



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Professional Art Therapists
Advisory Council
Minutes
February 23, 2018

Members

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

Absent Members

Christel Howell

MSDH

E. Gunn
C. Walter
F. Simkins
Y. Morrow

- 1. Mr. Macon called the meeting to order. A quorum was established.
2. By unanimous consent, September 22, 2017, minutes were approved by the Council.
3. The following officer was elected by acclamation of the Council:
Chair-elect: Teresa R. Ballinger
4. New Business:
a. Ms. Anand updated the Council concerning the progress with art therapists being approved for reimbursement thru Medicaid. She presented the top ten primary diagnostic codes used for billing claims.
b. Ms. Anand presented a list of licensed Professional Art Therapists and individual who are certified in art therapy but are not licensed. She contacted the certified individuals concerning obtaining licensure as a Professional Art Therapist. At this time, only one individual was interested.
c. Ms. Gunn provided a licensure update to the Council. During the last renewal cycle, six (6) Licensed Professional Art Therapists renewed online and three (3) renewed via paper renewal.
d. Mr. Simkins informed the Council of the 2020 repealers that affect all of the programs in Professional Licensure issued by the Occupational Board Compliance Act of 2017. The Department is monitoring the repealers. A motion was made by Mr. Macon and seconded by Dr. Houston to place this item on the agenda until a resolution is reached. The motion carried.
5. The next meeting is scheduled for September 21, 2018, at 1:30 p.m.
6. Mr. Macon adjourned the meeting at 2:53 p.m.

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Council Chair