



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

**Professional Art Therapists
Advisory Council
Minutes
October 2, 2015**

Members

Dianne Stefanick
Susan Ainlay Anand
J. Phillip Macon
Lillian J. Houston, MD

Absent Members

Amelia Chotard Brooks
Jennifer Eidt

MSDH

Y. Morrow
T. Broger
F. Simkins
D. Robinson

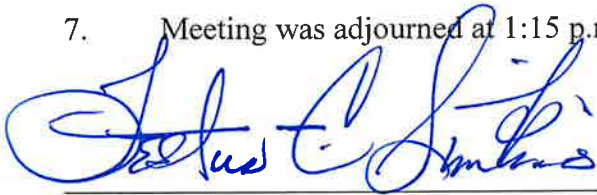
1. Mr. Macon called the meeting to order. A quorum was established.
2. By unanimous consent, the January 16, 2015, minutes were approved by the Council.
3. Old Business: (General Discussion)
 - a. Ms. Morrow informed the council that the Tip Expressive Arts Studio certified letter, as well as the regular letter, requesting Ms. Keaton's presence at the next meeting were returned "not able deliverable as addressed; unable to forward." Ms. Stefanick stated that when she went to the business location she was told that Ms. Keaton was working out of her home. The council discussed options on what steps to take next. Mr. Simkins explained the possible issues with sending cease and deist letters after the Supreme Court decision in the FTC vs. the North Carolina Dental board. A motion was made by Dr. Houston and seconded by Ms. Anand to table this issue until the next meeting. The motion carried.
 - b. Ms. Anand provided an update on the ATCB Website. She stated the ATCB would not provide contact information to others. She will be attending the ATCB Board meeting and will inquire of the group concerning obtaining information in order to send the credentialed members who are not licensed an information packet about licensure in the State of Mississippi. The issue will be revisited at the January meeting.
4. New Business:
 - a. Ms. Morrow informed the Council that Ms. Stefanick's term would expire on June

30, 2016. She asked Ms. Stefanick if she is interested in serving another term. Ms. Stefanick replied, yes and that she would email an updated vitae and statement of interest to Ms. Morrow and contact the Association for their letter of recommendation.

b. Ms. Anand asked Mr. Macon what is the next step to obtaining reimbursement from third party payers. Mr. Macon replied that once you have Medicare and Medicaid, it takes approximately ten years to get other payers, such as BlueShield to begin to reimburse for services. It will take continued perseverance and publicizing what an Art Therapist is and how it is beneficial in the healing process to obtain insurance reimbursement for art therapy services.

6. The next meeting is scheduled for January 29, 2016, at 1:30 p.m.

7. Meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.


MSDH


Council Chair


Date