



# Meeting Minutes



<b>Meeting Title:</b>	<b>Mississippi Council of Advisors in Occupational Therapy Meeting</b>	
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	<b>Zoom - CC/PL Conference Room – 143B LeFleurs Square, Jackson, MS 39211</b>	
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	<b>June 2, 2021</b>	
<b>Time:</b>	<b>11:30 A.M.</b>	
<b>Called to Order:</b>	<b>11:34 A.M. by Mr. Cockroft, Quorum was established.</b>	
<b>Next Meeting Date/Time/Location:</b>	<b>19 January 2022 1:00 P.M. Zoom - CC/PL Conference Room / 143B LeFleurs Square, Jackson, MS 39211</b>	
<b>Meeting Adjourned</b>	<b>1:17 P.M.</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	<u><b>Council Members Present</b></u> Scott Cockroft Cheri Nipp Kristy Cole	<u><b>Council Members Absent</b></u> Cynthia Senior Michelle Pierce
	<u><b>MSDH Staff Present</b></u> Festus Simkins Amirah Saleem Felicia Wang Yolanda Morrow	
	<u><b>Attending Via Phone Conference</b></u>	
	<u><b>Members of the Public Present</b></u> Shaun Conway, NBCOT Senior Director, External & Regulatory Affairs	



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	New Business	NOTES
1.	Approval of January 20, 2021, minutes	A motion was made by Ms. Nipp and seconded by Ms. Cole to remove the statement "If the pandemic is still ongoing, the council will decide prior to renewal in 2022 if continuing education hours can be waived" from the January 20, 2021, minutes. The motion passed. A motion was made by Ms. Cole and seconded by Ms. Nipp to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2021, meeting once corrected. The motion passed.
2.	Complaint Report	Ms. Wang provided a status update on recent complaints. She informed the Council that the OTA in the falsifying documentation complaint that was discussed at the last meeting did sign the consent agreement and that her first quarterly report is due soon. Ms. Wang also informed the Council that the Department denied the renewal of the OTA in the college complaint. The OTA questioned if she could reapply later. Ms. Wang told her she could apply again but there was not a guarantee of reinstatement.
3.	CE Course Review	Ms. Morrow submitted a course from United Dry Needling Education for the Council to review for continuing education credit. The Council decided to delay deciding until the Regulations include the requirements for an occupational therapist to perform dry needling.
4.	NBCOT Presentation – An Update on National Certification	Mr. Conway, the Senior Director of External and Regulatory Affairs with the National Board for Certification in Occupation Therapy, Inc. (NBCOT), provided the Council and Department members an update on the services they provide. The information Mr. Conway shared included NBCOT's mission statement, their accrediting bodies, an outline of how both the OT and the OTA exams are created, the exam scoring calendar, the administrator portal, their disciplinary action process, and the Navigator.
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1.	Dry Needling	Mr. Cockroft presented a proposed amendment to the Regulations concerning adding Drying Needling as a physical agent modality (PAM) for occupational therapists. The Council discussed the proposed amendment and agreed concerning its inclusion as an advanced physical agent modality. Mr. Simkins questioned proceeding with the proposed change without the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) having requirements in place. The Council explained that the AOTA Taskforce recommends the practice to be included as a PAM and provided the Taskforce's report. The Department also receive a letter of support from the Mississippi Occupational Therapy Association (MSOTA). Mr. Simkins stated that the Board approval of the certification courses should be changed to the Advisory Council. Mr. Cockroft stated he would make the change. A motion was made by Ms. Cole and seconded by Ms. Nipp to approve the proposed Regulation change that would list Dry Needling as an advanced physical agent modality after the change has been made. The motion carried.
2.	Universal Licensing Law	Ms. Morrow discussed the law and the potential changes to the Regulations. Once the changes have been outlined, she would inform the Council.
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**Council Chairperson**

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**MSDH Representative**

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**Date**

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