

MINUTES
MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
JANUARY 14, 2009

The Mississippi State Board of Health met on Wednesday, January 14, 2009, in the Alton B. Cobb Auditorium of the Osborne Building, Jackson, MS at 10:00 am.

Members Present:

Elayne H. Anthony, PhD, Madison, MS
J. Edward Hill, MD, FAAFP, Tupelo, MS
Lucius M. Lampton, MD, FAAFP, Magnolia, MS – Chairman
Alfred E. McNair, Jr., MD, Ocean Springs, MS – Vice Chairman
Carl L. Nicholson, Jr., CPA, Hattiesburg, MS
Sammie Ruth Rea, RN, Brandon, MS
Ronald W. Robertson, Sr., Greenwood, MS
David C. Williams, MD, Clinton, MS
Ellen P. Williams, RN, MSN, Senatobia, MS

Members Absent:

Albert Randel Hendrix, PhD, Ovett, MS
Kelly S. Segars, Sr., MD, FAAFP, Iuka, MS

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Luke Lampton, MD.

The first item of business was approval of the October 8, 2008 Board Minutes. Upon motion by Dr. McNair and second by Dr. Hill to accept afore-mentioned minutes, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Dr. Lampton asked for a report from the CON Task Force Committee. Dr. Thompson stated the Board would not be taking any regulatory action on proposed changes, but that they were giving the staff guidance as to whether the proposed changes recommended by the Task Force are the general will of the Board. Don Eicher presented recommendations the Task Force thought should be presented and adopted in the 2010 State Health Plan. Upon motion by Dr. Hill to accept CON proposals and second by Dr. Anthony, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Consent Agenda Items:

Item 1 Final Adoption - Proposed Revisions to MS Trauma Regulations was extracted from Consent Agenda and placed on Regular Agenda.

Item 6 Final Adoption - Minimum Standards of Operation for Home Health Agencies was extracted from Consent Agenda and placed on Regular Agenda.

Item 2 Appointment/Reappointment to the Council of Advisors for Dietitians

Item 3 Appointment to the Council of Advisors for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

Item 4 Final Adoption - Regulations Governing Licensure of Occupational Therapists and Occupational Therapy Assistants

Item 5 Final Adoption - Regulations Governing Licensure of Occupational Therapists and Occupational Therapy Assistants

Item 7 Intent to Adopt - Proposed Revisions to Regulations for Control of Radiation in MS

Item 8 Rules and Regulations for MS's Healthcare Data System Registry

Upon motion by Dr. Anthony to accept Consent Agenda with the extraction of Items 1 and 6 and second by Dr. Williams, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Regular Agenda Item:

Item 1 Final Adoption - Proposed Revisions to MS Trauma Regulations

Upon motion by Dr. Hill to approve and second by Mrs. Williams, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Item 6 Final Adoption - Minimum Standards of Operation for Home Health Agencies

Upon recusal, Dr. Lampton turned Item 6 over to Dr. McNair. Upon motion by Mr. Nicholson and second by Dr. Anthony, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Item 9 Final Adoption - Regulations Governing Licensure of Hearing Aid Specialists

Upon motion by Mrs. Williams to approve proposed regulations and second by Dr. McNair, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Upon motion by Dr. Hill to accept in concept the comprehensive Statewide smoke-free legislation presented by American Cancer Society, Partnership for a Healthy Mississippi, the American Lung Association and the American Heart Association with the understanding that the Board has reservations about the enforcement and gaming and that the staff can utilize the State Health Officer's judgment in tweaking it as necessary for strategic reasons, and second by Dr. Anthony, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Upon motion by Mrs. Williams that the Board recommends we increase our State cigarette tax equal to the National average and second by Dr. Hill, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Upon motion by Dr. Anthony to maintain present funding for tobacco prevention purposes and second by Dr. Williams, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Upon motion by Dr. Anthony to accept Dr. Thompson's recommendation to endorse the concept on child automobile passenger secondhand smoke and second by Mrs. Williams, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Upon motion by Dr. Anthony to adjourn and second by Dr. McNair, the Board unanimously approved the motion. Meeting concluded at 12:00 Noon.

Lucius M. Lampton, MD, FAAFP
Chairman

F. E. Thompson, Jr., MD, MPH
State Health Officer