

MINUTES  
MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH  
July 9, 2025

The Mississippi State Board of Health met on Wednesday, July 9, 2025 in the first floor auditorium in the Osborne Building and online at 10am.

Members Present:

Lucius M. Lampton, MD, FAAFP, Magnolia, MS – Chairman  
James P. Chaney, MD, Amory, MS – Vice Chairman  
Frederick B. Carlton Jr., MD, Oxford, MS  
Gene B. Hubbard, Jr., Magee, MS  
Thad Waites, MD, MACC, Hattiesburg, MS  
Lee Ann Griffin, PharmD, Jackson, MS  
John D. Davis, IV, MD, Flowood, MS

Members Online:

Elizabeth Edmiston, PT, Ocean Springs, MS  
Elayne Anthony, PhD, Madison, MS

Members Not Present:

James L. Perry, Jackson, MS

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

The first item on the agenda was the amendment of the July 2024 minutes. A correction of the review procedure by the Board upon initial assessment to include the statement, “The Board voted to approve a 2% progression salary increase for all MSDH staff, inclusive of the State Health Officer.” Upon motion by Dr. Elayne Anthony and seconded by Mr. Gene Hubbard, the motion passes.

The next item was the approval of the April 2025 minutes. Upon motion by Dr. Anthony and seconded by Dr. Chaney, the motion passes.

Daniel Edney, MD, FACP, FASAM, presented the State Health Officer’s Report which included updates on the following: epidemiology, federal funding, MSDH recognitions, and the 2025 Scorecard on State Health System Performance published by The Commonwealth Fund (“Commonwealth report”).

State Epidemiologist, Dr. Renia Dotson outlined the rising numbers in pertussis cases in Mississippi with 71 cases reported so far this year. Dr. Dotson also provided vaccination rates as well as background on previous years’ statistics. The MSDH Data Dashboard that provides

public information on reportable diseases and STD/HIV data was announced to the Board as well as its creator, Helena Roe, MSDH epidemiologist. Dr. Dotson discussed the rate of syphilis cases in MS compared to previous years.

Dr. Edney recognized the achievement of Bill Moody, MSDH Bureau Director of Public Water Safety, for his receiving of the national George Warren Fuller award at the National American Water Works Association Conference.

Dr. Edney also recognized the MSDH Communications Department for their online campaign efforts targeting vaping in the youth population. For these efforts, the Communication team received the national Telly Award. In addition to this award, Dr. Edney announced the beginning of a Podcast addressing health related topics in Mississippi.

Furthermore, Dr. Edney recognized the Office of Vital Records for receiving PHAB accreditation, earning the agency dual accreditation for both the state public health agency and vital records.

MSDH's Chief Financial Officer, Lucreta Tribune, provided an update on the state fiscal year 2026 budget. Ms. Tribune informed the Board that funding remained relatively level for the upcoming fiscal year compared to the 2025 fiscal year. Ms. Tribune also provided a list of ongoing and/or anticipated construction projects for this fiscal year.

**Consent Agenda:**

1. Amendments to Regulations Governing Registration of Individuals Performing Hair Braiding
2. Appointments to the Child Care Advisory Council

Upon motion by Thad Waites, MD, MACC and seconded by Dr. Anthony, the consent agenda was approved without further discussion.

**Committee Reports**

Dr. Chaney gave an update on the Maternal and Infant Health Committee. Dr. Chaney discussed the recent OB System of Care event that took place in May. Dr. Edney included that Dr. Everett Henderson presented on infant mortality and provided recommendations from Dr. Henderson's Child Death Review Committee that has been enacted. This addressed that infant mortality review would be its own entity separate from child death review.

Dr. Lampton provided that a deep dive into CON reform ideas would be taking place at the upcoming CON subcommittee meetings.

**New Business**

Dr. Lampton suggested the creation of a resolution of thanks for recently retired Board member, Mr. Robert Moody. Mr. Hubbard made a motion to approve the creation of this resolution, which was seconded by Dr. Carlton.

Dr. Edney presented Chairman Creekmore with a plaque of recognition for his role and efforts in championing public health.

**Old Business**

There was no discussion regarding Old Business items.

**Executive Session**

Upon initial motion and second, SBOH members went into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.

No action was taken during Executive Session.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:45pm.

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Lucius M. Lampton, MD, FAAFP  
Chairman

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Daniel Edney, MD, FACP, FASAM  
State Health Officer