



Mississippi Autism Board
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Special Meeting
Mississippi Autism Board Meeting
March 18, 2020 12:00 p.m.
Zoom Conference Call

MINUTES

A special meeting of the Mississippi Autism Board (“Board”) was called to order on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 12:02 a.m. by board member, Dr. Kasee Stratton-Gadke. The meeting took place via Zoom conference software in response to the MS Department of Health social distancing guidelines during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Board Members Present: Kasee Stratton-Gadke, Ph.D. (Chair), Emily Johnson, Ph.D., Sheila Williamson, Ph.D., Neelima Duncan, Ph.D., and Krystal Thurman, Ed.D. (Secretary)

Others Present: None

First Matter of Business: CEU Allowance during COVID-19 Pandemic

The special meeting was called to discuss the Autism Board’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic and its implications to the practice of ABA therapy throughout the state of Mississippi. Board members voted unanimously to allow for more than 50% of CEUs to take place through online delivery methods. The allowance will be allowed for the current CEU year from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. New guidance will be provided prior to the 2020-2021 CEU renewal timeframe. Practitioners are still expected to maintain the completion of the required number of CEUs per year while special allowances will be made for CEUs acquired through online delivery methods.

Second Matter of Business: Telehealth during COVID-19 Pandemic

Telehealth was discussed as a method to provide consultations to families and clients. Board members saw no concerns with telehealth from statute or rules and regulations. Johnson shared provider responses related to telehealth coverage for ABA related services.

Third Matter of Business: May 2020 Meeting

Discussion regarding the May 2020 meeting location took place. No decision was made at this time.

A motion was made to adjourn. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 1:06 p.m. The next Board meeting will take place May 8, 2020.