

MINUTES
MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
APRIL 12, 2006

The Mississippi State Board of Health met in regular session on Wednesday, April 12, 2006, in the Alton B. Cobb Auditorium of the Osborne Building, Jackson, MS at 10:00 am with the following members present:

District I	Ellen Williams, RN, Senatobia
District I	Ruth Greer, RN, Holly Springs
District II	Walter C. Gough, MD, Drew
District II	Debra Griffin, Belzoni
District III	R. A. Foxworth, DC, Jackson
District III	Mary Kim Smith, RN, Vice Chairman, Brandon
District III	Cass Pennington, EdD, Indianola
District IV	Larry Calvert, Chairman, Gulfport
District IV	Norman Price, McComb
State-at-Large	Alfred E. McNair, Jr., MD, Ocean Springs
State-at-Large	H. Allen Gersh, MD, Hattiesburg

Member Absent:

District V	Ted Cain, Diamondhead
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Member Resigned:

District III	Randy H. Russell, MD, Jackson
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The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Calvert.

The meeting was opened with prayer led by Debra Griffin and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Dr. McNair.

The first item of business was approval of the January 11, 2006 Board minutes. Upon motion by Dr. Gough and second by Dr. McNair, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the January 11, 2006 Board meeting.

Brian W. Amy, MD, MHA, MPH - State Health Officer's Report:

1. Ms. Sharon Smiley, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Financial and Administrative Report.
2. Ms. Pat Klar, Director, Office of Human Resources, presented the Personnel Report.
3. Pandemic Flu Preparation presented by Dr. Amy.
4. Congressional Testimony presented by Dr. Amy.
5. Autism Registry, Training and Screening Update presented by Dr. Amy.

Upon motion by Dr. Gersh and second by Dr. McNair, the Board unanimously voted to accept the State Health Officer's Report.

Mr. Danny Miller, Deputy Director/Chief of Staff, presented the Legislative Report.

Mr. Danny Miller, Deputy Director/Chief of Staff, presented the Internal Audit Report. Upon motion by Ms. Williams and second by Dr. Pennington, the Board unanimously voted to accept the Internal Audit Report.

Mr. Sam Dawkins, Director, Office of Health Policy and Planning, presented the following:

1. Consideration of J-1 Visa Waiver Application. Humera Rana, MD, Internal Medicine, Pakistan, Anazia Medical Inc., Jefferson County.

Upon motion by Dr. McNair and second by Ms. Greer, the Board unanimously approved the above-named applicant.

2. Consideration of J-1 Visa Waiver Application. Hermes Velasquez, MD, Pulmonology, Venezuela, Hattiesburg Clinic, PA, Forrest County.

Upon motion by Dr. Foxworth and second by Dr. McNair, the Board unanimously approved the above-named applicant.

Upon motion by Dr. Gersh to ask Dr. Amy and staff to present a proposal of how to increase data collection and to increase the sophistication and second by Dr. Gough, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Dr. Pennington, Chairman of Agency Performance/Communication Committee, presented the findings of the Committee. Upon motion by Dr. Gough and second by Dr. McNair, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Upon motion by Dr. Foxworth and second by Dr. Gough, the Board unanimously voted in favor of Ms. Mary Kim Smith as Chairman of the Board.

Upon motion by Dr. Gough and second by Dr. Foxworth, the Board unanimously voted in favor of Dr. Alfred McNair as Vice-Chairman of the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.

Larry Calvert, R.Ph.
Chairman

Brian W. Amy, MD, MHA, MPH
Secretary and Executive Officer