

MINUTES
MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
APRIL 9, 2014

The Mississippi State Board of Health met on Wednesday, April 9, 2014, in the Alton B. Cobb Auditorium of the Osborne Building, Jackson, MS at 1:00 pm.

Members Present:

Lucius M. Lampton, MD, FAAFP, Magnolia, MS – Chairman
J. Edward Hill, MD, FAAFP, Tupelo, MS – Vice Chairman
Elizabeth Aldridge, Madison, MS
Elayne H. Anthony, PhD, Madison, MS
Ed D. Barham, MD, FACR, Clinton, MS
Edward J. Langton, Hattiesburg, MS
Robert J. Moody, Louisville, MS
Sammie Ruth Rea, RN, Brandon, MS
Thad Waites, MD, Hattiesburg, MS

Members Absent:

Ronald W. Robertson, Sr., Greenwood, MS
Kelly S. Segars, Sr., MD, FAAFP, Iuka, MS

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

New Board Members, Edward J. Langton and Robert J. Moody, were sworn in by Mr. Robert E. Fagan, Jr., Chief Legal Counsel.

The first item of business was the approval of the January 8, 2014 Board Minutes. Upon motion by Mrs. Rea and second by Mrs. Aldridge to accept aforementioned minutes, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Mary Currier, MD, MPH, State Health Officer, presented the State Health Officer's Report.

Jim Craig, Director of Health Protection, updated the Board on the flood situation.

Stephanie M. Brown, Legislative Liaison, presented the Legislative Report.

Consent Agenda Items:

Item 1 Reappointment to the Council of Advisors for Professional Art Therapists

Item 2 Setting of the Passing Score for the National Examinations in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

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

Regular Agenda Items:

Item 3 Recommended Closure of Tombigbee Home Health Office, Region 4B, Houston, MS; Tombigbee Home Health Office, Region 4C, Columbus, MS; Southwest Home Health Office, Region 7A, Natchez, MS

Based upon a finding of the Board that there are adequate private or other home health services in the area being served by the State Department of Health home agency, office, branch office or clinic, and upon motion by Mrs. Rea and second by Mrs. Aldridge to approve the closure of these three home health agencies, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Upon motion by Dr. Anthony to retain the leadership of Dr. Luke Lampton as Chairman of the Board and Dr. Hill as Vice Chairman of the Board and second by Mr. Langton, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Dr. Lampton restructured the Audit Committee to include Dr. Thad Waites as Chair, Dr. Elayne Anthony, Dr. Tad Barham, Mr. Ed Langton and Mr. Bobby Moody. Dr. Lampton will participate as a side member. The Audit Committee will conduct an annual review of the State Health Officer and Internal Auditor by October, 2014.

Dr. Lampton reestablished the Primary Prevention and Coordinated Comprehensive Education Committee and named Dr. Hill as Chairman. The Committee will consist of Mrs. Beth Aldridge, Dr. Elayne Anthony and Mrs. Sammie Rea. Dr. Lampton will participate as a side member.

Upon motion by Dr. Anthony to adjourn and second by Mrs. Aldridge, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 2:00 pm.

Lucius M. Lampton, MD, FAAFP
Chairman

Mary Currier, MD, MPH
State Health Officer