



**Mississippi Professional Art Therapy  
Advisory Council  
Minutes  
September 22, 2017**

**Members**

Lillian J. Houston, MD  
J. Phillip Macon  
Dianne Stefanick  
Susan Ainlay Anand  
Christel Howell  
Teresa Ballinger

**Absent Members**

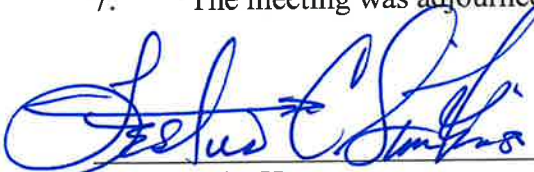
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Y. Morrow  
E. Gunn  
F. Simkins  
E. O'Neal


1. Dr. Houston called the meeting to order. A quorum was established. The Council welcomed new members.
2. By unanimous consent, January 27, 2017, minutes were approved by the Council.
3. Old Business:
  - a. Ms. Anand provided a Medicaid Update. She discussed the CPT codes that the art therapists may use for reimbursement. Mr. Macon discussed the importance of using the correct CPT code.
  - b. Mr. Simkins informed the Council that he submitted the request to add a psychologist member to the Council. It is under consideration in Dr. Currier's office. Ms. O'Neal stated that she would check on the status of the request.
4. New Business:
  - a. Ms. Morrow informed the Council of the new travel policy for all individuals traveling on business for the State of Mississippi.
  - b. Ms. Morrow reminded the Council that the art therapist renewal period was this year.

The renewal portal will open on November 1, 2017, and close at midnight December 31, 2017. They should receive postcards announcing this information by October 31, 2017.

- c. Mr. Simkins informed the Council that the Department is working with ITS on our new database system.
  - d. Mr. Macon asked if there was anything could be done to increase the number of art therapist in Mississippi. Ms. Anand replied that establishing a master's degree program in art therapy at one of the colleges or universities in Mississippi would be a great help in increasing the number of art therapists.
6. The next meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2018, at 1:30 p.m.
7. The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

  
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