach and collaboration with community colleges and organizations to expand the Psychiatric Technician profession.

Mr. Hill addressed Nicholas Gonzales as the staff member compiling the network of allies. Mr. Gonzales shared a high-level overview of the list of organizations he has obtained so far.

Mr. Hill will be a presenter at the Director Forum in May. Mr. Hill is excited that he will be able to network. Ms. Yamaguchi said this forum is an excellent place for Ms. Moore and Mr. Hill to network with the NECs and the Psychiatric Technicians to obtain more outreach in the community.

Ms. Moore said that the meeting with California Association of Psychiatric Technicians (CAPT) was productive and that CAPT was willing to discuss the name changes with Ms. Moore and Mr. Hill during their meeting. Ms. Yamaguchi asked Ms. Moore if she was interested in attending a CAPT Board Meeting, and it could be a better conversation starter on how to address the name change for the PTs. Ms. Moore thought attending one of CAPT's Board meetings was an excellent idea and would reach out to CAPT.

#### 4. What's next? – Ms. Yamaguchi.

Ms. Yamaguchi reported the Board did great work with the strategic plan. SOLID worked with the Board's team and achieved setting the goals. Ms. Yamaguchi wanted to look at the Board's overall image for the strategic plan and have a board that supports the licensees.

#### 5. Suggestion for Future Agenda Items.

Ms. Yamaguchi, Mr. Hill, and Dr. McLeod briefly discussed the logistics of the planned occupational analysis survey.

#### 6. Schedule Next Psychiatric Technician Ad Hoc Committee Meeting.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for **March 24, 2025**.

#### 7. Adjournment.

Mr. Hill adjourned this meeting at 10:56 a.m.