

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
APRIL 8, 2020

The Mississippi State Board of Health met via Teleconference on Wednesday, April 8, 2020, in the Executive Conference Room, Osborne Building, Jackson, MS at 5:30 pm.

Members Present:

Ed D. Barham, MD, FACR, Clinton, MS – Chairman
Thad Waites, MD, MACC, Hattiesburg, MS – Vice Chairman
Elayne H. Anthony, PhD, Madison, MS
J. Edward Hill, MD, FAAFP, Tupelo, MS
Lucius M. Lampton, MD, FAAFP, Magnolia, MS
Edward J. Langton, Hattiesburg, MS
Robert J. Moody, Louisville, MS
James L. Perry, Jackson, MS
Wheeler Timothy Timbs, III, Indianola, MS

Members Absent:

Sammie Ruth Rea, RN, Brandon, MS
Dwalia South, MD, Ripley, MS

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tad Barham, MD, FACR. The purpose of the Board Meeting was COVID-19 System of Care Plan.

Roll Call was taken of Board Members by Ingrid Williams, Chief Legal Counsel. Dr. Anthony, Dr. Barham, Dr. Hill, Dr. Lampton, Mr. Langton, Mr. Moody, Mr. Perry, Mr. Timbs and Dr. Waites were present. Mrs. Rea and Dr. South did not participate in the Board Meeting.

Mr. Perry inquired as to whether proper notice of the Board Meeting had been given. Ingrid Williams, Chief Legal Counsel, advised that the Notice of Called Special Board Meeting had to be posted at least one hour before the meeting. Once a quorum had been determined, notice was posted on MSDH website and downstairs in the lobby. Mr. Perry inquired as to the scheduling of regular meetings; Mrs. Williams stated Bylaws require Board Meetings be held on the first Wednesday of each quarter. Due to COVID-19, the regular scheduled Board Meeting, April 8, 2020, was postponed and must be held by the end of June to ensure we are within statutory requirements. Mr. Perry also requested that Chairman Barham, MD, FACR investigate the technology for making the Board meetings more widely available to the public during the Pandemic, and Chairman Barham, MD, FACR agreed to do so. Mr. Perry asked that the discussion be placed in the Minutes.

Dr. Waites briefed the Board on the COVID-19 System of Care Plan which was proposed by Governor Reeves.

Jim Craig, Senior Deputy and Director of Health Protection, stated additional components will need to be revised as time goes on. His recommendation to the Board was that the Board approve the COVID-19 System of Care Plan as presented and provide authority for the State Health Officer to approve revisions to this plan as required during the COVID-19 Declared State of Emergency, and that any such revision shall be promptly communicated to the Board of Health via email and presented to the Board at the next regular meeting following any revision.

Upon motion by Dr. Lampton to approve the COVID-19 System of Care Plan with the caveat State Health Officer make changes as needed as the situation requires and inform the Board at the next Board Meeting and second by Dr. Anthony, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Roll Call was taken of Board Members by Ingrid Williams, Chief Legal Counsel. Those who voted yes in favor of the motion were Dr. Anthony, Dr. Barham, Dr. Hill, Dr. Lampton, Mr. Langton, Mr. Moody, Mr. Perry, Mr. Timbs and Dr. Waites.

The meeting was adjourned at 6 pm.

Ed D. Barham, MD, FACR
Chairman

Thomas Dobbs, MD, MPH
State Health Officer