



Meeting Minutes



Meeting Title:	Mississippi Council of Advisors in Occupational Therapy Meeting	
Meeting Location:	Zoom - CC/PL Conference Room – 143B LeFleurs Square, Jackson, MS 39211	
Meeting Date:	January 19, 2022	
Time:	1:00 P.M.	
Called to Order:	1:04 A.M. by Mr. Cockroft, Quorum was established.	
Next Meeting Date/Time/Location:	18 January 2023 1:00 P.M. Zoom - CC/PL Conference Room / 143B LeFleurs Square, Jackson, MS 39211	
Meeting Adjourned	1:49 P.M.	
Attendees:	<u>Council Members Present</u> Scott Cockroft Cheri Nipp Kristy Cole Michelle Pierce	<u>Council Members Absent</u> Cynthia Senior
	<u>MSDH Staff Present</u> Amirah Saleem Felicia Wang Yolanda Morrow	
	<u>Attending Via Phone Conference</u>	
	<u>Members of the Public Present</u> Kristi Neville, AOTA Manager, State Affairs Dr. Glenda Hux, MSOTA Legislative Committee	



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	New Business	NOTES
1.	Approval of June 2, 2021, minutes	A motion was made by Ms. Cole and seconded by Ms. Pierce to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2021 meeting. The motion passed.
2.	Complaint Report	Ms. Wang provided a status update on recent complaints. She informed the Council that the Bureau received a complaint concerning a facility that provides OT services are allegedly failing to protect patients from COVID-19. Ms. Wang will inform the individual that the Bureau does not have jurisdiction over facilities only individual licensed as an occupational therapist or assistant. She will also provide them with a contact with Medicare for additional information.
3.	New Complaint Form	Ms. Morrow informed the Council that there is a complaint form for individuals filing a complaint against a licensee on the MSDH website. She stated the individual would complete the form and submit it. Once they hit the submit button, it will be sent directly to MSDHProfLicensure@msdh.ms.gov for review.
4.	Reappointments/Nomination	Ms. Morrow informed the Council that this is Mr. Cockroft and Ms. Pierce's last term on the advisory council. Council members expressed appreciation for their service. Ms. Morrow also informed the Council that Dr. Senior's term would expire this year. Ms. Morrow will contact Dr. Senior to determine if she is willing to serve another term, afterwards she will contact Mississippi Occupational Therapy Association (MSOTA) for nominations for the three positions.
5.	Renewal Reminder	Ms. Morrow reminded the Council that this is a renewal term. The renewal window is March 1 – April 30, 2022 and currently there are no plans to extend the renewal period. The Council were in agreement that for this term, we would allow 100% online continuing education courses and will start reviewing for the next term after the current renewal closes.
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	Old Business	NOTES
1.	Dry Needling	Mr. Cockroft informed the Council that Dry Needling has been added to the Regulations. Ms. Morrow informed the Council that the Bureau has approved approximately ten dry needling requests from occupational therapists.
2.	Online Application	Ms. Morrow notified the Council that the testing has been completed for the online applications. The Bureau is awaiting the link from ITS to be placed on the website. After the online applications are placed online, the paper applications will be removed 90-days after.
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	Public Comments	NOTES
1.	Introduction of Guest	Kristi Neville with American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) introduced herself and informed the Council of initiatives that AOTA are involved in, such as, compact licensure, AOTA Conferences and AOTA new website design. Dr. Glenda Hux is with MSOTA on the Legislative Committee. The Council questioned Ms. Neville concerning the compact. She offered AOTA's assistance if it is decided that Mississippi would like to enter a bill for the Occupational Therapy Compact.
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Scott Cockroft

Council Chairperson

Yolanda Morrow

MSDH Representative

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