

MINUTES
MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
JUNE 25, 2020

The Mississippi State Board of Health met on Thursday, June 25, 2020, at 10 am.

Members Present in Person:

Ed D. Barham, MD, FACR, Clinton, MS – Chairman
Lucius M. Lampton, MD, FAAFP, Magnolia, MS

Members Present via Zoom:

Thad Waites, MD, MACC, Hattiesburg, MS – Vice Chairman
Elayne H. Anthony, PhD, Madison, MS
J. Edward Hill, MD, FAAFP, Tupelo, MS
Robert J. Moody, Louisville, MS
James L. Perry, Jackson, MS
Sammie Ruth Rea, RN, Brandon, MS
Wheeler Timothy Timbs, III, Indianola, MS

Member Present via Conference Call:

Dwalia Sherree South, MD, Ripley, MS

Member Absent:

Edward J. Langton, Hattiesburg, MS

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tad Barham, MD, FACR.

The first order of business on the Agenda was the approval of the January 8, 2020; March 20, 2020; March 27, 2020; April 8, 2020; April 17, 2020; April 24, 2020; May 1, 2020; May 8, 2020; May 15, 2020; May 22, 2020 and June 5, 2020 Minutes. Upon motion by Dr. Lampton to adopt the aforementioned Minutes and second by Dr. Anthony, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Thomas Dobbs, MD, MPH presented the State Health Officer's Report. He introduced Daphne Ware, PhD, Lab Director, who gave a brief overview of what the Lab does routinely and a brief overview of the Lab's COVID-19 response.

Sharon Dowdy, CPA, CFE, CPM presented the Financial Update.

Logan Dillon presented the Legislative Update.

Consent Agenda Items:

1. Final Adoption of Rules and Regulations Governing Reportable Diseases and Conditions
2. Appointment to the Child Care Advisory Council
3. Appointments to the Council of Advisors in Dietetics

4. Appointment to the Council of Advisors for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology
5. Appointment and Reappointments to the Mississippi Professional Art Therapists Advisory Council
6. Appointment to the Medical Radiation Advisory Council
7. Final Adoption of Amendments to the Emergency Medical Services Regulations
8. Final Adoption of Amendments to the Mississippi Trauma System Rules and Regulations
9. Final Adoption of Amendments to the Mississippi Trauma System Plan

Upon motion by Dr. Lampton to approve the Consent Agenda and second by Dr. Hill, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Regular Agenda Item:

10. Amendment to the State Health Plan

Upon motion by Dr. Anthony to approve the Amendment to the State Health Plan with the addition of “PCI only hospital may perform any procedure that is allowed in a Cardiac ambulatory surgical facility or joint venture cardiac ambulatory surgical facility” and second by Dr. Lampton, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Old Business:

Election of Officers postponed until August 2020 Board Meeting.

New Business:

Upon motion by Dr. Lampton to ask the State Health Officer to form a COVID-19 Task Force on Racial and Ethnic Disparities (Task Force composed of staff, specialists, stakeholders and interested Board Members) with the hope of studying the significant racial ethnic disparities with COVID infection and mortality, both in Mississippi and the nation, with a creation of a report or white paper with possible strategies to address the issues; said report to come back at the August 13, 2020 Board Meeting and second by Dr. Anthony, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 11:27 am.

Ed D. Barham, MD, FACR
Chairman

Thomas Dobbs, MD, MPH
State Health Officer