



PSYCHIATRIC TECHNICIANS (AD-HOC) COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

June 2, 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 (Late Addition)
 Mr. Ito, Assistant Executive Officer
 Dr. McLeod, Supervising Nursing Education Consultant
 Mr. Hall, Supervising Program Technician II
 Mr. Trimble, Program Technician II
 Mr. Prouty, Discipline Manager
 Ms. Brady, Administration Analyst (Moderator)
 Ms. Vierra, Probation Manager
 Ms. Higashi, Supervising Special Investigator
 Ms. Williams, Supervising Enforcement Technician
 Dr. Thomson, Nursing Education Consultant
 Dr. Swanson, Nursing Education Consultant
 Ms. Maracino, Education Analyst
 Mr. Gonzales, Education Analyst

DCA Staff Present:

Ms. Butu, Attorney III, Board General Counsel

Special Guest:

Mr. Coby Pizzotti, California Association of Psychiatric Technicians

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

Mr. Hill called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

Committee members introduced themselves.

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

Mr. Ito introduced Board staff. Ms. Butu introduced herself.

Mr. Pizzotti introduced himself from the California Association of Psychiatric Technicians.

3. Topics for consideration, discussion, or possible action – Abraham Hill, Chair.

A. PT Survey Update

Mr. Hill deferred to Dr. McLeod, who provided an update on the Occupational Analysis for the Psychiatric Technicians (PT) survey. Dr. McLeod gave an update that the occupational analysis survey is currently with OPES and is being evaluated. The board is expected to have an update in the fall. Dr. McLeod added that one of the survey questions was about the possible proposal to change the PT (Psychiatric Technician) License title and what the new title could be named. Dr. McLeod reported that the subject matter experts approved the titles suggested. Dr. McLeod shared a summary of the results of the survey.

Question/ Discussion:

Mr. Pizzotti asked if the Board had informed the members of the impact of this name change. Dr. McLeod replied that the survey question was intended to gauge interest in changing the title among licensees.

Mr. Pizzotti asked if the Licensed Vocational Nurses were presented with the same survey. Dr. McLeod replied that the survey presented was for PT only.

B. PT Outreach Possible Modalities

Mr. Hill updated that the data coming from the survey will help with the outreach along with other agenda items.

Question/ Discussion:

Mr. Pizzotti asked if, in terms of outreach, there were any advertisements or meetings at high schools or high school counselors. Mr. Pizzotti would be interested in helping broaden the profession. Ms. Yamaguchi replied that the Board had not designed any outreach materials or scheduled appointments to visit schools or college affairs. Ms. Yamaguchi also updated that the Board's goal is to create more outreach opportunities. Mr. Hill updated that he attended Mission College, and that PT program no longer exists; however, there is a high demand for jobs in state hospitals.

Mr. Pizzotti updated that the licensees were a little worried about the survey, as they were concerned about the merging of the VN and PT licenses and would be opposed to merging the two licenses together. Mr. Pizzotti is worried that if the two licenses merge, it would require licensees who have worked in the profession for twenty-five years to go back to school.

C. Network of Allies – Contact List Update

Mr. Gonzales informed us that he has not yet been able to establish any new contacts or updates. He also mentioned that the private allies list cannot be shared publicly, as it comprises individual names. However, these individuals are eager to participate in the meeting whenever you decide to invite them.

Question/ Discussion:

Mr. Hill noted that the list should be reviewed before we send out any invitations. Mr. Gonzales provided an update, stating that most of the list includes Subject Matter Experts and contacts

through CAPT. Ms. Yamaguchi and Mr. Hill indicated that they would like Dr. McLeod to review the list as well.

D. Invite – CA Community College PT Program Directors

Mr. Hill shared that the committee wanted to invite PT Program Directors to the committee meetings and asked how we could proceed in the invitations. Ms. Yamaguchi updated that the PT Directors meet on a regular basis and suggested that we may want to have more of a town hall or networking meeting.

E. Director Forum

Dr. McLeod informed us that we had a fantastic turnout at the forum. Mr. Hill asked whether the directors were aware of the Ad Hoc Committee Meeting. Dr. McLeod mentioned that this topic is not typically discussed, but she would include it in the next forum. She also noted that an email could be sent out to the directors regarding this matter.

F. CAPT Board Meeting

Ms. Yamaguchi informed us that we should prepare for an upcoming CAPT board meeting by compiling a list of items or topics we wish to discuss. Ms. Moore will contact CAPT to find out the date of a future board meeting and to inquire about the possibility of representatives from the Board attending. Additionally, Ms. Moore will look into scheduling a time for CAPT to attend one of our committee meetings.

Question/ Discussion:

Mr. Pizzotti noted that CAPT meets quarterly, and he confirmed that the next Board meeting will be in September.

4. What's next? – Ms. Yamaguchi.

Ms. Yamaguchi mentioned that we discussed this topic in a previous topic in this meeting. She also noted that Dr. McLeod's team will work diligently to gather information and conduct the occupational analysis.

Question/ Discussion:

Mr. Pizzotti reported that Elaine has regular meetings with CAPT to review any new updates and concerns. Mr. Pizzotti has concerns over vacancies in the state hospitals, and the state has been outsourcing to staffing agencies that are paying more per hour and day. Mr. Pizzotti provided an update stating that licensees are resigning instead of being terminated by the state and are being hired by a staffing agency, only to return to the same facility where they were going to be let go.

5. Suggestion for Future Agenda Items.

Ms. Yamaguchi mentioned that we discussed this topic in a previous topic in this meeting.

6. Schedule Next Psychiatric Technician Ad Hoc Committee Meeting.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for **September 3, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.**

7. Adjournment.

Mr. Hill adjourned this meeting at 11:08 a.m.