

MINUTES  
MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH  
AUGUST 13, 2020

The Mississippi State Board of Health met on Thursday, August 13, 2020, at 10 am.

Members Present in Person:

Ed D. Barham, MD, FACR, Clinton, MS – Chairman  
Thad Waites, MD, MACC, Hattiesburg, MS – Vice Chairman

Members Present via Zoom:

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  
Dwalia Sherree South, MD, Ripley, MS  
Wheeler Timothy Timbs, III, Indianola, MS

Member Absent:

Sammie Ruth Rea, RN, Brandon, MS

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tad Barham, MD, FACR.

The first order of business on the Agenda was the approval of the June 19, 2020; June 25, 2020; July 10, 2020 and July 31, 2020 Minutes. Upon motion by Mr. Timbs to adopt the aforementioned Minutes and second by Mr. Moody, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Thomas Dobbs, MD, MPH presented the State Health Officer's Report. He introduced Victor Sutton, PhD, Director of Preventive Health and Health Equity, who gave a brief overview of what his Office does routinely and a brief overview of their COVID-19 response.

Logan Dillon presented the Legislative Update.

**Consent Agenda Items:**

4. Final Adoption of Appalachian Regional Commission "ARC" J-1 Visa Waiver Guidelines
5. Final Adoption of Conrad State 30 J-1 Visa Waiver Guidelines
6. Final Adoption of Policies and Procedures Manual
7. Final Adoption of National Interest Waiver Guidelines
8. Final Adoption of Mississippi State Rural Health Plan
9. Recommendation of the Mississippi Qualified Health Center Advisory Council for SFY 2021 Grant Awards to Mississippi Qualified Health Centers

Items 1-3 were extracted. Upon motion by Dr. Lampton to approve Items 4-9 and second by Dr. Anthony, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

**Regular Agenda Item:**

1. Final Adoption of Modifications to Minimum Standards of Operation for Birthing Centers
2. Final Adoption of Modifications to Regulations Governing Licensure of Child Care Facilities
3. Final Adoption of Modifications to Regulations Governing Licensure of Child Care Facilities for 12 or Fewer Children in the Operator’s Home

Upon motion by Dr. Anthony to approve Item 1 – Final Adoption of Modifications to Minimum Standards of Operation for Birthing Centers and second by Dr. Lampton, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Jim Craig, MPH, Senior Deputy and Director of Health Protection, advised the Board that based on written and oral comments received related to Item 2 and 3, the Child Care Program requested that these two items be removed from further consideration. No action of Board required.

**Election of Officers:**

Mr. Langton, Chairman of the Nominating Committee presented to the Board for their consideration the nomination of Dr. Thad Waites as Chairman and Dr. Edward Hill as Vice Chairman. Dr. Lampton moved to close nominations, seconded by Dr. Anthony and unanimously approved by the Board. Upon motion by Mr. Langton to approve the slate of officers, the Board unanimously approved said motion.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 am.

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Ed D. Barham, MD, FACR  
Chairman

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Thomas Dobbs, MD, MPH  
State Health Officer