



Meeting Minutes



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| Meeting Title: | Mississippi Council of Advisors in Occupational Therapy Meeting | |
| Meeting Location: | CC/PL Conference Room – 143B LeFleurs Square, Jackson, MS 39211 | |
| Meeting Date: | January 22, 2020 | |
| Time: | 1:00 P.M. | |
| Called to Order: | 1:08 PM by Ms. Morrow, Quorum was established. | |
| Next Meeting Date/Time/Location: | 20 January 2021 1:00 P.M. CC/PL Conference Room / 143B LeFleurs Square, Jackson, MS 39211 | |
| Meeting Adjourned | 2:36 P.M. | |
| Attendees: | <u>Council Members Present</u> Scott Cockroft Megan Ladner Michelle Pierce | <u>Council Members Absent</u> Cynthia Senior |
| | <u>MSDH Staff Present</u> Festus Simkins Amirah Saleem Yolanda Morrow Alex Smith Cassandra Walter | |
| | <u>Attending Via Phone Conference</u> Tina Melton | |
| | <u>Members of the Public Present</u> | |



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| | New Business | NOTES |
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| 1. | Approval of January 23, 2019 minutes | A motion was made by Ms. Ladner and seconded by Ms. Pierce to approve the minutes of January 23, 2019 meetings. The motion passed. |
| 2. | Election of Chair and Vice-chair | The Council elected Scott Cockroft as chair and Michelle Pierce as secretary for the 2021 term. |
| 3. | 2020 Renewal Reminder | Ms. Morrow reminded the Council that their renewal period will begin on March 1, 2020. She requested the Mississippi Occupational Therapy Association (MSOTA) post a reminder for their member and as request they submit email addresses. |
| 4. | MSOTA Conference | Mr. Cockroft informed the Council that MSOTA will have a panel discussion with the members of the advisory council to answer questions pertaining to the <i>Regulations Governing the Licensure of Occupational Therapist and Occupational Therapy Assistants</i> . Members of the Council who will be present are Ms. Ladner, Mr. Cockroft, Ms. Pierce, and Tina Melton. He stated last year's panel discussion went well. |
| 5. | Random Audits | Mr. Cockroft suggested the Department along with members of the Advisory Council conduct random audits of records. Performance of these random audits can provide an opportunity for technical assistance when errors or violations occur. Mr. Simkins stated that we need will a justification of need. Ms. Ladner will develop the justification and submit it to Ms. Morrow. |
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| 1. | Reappointment of Members and Appointment of Replacements | Ms. Morrow informed the Council that Mr. Cockroft and Ms. Pierce terms expired on December 31, 2019, and that the Department has not received a letter of support for their reappointment. She also informed them that Tina Melton and Megan Ladner's terms will expire on December 31, 2020. Mr. Cockroft informed Ms. Morrow that Ms. Kelly Crawford is the new MSOTA president. Ms. Morrow stated she will send a request concerning the nominations. |
| 2. | LARS Updated | Ms. Morrow informed the Council that the Department has the new database system on line. |
| 3. | Dry Needling as an Occupational Therapy modality | Mr. Cockroft informed the Council that AOTA is revisiting its position concerning dry needling. They have not released an official position on the matter. We will continue to table this discussion. |
| 4. | Telehealth | Ms. Pierce questioned where the Department is with Telehealth regulations. Mr. Simkins stated that the agency has not received a notice to prepare Telehealth regulations. It is his understanding that the Legislator is to revisit the topic. |
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