

MINUTES
MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
January 8, 2025

The Mississippi State Board of Health met on Wednesday, January 8, 2025 in the Alton B. Cobb Auditorium of the Osborne Building, Jackson, MS at 1:00pm.

Members Present:

Lucius M. Lampton, MD, FAAFP, Magnolia, MS – Chairman
James P. Chaney, MD, Amory, MS – Vice Chairman
Elayne Anthony, PhD, Madison, MS
Frederick B. Carlton Jr., MD, Oxford, MS
Gene B. Hubbard, Jr., Magee, MS
James L. Perry, Jackson, MS
Thad Waites, MD, MACC, Hattiesburg, MS
Lee Ann Griffin, PharmD, Jackson, MS
John D. Davis, IV, MD, Flowood, MS
Elizabeth Edmiston, PT, Ocean Springs, MS
Robert “Bobby” Moody, Louisville, MS

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lucius M. Lampton, MD, FAAFP. Dr. Lampton asked everyone to stand for the prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the October 9, 2024 minutes. Upon initial motion and second to approve the minutes, the Board unanimously approved the October 9, 2024 minutes as presented.

Daniel Edney, MD, FACP, FASAM, presented the State Health Officer’s Reports which included updates on the following program areas: food protection, performance improvement, and epidemiology. Dr. Edney highlighted the partnerships between the different agency areas.

Dr. Edney also announced the PHAB reaccreditation and presented the plaque to the Internal Audit Director, David “Wayne” Jerome and his team. Following this announcement, Dr. Edney provided an epidemiology briefing. He outlines the rising numbers in whooping cough as well as West Nile virus cases. H5N1 cases were reported in two flocks throughout the state of MS with seven worked presenting symptomatic. Flu test and treat cases were up to 300 patients.

Logan Dillon was not present to provide a 2025 Legislative Session update. Dr. Edney made the recommendation to add the Public Health Trust to the Legislative agenda. Following discussion, Dr. Anthony made a motion seconded by Dr. Davis to add this action.

Sharon Dowdy, CPA stated that there no updates to the financial report since the October Board meeting. Committee meetings were reported to begin the week following the Board meeting.

Consent Agenda:

1. Amendments to Regulations Governing the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services
2. Amendments to MS Trauma System of Care

3. Final Adoption of Amendments of the Regulations Governing Occupational Therapists and Occupational Therapists Assistants

Dr. Carlton requested to withdraw Ch. 10 from the consent agenda item #1, regarding policy violations for flight and critical care paramedics. Upon the initial motion and second to approve Consent Agenda items #1 and #2, the Board unanimously approved the consent agenda with the exception of Chapter 10 from the Regulations Governing the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services.

Committee Reports

Dr. Chaney gave an update on the Maternal and Infant Health Committee. The Committee made a recommendation to the Board to adopt overseeing the OB System of Care. Upon the motion made by Dr. Chaney, the recommendation to authorize the agency to proceed with the development and implementation of the OB System of Care was adopted.

Dr. Lampton gave an update on the CON committee. The CON Committee made a recommendation to the Board to adopt three CON reforms:

1. Remove capital expenditure thresholds;
2. Support the elimination of CON for outpatient dialysis for hospitals already providing inpatient dialysis; and,
3. Support the concept for a rural healthcare exemption from CON for rural hospitals in critical shortage areas providing 24/7 services to their communities.

Following a motion made by Dr. Lampton, the three CON reform recommendations listed above were adopted.

New Business

A motion was made to approve an approximate \$68,000 donation from Susan G. Koman to the Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program. This motion was passed by the Board.

Old Business

Dr. Edney reminded the Board that 360 assessments were to be completed in the upcoming year. Dr. Edney gave an update of the Syphilis Task Force that included the use of billboards to promote education and early detection. He addressed that numbers are moving in the right directions and provided provisional forecasting for this continuing trend.

Executive Session

Upon initial motion and second, SBOH members went into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

Coming out of Executive Session, Dr. Lampton announced that a 5% pay increase for Dr. Edney was approved by the Board during the Executive Session.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:55pm.



Lucius M. Lampton, MD, FAAFP
Chairman



Daniel Edney, MD, FACP, FASAM
State Health Officer