

MINUTES
MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
APRIL 12, 2023

The Mississippi State Board of Health met on Wednesday, April 12, 2023, in the Executive Conference Room and via Zoom/Teleconference, Osborne Building, Jackson, MS at 10 am.

Members Present:

Thad Waites, MD, MACC, Hattiesburg, MS - Chairman
J. Edward Hill, MD, FAAFP, Oxford, MS - Vice Chairman
Elayne Anthony, PhD, Madison, MS
Lucius M. Lampton, MD, FAAFP, Magnolia, MS
James P. Chaney, MD, Amory, MS
John D. Davis, IV, MD, Flowood, MS
James L. Perry, Jackson, MS

Via Zoom/Teleconference:

Wheeler Timothy Timbs, III, Indianola, MS
Elizabeth Edmiston, PT, Ocean Springs, MS

Members Absent:

Robert J. Moody, Louisville, MS
Lee Ann Griffin, PharmD, Jackson, MS

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Thad Waites, MD, MACC. Dr. Waites asked that everyone stand for the prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

The first item on the Agenda was the approval of the Minutes for January 11, 2023. Upon motion by Mr. Perry to approve the Minutes and second by Dr. Anthony, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Daniel Edney, MD, FACP, FASAM, presented the State Health Officer's Report which included updates from Paul Byers, MD regarding Congenital Syphilis and Emergency Modifications to Rules and Regulations, Marbug Virus Disease, and Covid-19; Jim Craig, MPH regarding the Accomplishments of 2022, Severe Weather Response March 2023, and the Cannabis Program; Logan Dillion presented an Legislative Update; and Rachel Sprinkle gave an update on the 2022 Mississippi State Health Plan, Third (3rd) Edition.

Dr. Lampton presented a resolution of appreciation for distinguished service to Jim Craig.

Sharon Dowdy, CPA presented the Financial Update.

Consent Agenda:

1. Final Adoption of Amendments to the Medical Cannabis Program Regulations for Cannabis Testing Facilities
2. Final Adoption of Amendments to the Medical Cannabis Program Regulations for Advertising and Marketing
3. Final Adoption of Amendments to the Medical Cannabis Program Regulations for Cannabis Cultivation Facilities (Cultivators and Micro-Cultivators)
4. Final Adoption of Amendments to the Medical Cannabis Program Regulations for Cannabis Processing Facilities (Processors and Micro-Processors)
5. Approval of Modifications to the Emergency Medical Services Fee Schedule
6. Final Adoption of an Amendment to the Rules Governing the Registration and Certification of Vital Events

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

Regular Agenda:

Fiscal Year 2022 Mississippi State Health Plan, Third (3rd) Edition

Upon motion by Dr. Lampton to approve the 2022 Mississippi State Health Plan, Third (3rd) Edition and second by Dr. Anthony, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Dr. Davis recused himself from the vote of the 2022 Mississippi State Health Plan, Third (3rd) Edition, stating he's a shareholder in an ambulatory surgery center.

Dr. Waites moved to consider a motion as to whether to move forward with the vision statement.

Upon motion by Dr. Anthony to approve the vision statement and second by Dr. Lampton, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Old Business:

Daniel Edney, MD, FACP, FASAM , State Health Officer gave an update on the Rural Hospital situation.

Mr. Perry left the meeting, stating the reason to attend a funeral.

New Business:

Daniel Edney, MD, FACP, FASAM , State Health Officer and Jim Craig, MPH gave an update on the County Health Departments.

Dr. Waites moved to discuss the issues of maternal – infant mortality in the state. Dr. Waites announced that Dr. Chaney will be Chair of the new Maternal and Infant Health Committee. Dr. Waites also mentioned that there will be more information coming by email to ask for volunteers.

Election of Officers:

Dr. Waites reviewed the Board requirements and practices for Chairman and Vice Chairman. Dr. Anthony reported that the Nominating Committee met via zoom and elected to nominate Dr. Lampton Chair and Dr. Chaney Vice Chair of the Board, motion was second by Dr. Davis to accept the recommendations of the Nominating Committee the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Dr. Waites and Dr. Hill rescued themselves from the vote.

Upon motion by Dr. Anthony and second by Dr. Hill, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00pm.

Thad Waites, MD, MAAC
Chairman

Daniel Edney, MD, FACP, FASAM
State Health Officer