

MINUTES
MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
JANUARY 12, 2022

The Mississippi State Board of Health met on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, via Zoom/Teleconference at 10 am. The physical location of the meeting was the Executive Conference Room, Jackson, MS.

Members Present via Zoom/Teleconference:

Thad Waites, MD, MACC, Hattiesburg, MS – Chairman
J. Edward Hill, MD, FAAFP, Oxford, MS – Vice Chairman
Elayne H. Anthony, PhD, Madison, MS
James P. Chaney, MD, Amory, MS
John D. Davis, IV, MD, Flowood, MS
Elizabeth Edmiston, PT, Ocean Springs, MS
Lee Ann Griffin, PharmD, Jackson, MS
Lucius M. Lampton, MD, FAAFP, Magnolia, MS
Robert J. Moody, Louisville, MS
James L. Perry, Jackson, MS
Wheeler Timothy Timbs, III, Indianola, MS

Members Absent:

None

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Thad Waites, MD, MACC.

The next item on the Agenda was the approval of the Minutes for October 13, 2021. Upon motion by Dr. Lampton to approve the Minutes and second by Dr. Anthony, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Thomas Dobbs, MD, MPH presented the State Health Officer's Report which included 2021 accomplishments of the Department of Health; COVID-19 update from Paul Byers, MD and the Bureau of Public Water Supply and some of their responsibilities for the Safe Drinking Water Act and State Revolving Loan Fund Program from Jim Craig, MPH.

Sharon Dowdy, CPA presented the Financial Update.

Consent Agenda:

1. Appointments and Reappointment to the Council of Advisors in Dietetics
2. Appointment to the Hearing Aid Advisory Council
3. Appointments and Reappointments to the Medical Radiation Advisory Council
4. Appointments to the Council of Advisors for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

5. Final Adoption of Amendments to the Regulations Governing the Licensure of Child Care Facilities
6. Final Adoption of an Amendment to the Regulations Governing the Licensure of Child Care Facilities for 12 or Fewer Children in the Operator's Home
7. Final Adoption of Amendments to the Mississippi Poison Control Center Accreditation Regulations
8. Final Adoption of Amendments to the Rules and Regulations Governing Reportable Diseases and Conditions
9. Appalachian Regional Commission "ARC" J-1 Visa Waiver Program Guidelines Revisions
10. National Interest Waiver "NIW" J-1 Visa Waiver Program Guidelines
11. Mississippi Conrad State 30 J-1 Visa Waiver Program Guidelines Revisions, Fee Increase, and Budget Justification

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

Regular Agenda:

12. Proposed Changes to Chapter 5 Acute Care Facilities and Services Overview, Chapter 6 Comprehensive Medical Rehabilitation Services and Chapter 7 Other Health Services of the FY 2022 State Health Plan, Second Edition

Dr. Waites proposed that the Board accept Chapters 5 and 7 as approved by the CON Committee; upon motion by Dr. Lampton to approve Chapters 5 and 7 and second by Ms. Griffin, the Board unanimously approved the motion. Dr. Davis recused after the fact on Chapter 7.

12. Proposed Changes to Chapter 6 Comprehensive Medical Rehabilitation Services

Dr. Lampton moved to approve the CON recommendation as originally presented with second by Mr. Perry. Ayes: Dr. Anthony, Dr. Chaney, Dr. Davis, Ms. Edmiston, Ms. Griffin, Dr. Hill, Mr. Timbs, Dr. Waites. Nay: Mr. Moody.

Upon motion by Dr. Lampton to enter Executive Session and second by Dr. Anthony, the Board entered Executive Session at 12:30 pm.

Upon motion by Dr. Lampton and second by Dr. Anthony, the Board exited Executive Session at 1:20 pm and returned to Regular Session.

Dr. Waites announced the Board voted to increase Dr. Dobbs' salary from \$215,000 to \$230,000. Dr. Anthony, Dr. Chaney, Dr. Davis, Ms. Edmiston, Dr. Hill, Dr. Lampton, Mr. Moody, Mr. Perry, Mr. Timbs, and Dr. Waites voted in favor of the increase; Ms. Griffin recused herself from the vote citing potential conflict of interest.

Dr. Waites also stated the Board discussed the City of Jackson lawsuit regarding lead in the water. Dr. Anthony moved to proceed with the representation from the law firm of Butler Snow with second by Dr. Lampton. Ayes: Dr. Chaney, Ms. Edmiston, Ms. Griffin, Dr. Hill, Mr. Perry, Mr. Timbs, Dr. Waites. Nays: Dr. Davis, Mr. Moody.

Upon motion by Dr. Lampton and second by Dr. Hill, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Thad Waites, MD, MACC
Chairman

Thomas Dobbs, MD, MPH
State Health Officer