

MINUTES  
MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH  
July 13, 2022

The Mississippi State Board of Health met on Wednesday, July 13, 2022, in the Executive Conference Room and via Zoom/Teleconference, Osborne Building, Jackson, MS at 10 am.

Members Present:

Thad Waites, MD, MACC, Chairman  
J. Edward Hill, MD, FAAFP, Vice Chairman,  
Elayne Anthony, PhD  
James P. Chaney, MD  
John D. Davis, IV, MD  
Lee Ann Griffin, PharmD  
Robert J. Moody  
James L. Perry  
Wheeler Timothy Timbs, III

Via Zoom/Teleconference:

Elizabeth Edmiston, PT, Ocean Springs, MS  
Lucius M. Lampton, MD, FAAFP, Magnolia, MS

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

The first item on the Agenda was the approval of the Minutes for April 13, 2022; April 20, 2022; May 4, 2022; May 11, 2022; May 24, 2022; June 9, 2022 and June 22, 2022. Upon motion by Mr. Moody to approve the Minutes with one correction and second by Dr. Hill, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Thomas Dobbs, MD, MPH presented the State Health Officer's Report which included COVID-19 and Monkeypox updates from Paul Byers, MD and updates from Jim Craig, MPH and Kris Adcock regarding Medical Cannabis, and a presentation on a recipe for public health success --- additional public health professionals, community partnerships, sufficient funding, political support, and a compelling mission: Dr. Dobbs recognized the success the Department had during the Covid-19 pandemic with the drive-thru vaccine sites, health equity in the response, and management of health systems.

Sharon Dowdy, CPA presented the Financial Update.

**Consent Agenda:**

1. Appointments of the Child Care Advisory Council
2. Final Adoption of Amendments to the Minimum Standards of Operation for Hospice
3. Recommendation of the Mississippi Qualified Health Center Advisory Council for SFY 2023 Grant Awards to Mississippi Qualified Health Centers

4. Final Adoption of Amendments to the Rule and Regulations of the Mississippi Healthcare Data Registry System
5. Final Adoption of Amendments to the Rules and Regulations Governing the Registration and Certification of Vital Events

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

**Election of Officers:**

Dr. Waites reviewed the Board requirements and practices for Chairman and Vice Chairman. Dr. Anthony reported that the Nominating Committee elected to retain Dr. Thad Waites as Chairman and Dr. Edward Hill as Vice Chairman. Dr. Waites called for nominations from the floor and Dr. Lampton moved to close further nominations with a second by Mr. Moody. Upon motion by Mr. Moody to accept the recommendations of the Nominating Committee the Board unanimously approved the motion.

**New Business:**

Dr. Lampton proposed that the Board advise Liz Sharlot to prepare a resolution of appreciation for Dr. Dobbs and Jenny Griffin.

Upon motion by Dr. Anthony and second by James Chaney, the meeting was adjourned at 11:39 am.

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Thad Waites, MD, MACC  
Chairman

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Daniel Edney, MD, FACP, FASAM  
State Health Officer