

MINUTES  
MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH  
OCTOBER 11, 2023

The Mississippi State Board of Health met on Wednesday, October 11, 2023, in the Alton B. Cobb Auditorium of the Osborne Building, Jackson, MS at 10:00 am.

Members Present:

Lucius M. Lampton, MD, FAAFP, Magnolia, MS - Chairman  
James P. Chaney, MD, Amory, MS - Vice Chairman  
Elayne Anthony, PhD, Madison, MS  
Frederick B. Carlton, Jr., MD, Oxford, MS  
John D. Davis, IV, MD, Flowood, MS  
Lee Ann Griffin, PharmD, Jackson, MS  
Gene B. Hubbard, Jr., Magee, MS  
Robert J. Moody, Louisville, MS  
James L. Perry, Jackson, MS

Via Zoom/Teleconference:

Elizabeth Edmiston, PT, Ocean Springs, MS

Members Absent:

Thad Waites, MD, MACC, Hattiesburg, MS

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lucius M. Lampton, MD, FAAFP. Dr. Lampton acknowledged the new Board members, Dr. Frederick Barnett Carlton, Jr., of Oxford, MS, and Mr. Gene Benny Hubbard, Jr., of Magee, MS.

Dr. Lampton asked Mr. Moody if he would open the meeting with a prayer. Dr. Lampton then asked if everyone would stand for the pledge of allegiance.

Dr. Lampton recognized Senator Hob Bryan, who is one of the champions for public health in Mississippi.

The next order of business was to swear in Dr. Frederick Barnett Carlton, Jr., who was appointed to serve the remainder of Dr. J. Edward Hill's term and Mr. Gene Benny Hubbard, Jr., who replaced Mr. Wheeler Timothy Timbs, III. The Oath was administered by Linda Wilson, Court Reporter.

The next item on the Agenda was the approval of the Minutes for July 12, 2023. Upon motion by Dr. Davis and second by Dr. Anthony, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Daniel Edney, MD, FACP, FASAM, presented the State Health Officer's Report which included updates from Kathryn Taylor, MD., regarding Respiratory Virus Season, RSV and Vaccine Updates. Logan Dillon presented the Legislative Update.

Sharon Dowdy, CPA presented the Financial Update.

## **Consent Agenda:**

1. Final Adoption of Amendments to the Certificate of Need (CON) Review Manual
2. Final Adoption of Changes to SARS-CoV-2 Reporting Requirements in the Rules and Regulations Governing Reportable Diseases and Conditions Required in Mississippi
3. Final Adoption of Amendments to the Minimum Standards for Personal Care Homes Assisted Living
4. Final Adoption of Amendments to the Minimum Standards for Personal Care Homes Residential Living
5. Final Adoption of Amendments to the Minimum Standards of Operation for Mississippi Hospitals
6. Final Adoption of Amendments to the Rules Governing the Mississippi Healthcare Data Registry System
7. Final Adoption of Amendments to the Regulations Governing the Registration of Individuals Performing Tattooing and Individuals Performing Body Piercing
8. Final Adoption of Amendments to the Regulations of Licensure of Speech Language Pathologists and Audiologists
9. Reappointments to the Mississippi Advisory Council in Occupational Therapy
10. Appointment and Reappointments to the Mississippi Professional Art Therapists Advisory Council
11. Reappointment to the Hearing Aid Advisory Council
12. Appointments and Reappointments to the Council of Advisors for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology
13. Appointment and Reappointment to the Childcare Advisory Council Members
14. Final Adoption of Amendments to the Administrative Regulations MS Medical Cannabis Program
15. 2024 Legislative Agenda

Upon motion by Mr. Perry to approve the Consent Agenda Items 1 through 14 and extract Item 15 for discussion and second by Dr. Anthony, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Dr. Lampton moved to plan a zoom meeting in mid-December to discuss the State Health Plan and EMS.

Upon motion by Dr. Lampton to approve the Legislative Agenda with changes to items 1 through 4 and second by Dr. Anthony, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

## **New Business:**

Upon motion by Dr. Griffin to approve the transfer of signatory authority to current leadership and second by Dr. Anthony, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Upon motion by Dr. Anthony and second by Dr. Carlton, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 am.

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Lucius M. Lampton, MD, FAAFP  
Chairman

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Daniel Edney, MD, FACP, FASAM  
State Health Officer