

MINUTES
MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
AUGUST 8, 2007

The Mississippi State Board of Health met on Wednesday, August 8, 2007, in the Alton B. Cobb Auditorium of the Osborne Building, Jackson, MS at 10:00 am.

Members Present:

Elayne H. Anthony, PhD, Madison, MS
Geraldine B. Chaney, MD, FAAP, Jackson, MS
Albert Randel Hendrix, PhD, Ovett, MS
J. Edward Hill, MD, FAAFP, Tupelo, MS
Lucius M. Lampton, MD, FAAFP, Magnolia, MS - Chairman
Carl L. Nicholson, Jr., CPA, Hattiesburg, MS
Ronald W. Robertson, Sr., Greenwood, MS
Kelly S. Segars, Sr., MD, FAAFP, Iuka, MS
Ellen P. Williams, RN, MSN, Senatobia, MS

Members Absent:

Alfred E. McNair, Jr., MD, Ocean Springs, MS - Vice Chairman
Sammie Ruth Rea, RN, Brandon, MS

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lucius M. Lampton, MD.

The first item of business was approval of the July 2, 2007 Board Minutes. Upon motion by Mr. Nicholson and second by Ms. Williams, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Mr. Tom Hood, Executive Director of the MS Ethics Commission presented the Overview of the MS Ethics Commission and Outline of MS Ethics in Government Law.

Dr. Ed Thompson, Interim State Health Officer presented the Immunization Program, MS State Department of Health Two Year Old Survey Award to Dr. Robert Trotter, District Health Officer; Ms. Peggy Oakes, District Chief Nurse and Elwanda Stafiej, District Immunization Nurse, District II.

Dr. Thompson requested that the Board approve the Department's current functional organizational structure, depicted as Chart 3a, as the Department of Health's organizational structure. Upon motion by Dr. Segars and second by Dr. Hendrix, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Dr. Thompson requested that the Board authorize the State Health Officer to exercise the authority of the Board when the Board is not in session subject to ratification of the Board with the knowledge and approval of the Chair of the Board and timely communications with the Board. Upon motion by Dr. Hill and second by Dr. Chaney and Mr. Nicholson, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Dr. Thompson requested that the Board request the Governor direct the Bureau of Finance and Accounts to authorize the issue of bonds for a new state Public Health Laboratory under legislation already passed, or in the alternative, to include bonds for the construction of a new state Public Health Laboratory in the call for any Special Session of the Legislature called between now and the next Regular Session. Upon motion by Dr. Hill and second by Dr. Segars, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Dr. Thompson requested that the Board enter into Executive Session to review candidates for and select the Director of Internal Audit for the Mississippi State Department of Health. Upon motion by Dr. Anthony and second by Ms. Williams, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Motion was made by Dr. Segars and seconded by Dr. Chaney to not interview any of the candidates, accept recommendation of Committee and proceed with vote. Those in favor: Dr. Segars, Dr. Chaney, Dr. Hendrix, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Nicholson. Those against: Dr. Hill, Ms. Williams, Dr. Anthony.

Upon motion by Dr. Hendrix to vote by secret ballot and second by Mr. Nicholson, the Board unanimously approved the motion. Vote is as follows: Those in favor of Jennifer Mitchell: Dr. Chaney, Dr. Hendrix, Dr. Hill, Dr. Lampton, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Robertson, Dr. Segars. Those in favor of Danny Miller: Dr. Anthony, Ms. Williams.

Upon motion by Dr. Hendrix to offer job to Jennifer Mitchell subject to the final approval of the Audit Committee and second by Mr. Robertson, the Board approved the motion.

Upon motion of Dr. Hendrix to go out of Executive Session and second by Mr. Robertson, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Dr. Lampton announced the Board selected a candidate for Director of Internal Audit subject to approval by interview by Audit Committee.

Dr. Lampton appointed the following Board Members to the Audit Committee: Mr. Nicholson, Chairman, Dr. Anthony, Dr. Chaney, Ms. Rea, Ms. Williams. The Committee is to meet with the selected candidate and finalize before the next Board Meeting.

Upon motion of Dr. Hill and second by Mr. Nicholson to approve appropriation request and submit at the next Board Meeting, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Upon motion by Dr. Hill and second by Dr. Chaney to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items 1, 4 and 7 extracted, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Item 1. Proposed Revision to Certificate of Need Review Manual (Effective November 12, 2006) Chapter 3, Section 100, Notice of Intent to Apply for a Certificate of Need to Clarify Time Period for Applicant Submission of Notice

Upon motion by Dr. Hill and second by Dr. Segars to divide the first sentence into two sentences, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Item 4. Consider Recommendations of the MS Qualified Health Center Advisory Group for FY 2008 Grant Awards to MS Qualified Health Centers

Upon motion by Dr. Hill and second by Dr. Chaney to put in parentheses after MS Qualified Health Centers (Federally Qualified Community Health Center), the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Item 7. Minimum Standards for Institutions of the Aged or Infirm

Upon motion by Dr. Hill and second by Mr. Robertson to adopt proposed language, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Item 21. Staff Recommendation for Issuance of a National Interest Waiver Letter for Dr. Pramod Ganta currently holding an H1-B Visa

Upon motion by Dr. Segars that the Board of Health members are provided with action taken and second by Mr. Robertson, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Item 22. Food Protection Regulations

Upon motion by Dr. Segars and second by Dr. Anthony to adopt regulations, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Item 23. Revisions to Emergency Medical Services Rules and Regulations

Upon motion by Mr. Nicholson and second by Ms. Williams to approve proposed EMS fees, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Dr. Lampton announced he had appointed the following Board Members to the Search Committee: Dr. Hill, Chairman, Mr. Robertson, Dr. Chaney, Dr. McNair, Dr. Lampton, Dr. Thompson, Ex-Officio. A Preliminary Time Line was provided to the Board.

Dr. Lampton appointed the Preventive Health Education Committee with Dr. Hill, Chairman, Dr. Anthony, Ms. Williams, Dr. Lampton, Dr. Chaney, Danny Bender, Victor Sutton and Dr. Mary Gayle Armstrong. Dr. Thompson is to get information needed for the Committee.

Upon motion by Ms. Williams to move the next Board Meeting from October 10, 2007 to October 17, 2007 at 10 am and second by Dr. Segars, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Upon motion by Dr. Hill and second by Dr. Anthony to adjourn, the Board unanimously approved the motion. Meeting concluded at 12:50 pm.

Lucius M. Lampton, MD, FAAFP
Chairman

F. E. Thompson, Jr., MD, MPH
Interim State Health Officer