

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 17, 2024		
Time:	1:00 P.M.	1:00 P.M.	
Called to Order:	1:04 P.M. by Ms. Cole, Quorum was established.		
Next Meeting Date/Time/Location:	12 June 2024 1:00 P.M. Zoom - CC/PL Conference Room / 143B LeFleurs Square, Jackson, MS 39211		
Meeting Adjourned	1:45 P.M.		
	Council Members Present Cynthia Senior Foster Maurice Allen Kristy Cole Cheri Harbour Karen Lammert	Council Members Absent	
Attendees:	MSDH Staff Present Amirah Saleem Felicia Wang Nicole Banes Attending Via Phone Conference		
	Members of the Public Present		

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	New Business	NOTES
1.	Approval of August 17, 2023 minutes	A motion was made by Ms. Harbour and seconded by Dr. Senior to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2023 meeting. The motion passed.
2.	Election of Officers	Both Dr. Cole and Ms. Harbour stated they would continue as chair and secretary. Ms. Harbour motioned for Dr. Cole to continue as chair, Mr. Foster seconded. Dr. Cole motioned for Ms. Harbour to continue as secretary, Mr. Foster seconded. The officers were approved.
3.	Continuing Education	Ms. Wang informed the Council that the Department has been receiving calls and emails regarding continuing education. Ms. Saleem has been answering all questions, informing licensees of minimum 6 hours must be live face-to-face, maximum 7 hours non-live (home study courses), and remaining 7 hours can be more live face-to-face or non live face-to-face (webinars), and that there is a requirement of 2 ethics hours, even with submission of NBCOT. Dr. Cole states that she will be typing up a statement on behalf of MSOTA and MSDH. The Council agreed that the section for CEs need to be re-worded as Ms. Harbour stated that acceptance of NBCOT (who does not require any live hours) is confusing with the Department's requirements.
4.	Supervision	Dr. Cole informed the Council that she wants to organize a task force for the different practice settings to discuss supervision of OTAs. The supervision requirements were approved by AOTA but is affecting certain practitioners. She is looking for recommendations of 6-8 OTs in order to meet the needs of all practice settings so that there can be cohesiveness for the Regulation changes regarding supervison.
5.	Complaints	Ms. Wang informed the Council there were no complaints submitted for OT or OTA.
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	Public Comments	NOTES
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	Other Business	NOTES
1.	Medical Marijuana	Ms. Wang informed the Council that with medical marijuana becoming legal in the state of Mississippi, this can pose a problem with professionals. Dr. Cole has looked into verbiage from California and Colorado, and Ms. Harbour has reached out the the MS Board of Physical Therapy to see if the topic has come up.
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Council Chairperson	
Yolanda Morrow	
MSDH Representative	

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Date

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