



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

**Professional Art Therapists
Advisory Council
Minutes
January 27, 2017**

Members

Dianne Stefanick
Susan Ainlay Anand (via phone)
J. Phillip Macon
Lillian J. Houston, MD

Absent Members

Amelia Chotard Brooks

MSDH

E. Gunn
E. O'Neal
F. Simkins

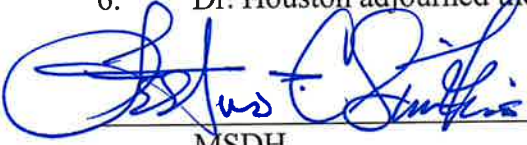
1. Dr. Houston called the meeting to order. A quorum was established.
2. By unanimous consent, January 29, 2016, and September 30, 2016, minutes were approved by the Council.
3. The following officer was elected by acclimation of the Council:
Chair-elect: J. Phillip Macon
4. New Business:
 - a. Ms. Anand updated the Council concerning the progress with art therapists being approved for reimbursement thru Medicaid. She stated she spoke with numerous people for reimbursement and provided information pertaining to the art therapy profession and hopes that it will go to the legislature. Ms. O'Neal stated that the legal department would make some inquiries concerning reimbursement through Medicaid and will keep everyone updated via email. Ms. Anand will forward the names of the individuals who she has communicated with to Ms. Morrow and Mr. Simkins.
 - b. Mr. Simkins informed the Council that we received Ms. Christel Howell's name as a nomination for the consumer member to the Council. Her nomination will be submitted to the Board of Health at its April 2017 meeting.
 - c. Mr. Simkins informed the Council that we received Dr. Houston's nomination to be reappointed as the physician member of the Council. Her information will be submitted to the Board of Health at its April 2017 meeting. The Council discussed the reappointment of Ms. Brooks. Ms. Anand will speak with her concerning her membership. If she is unable to serve, the Council recommends either Judith Crotty

or Teresa Ballinger as her replacement.

d. Mr. Macon inquired if additional members could be added to the Council. Ms. O'Neal explained that the Council membership is based on statute and can only be changed via the statute. Mr. Macon asked if were possible to amend the statute to add a psychologist to the Council. Ms. O'Neal and Mr. Simkins will research the matter and determine if the wording can be adjusted in the *Regulations Governing Licensure of Professional Art Therapists*.

5. The next meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2017, at 1:30 p.m.


6. Dr. Houston adjourned the meeting at 2:14 p.m.



MSDH



Council Chair



Date