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The Latest on Licensure

In the time period since your last newsletter, representatives of the Board of Occupational Therapy and NMOTA have appeared at a Sunset hearing before the Sunset Subcommittee of the Legislative Finance Committee at the Capitol building in Santa Fe. The Sunset Subcommittee evaluates the boards of each licensed profession on a rotating basis once every six years and determines if the boards are serving the public and should continue to exist. At that hearing the Sunset Subcommittee recommended that the Board of Occupational Therapy Practice

continue to exist and also that it be combined with the Physical Therapy Licensing Board. Members of the Board of OT Practice have been gathering information from other states with combined OT and PT boards in order that they may discuss this issue at their upcoming meeting on Tuesday, October 25, 1994, 8:30 a.m. in Albuquerque at the Educational Assessment Systems office (5200 Copper NE). This meeting, as are all meetings of the Board of OT Practice, is open to the public should you wish to express your opinion on this issue.

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New Mexico Travel Guide for the Handicapped: OTRs, COTAs, and Students Needed

NMOTA has been invited to participate in a project to help develop a New Mexico guide for persons with hearing, visual, or mobility impairments. A travel guide has been developed in Virginia by a company called The Opening Door, Inc., a not-for-profit charity dedicated to making travel easier for people with disabilities. The New Mexico

Governor's Committee for the Concerns of the Handicapped has organized this project. Once we receive the green light from the committee, we will be asked to assess tourist attractions, museums, recreation facilities, transportation, and possibly ski areas. We will divide the state into six geographical regions: northwest, northcentral, northeast, central, southeast, and southwest. The project could begin this month and would need to be completed by late March. We hope to begin eliciting volunteers for the

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