

MINUTES  
MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH  
JULY 12, 2023

The Mississippi State Board of Health met on Wednesday, July 12, 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  
Elizabeth Edmiston, PT, Ocean Springs, MS  
Lee Ann Griffin, PharmD, Jackson, MS  
J. Edward Hill, MD, FAAFP, Oxford, MS  
Robert J. Moody, Louisville, MS  
James L. Perry, Jackson, MS  
Thad Waites, MD, MACC, Hattiesburg, MS

Via Zoom/Teleconference:

John D. Davis, IV, MD, Flowood, MS

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lucius M. Lampton, MD, FAAFP. Dr. Lampton asked that everyone stand for the prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

The first item on the Agenda was the approval of the Minutes for April 12, 2023; May 30, 2023, and June 15, 2023. Upon motion by Mr. Moody to approve the Minutes and second by Dr. Hill, 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 Congenital Syphilis, Syphilis in Pregnancy and COVID -19 Reporting Changes.

Sharon Dowdy, CPA presented the Financial Update.

**Consent Agenda:**

1. Final Adoption of Modifications to the Rules and Regulations Governing Reportable Diseases and Conditions
2. Final Adoption of Modifications to the Minimum Standards of Operations for County Health Departments

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

## **New Business**

Dr. Chaney moved to discuss the first Maternal and Infant Health subcommittee meeting, which included the new vision statement.

“To leverage the statewide scope and statutory authority of the Board of Health for the goal of improving maternal morbidity and mortality in the state of Mississippi.”

Dr. Chaney read a motion from the Maternal and Infant Health subcommittee.

The Maternal Infant Health Issues committee moves that the Mississippi State Department of Health endorse the concept of an OB system of care, modeled from the other currently active system, and therefore direct the Mississippi State Department of Health to work with external experts and partners to work its development using best practices and evidence and other programs.

Implementation would be subject to final Board of Health approval.

Upon motion by Dr. Chaney to approve the vision statement and to endorse the urgent need to improve maternal health outcomes for our state, the motion was second by Dr. Anthony. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

Upon motion, Dr. Lampton moved to discuss the next strategic planning meeting for the Board.

Upon motion, Dr. Lampton moved to discuss the order of the organizational chart. Upon motion, Dr. Anthony approved the new order of the organizational and second by Dr. Hill. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

Mr. Perry presented a resolution of appreciation for distinguished service to Paul Byers, M.D.

Upon motion by Dr. Lampton to approve the resolution of appreciation for distinguished service to Paul Byers, M.D., the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Dr. Chaney presented a resolution of appreciation for distinguished service to J. Edward Hill, M.D., FAAFP.

Upon motion by Dr. Lampton to approve the resolution of appreciation for distinguished service to J. Edward Hill, M.D., FAAFP., the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Dr. Lampton presented a resolution of appreciation for distinguished service to Wheeler Timothy Timbs, III.

Upon motion by Mr. Perry to approve the resolution of appreciation for distinguished service to Wheeler Timothy Timbs, III., and second by Dr. Anthony, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

## **Executive Session**

Upon motion by Dr. Hill to consider closing for Executive Session and second by Dr. Anthony, the Board entered Executive Session to discuss a legal matter.

Upon motion by Mr. Perry and second by Ms. Griffin, the Board exited Executive Session.

Upon motion by Dr. Anthony and second by Dr. Hill, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15pm.

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Lucius M. Lampton, MD, FAAFP  
Chairman

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Daniel Edney, MD, FACP, FASAM  
State Health Officer