

**REPORT ON THE ACADEMIC ACCREDITATION EXERCISE OF THE  
FEDERAL SCHOOL OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY, PSYCHIATRIC  
HOSPITAL, YABA, LAGOS**

**MEMBERS OF THE ACCREDITATION PANEL**

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| 1. | Prof. (Mrs.) Arinola O. Sanya | - | Chairman      |
| 2. | Irene Okeke-Igbokwe           | - | Member        |
| 3. | Pastor (Mrs.) G. Edegar       | - | Member        |
| 4. | Mr. C. B. Aiyejusunle         | - | Member        |
| 5. | Mr. J. D. Jogunola            | - | Ag. Registrar |

The accreditation exercise started by 10AM on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2004 with the accreditation team led by Prof. (Mrs.) A. O. Sanya being warmly received by the Chief Medical Director (MD) of the Hospital – Dr. I. O. Malomo and his lieutenants at the Board room of the Hospital. In the convoy of the MD are the following key management staff members of the Hospital and the School.

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| 1. | Ms. Otolorin        | - | Principal of the School                                    |
| 2. | Mr. Rasaq Oyetola   | - | HOD – Administration, Psychiatric Hospital, Yaba, Lagos    |
| 3. | Chief E. A. Adebayo | - | Asst. Chief Occupational Therapist                         |
| 4. | Mrs. Amalia         | - | Expatriate – Occupational Therapist                        |
| 5. | Mrs. Peters         | - | Asst. Director Pharmacy, Psychiatric Hospital, Yaba, Lagos |
| 6. | Mrs. M. D. Subuloye | - | AD – Administration (Nursing)                              |
| 7. | Mr. Oyenaya         | - | Secretary to Psychiatric Hospital, Yaba, Lagos.            |

In attendance is Dr. M. A. Awe, CSGI - Hospital Services - Federal Ministry of Health, Abuja.

The accreditation exercise continued with the welcome address presented by Dr. I. O. Malomo the Medical Director of the Hospital. In his welcome speech, Dr. I. O. Malomo gave a very brief historic background of the School and various efforts by the Hospital that led to the approval of the School by 15<sup>th</sup> March 2002 by the Federal Ministry of Health, copy of the speech attached as **appendix 1**.

The Principal of the School also presented her welcome address with emphasis on the genesis of the School, the academic programme, the importance of Occupational Therapy Profession including definition of Occupational Therapy etc (copy attached as **appendix 2**).

The Chairperson of the Board (MRTB) accreditation panel Prof. Mrs. A. O. Sanya introduced the members of her team one after the other before handing the baton over to the Ag. Registrar - Mr. J. D. Jogunola for the business of the day - the Accreditation Exercise.

The Ag. Registrar - Mr. J. D. Jogunola started by claiming to be in the know of the genesis and other related problems and prospects of the Psychiatric Hospital School of Occupational Therapy, Yaba, Lagos while he was in the Ministry - Federal Ministry of Health. He also affirmed that accreditation of the School is an obligatory assignment that the Board (MRTB) should oblige. He further attributed the delay in carrying out the accreditation exercise of the School to administrative and political undertone on the part of the Board MRTB. He further reinstated that a major milestone is being crossed today by this accreditation exercise.

Mr. Jogunola further drew the attention of the team to a particular letter dated 25<sup>th</sup> September 2002, copy attached as **appendix 3**, and asked if the School of Occupational Therapy is prepared to produce graduants registrable with the Board MRTB as Occupational Therapy Assistants (OTA's), or whether it will be preferred by them being affiliated to a University for the purpose of Degree awarding in Occupational Therapy.

Ms. Otolorin then responded to Mr. Jogunola's question that the students train for two years in the School and one additional year for clinical exposure outside the School to qualify as Occupational Therapy Assistants (OTA's) who will be working under the supervision of qualified Occupational Therapists.

Pastor (Mrs.) G. Edegar representing Occupational Therapy on the Accreditation Team thanked and acknowledged all seated, and said that experts are what are needed on the

field of Occupational Therapy not half-baked professionals. She drew the attention of the Principal – School of Occupational Therapy – Ms. Otolorin to some specific areas of training like Anatomy, Paediatrics, Neuroanatomy, Neurology etc., which are not adequately covered, on **appendix 5**. This she pointed out must be addressed in order to prevent production of quark in the future.

The Ag. Registrar – Mr. J. D. Jogunola demanded for the following items as part of requirements for the accreditation exercise.

- i) Brief about the School
- ii) Academic staff records including areas of specialization.
- iii) Student's list.
- iv) Two additional copies of the School Curriculum.
- v) List of Infrastructural facilities available in the School.
- vi) Other relevant information that will assist the Board MRTB in carrying out the accreditation exercise.

Item (i) above constitutes **appendix 4** while item (ii) is **appendix 5** and items (iii) and (v) constitutes **appendix 6 and 7 respectively**.

The Ag. Registrar pointed out to all the participants that the Board MRTB in line with Decree 38 of 1988 establishing the Board and in conjunction with appropriate authorities can train and award certificates (e. g. Degree or Diploma or equivalent) to her registrants at any level deemed fit by the Board MRTB.

Secondly, the Board MRTB runs and accredits academic programmes leading to award of certificates qualifying registrants/professionals under the Board MRTB. These academic programmes **must** have been initiated and managed by the Board MRTB or approved by the National University Commission (NUC) or its equivalent. It therefore follows that any academic programme(s) leading to an approved qualification for registration of the professioners with the Board MRTB **must** be Board Programmed or approved one from an appropriate body e.g. NUC.

The accreditation team, the Hospital Management Staff and the School's Academic and Management Staff led by the School Principal – Ms. Otolorin were conducted round the premises to confirm **appendix 7** – the Infrastructural facilities.

Students were also seen in their classrooms receiving lectures.

The exercise closed at about 3:45PM with refreshment provided by the Hospital Management.

The accreditation team later converged and studied the attached appendixes and made the following recommendations.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. The present curriculum of the School should be moderated by the Board MRTB to conform to the norms of academic programme of the Board MRTB in accordance with section 11 – first schedule items 1 – 5 and section 12 1a & b & 2a, b & c of our enabling law – Decree 38 of 1988. This new arrangement covers students' admission, matriculation and induction. All examinations shall be absolutely regulated and supervised by the Board MRTB until affiliation or assimilation of the School to or by a nearby University respectively is accomplished.
2. The Students should be admitted to the School with a minimum of 5 credits, 3 of which should include the core sciences (Physics, Chemistry and Biology) and the other two (2) in English Language and Mathematics. All students currently studying in the School, who are yet to meet up with this condition, MUST do so before being allowed to sit their final qualifying exams.
3. The core Occupational Therapy Staff in the school is inadequate, efforts should be intensified by the Psychiatric Hospital Management to recruit more core Occupational Therapy Lecturers and Clinical Co-coordinators.
4. In the interim, the products of the School after the first two academic years and the one year clinical exposure shall be awarded Diploma in Occupational Therapy (DOT) and would be registered as Occupational Therapy Assistants (OTA), who will be made to work supervision of qualified Occupational Therapists in any clinical setting within the Country.
5. The School and the Board (MRTB) should work out the logistics of affiliating the school to or being assimilated by a nearby University for Degree Awarding Status. After which interested candidates for further Educational qualification(s) in Occupational Therapy (OT) shall proceed to the above mentioned University for degree awarding in Occupational Therapy to qualify as full-fledged Occupational Therapists.

If the above recommendations are approved, the School Management should liaise with the Board MRTB to adopt the working formulae on which these recommendations will operate for the smooth take off and running of the School.

**J. D. JOGUNOLA**  
**AG. REGISTRAR, MRTB.**