



Meeting Title:	Mississippi Professional Art Therapist Advisory Council Meeting	
Meeting Location:	Zoom Meeting – 143B LeFleurs Square, Jackson, MS 39211	
Meeting Date:	October 23, 2020	
Time:	1:30 P.M.	
Called to Order:	1:34 PM by Susan Anand, Quorum was	not established.
Next Meeting Date/Time/Location:	22 January 2021 1:30 P.M. CC/PL Conference Room / 143B LeFleurs Square, Jackson, MS 39211	
Meeting Adjourned	2:36 P.M.	
	Council Members Present Susan Anand	Council Members Absent Christel Howell Teresa Ballinger
Attendees:	MSDH Staff Present Festus Simkins Ebony Gunn Yolanda Morrow Cassandra Walter  Attending Via Phone Conference John Phillip Macon	
	Members of the Public Present	

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	New Business	NOTES
1.	Approval of January 24, 2020 minutes	Approval of Minutes of the January 2020 meeting was tabled until the next meeting due to no quorum.
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	Old Business	NOTES
1.	Reappointment/Appointment of members	Ms. Morrow informed the Council that Ms. Bullard's appointment is awaiting the Board of Health approval. She also stated that she has not received Dr. Gleason's information as of today. Ms. Anand stated she will reach out to Dr. Gleason.
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2.	Medicaid Update	Ms. Anand provided an update on the progress with Medicaid. She stated that they are adding professions to the program and that may we should try resubmitting.
3.	Statue Changes	Ms. Anand presented the statute revisions desired for the Mississippi Art Therapy statute. Festus stated we will need to draft a bill, obtain agreement for the Council, and receive a statement from the American Art Therapy Association supporting the bill. After that information is received, it will be presented to the Board of Health. Ms. Anand stated that she can provide a summary of why the changes are necessary.
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**Council Chairperson** 

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Festus E. Simkins

MSDH Representative

5/16/2021 | 8:04 PM CDT

Date