

MINUTES
MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
OCTOBER 17, 2007

The Mississippi State Board of Health met on Wednesday, October 17, 2007, in the Alton B. Cobb Auditorium of the Osborne Building, Jackson, MS at 10:00 am.

Members Present:

Elayne H. Anthony, PhD, Madison, MS
Geraldine B. Chaney, MD, FAAP, Jackson, MS
Albert Randel Hendrix, PhD, Ovett, 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
Sammie Ruth Rea, RN, Brandon, MS
Kelly S. Segars, Sr., MD, FAAFP, Iuka, MS

Members Absent:

Carl L. Nicholson, Jr., CPA, Hattiesburg, MS
Ronald W. Robertson, Sr., Greenwood, MS
Ellen P. Williams, RN, MSN, Senatobia, MS

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

The first item of business was approval of the August 8, 2007 Board Minutes. Upon motion by Dr. Hill and second by Dr. McNair to accept afore-mentioned minutes, the Board unanimously approved the motion. **Tab 1**

Upon motion by Dr. Hill and second by Ms. Rea to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items 1, 4 and 5, the Board unanimously approved the motion. **Tab 2**

Consent Agenda Items Approved:

Item 2 Appointment/Reappointment to the Council of Advisors for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

Item 3 Appointment/Reappointment to the Council of Advisors for Occupational Therapy

Consent Agenda Items Extracted:

Item 1 Appointments to the Council of Advisors for Hearing Aid Specialists

Conflict of Interest. Separate freestanding state ethics law that addresses conflicts of interest.

Item 4 Minimum Standards for Adult Foster Care Facilities

Upon motion by Dr. Hill to reword the following language to reflect “For the purpose of fingerprinting and criminal background history checks, the term ‘documented disciplinary action’ means any (remove the word action and replace with) **written reprimand** taken against an employee for **(remove the word alleged)** abuse or neglect” and second by Dr. Chaney, the Board unanimously approved the motion. **Tab 3**

Page 8, Tab 4, Item 108 Denial, Suspension, or Revocation of License, Paragraph 108.01, Number 4

Upon motion by Dr. Hill to remove the word “excessive” from “Excessive use of alcoholic beverages by the licensee or other personnel of the licensed facility to the extent which threatens the wellbeing or safety of the residents and second by Dr. Chaney, the Board unanimously approved the motion. **Tab 3**

Item 5 Changes to the Reportable Disease for the Cancer Registry

Upon motion by Dr. Hill to approve the Consent Agenda and second by Drs. Hendrix and McNair, the Board unanimously approved the motion. **Tab 3**

Item 6 Minimum Standards of Operation for Hospice

Drs. Lampton and Chaney recused themselves from discussion. Dr. Lampton assigned Dr. McNair as Chair for discussion. Upon motion by Dr. Hendrix to approve the proposed regulations and second by Dr. Anthony, the Board unanimously approved the motion. **Tab 4**

Sam Dawkins, Director of Health Policy and Planning presented proposed legislation to be presented to the 2008 Legislature for their consideration. Upon motion by Dr. Segars regarding Items 9, 10 and 14 to require pre-employment drug screens and second by Dr. Anthony, the Board unanimously approved the motion. **Tab 5**

Upon motion by Dr. Segars to accept the Legislative Agenda and second by Dr. McNair, the Board unanimously approved the motion. **Tab 5**

Dr. Hendrix requested the Board enter into Executive Session to discuss the recommendation for Director of Internal Auditor by the Audit Committee. Upon motion by Ms. Rea and second by Dr. Chaney, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Upon motion by Dr. Hill to go out of Executive Session and second by Dr. Anthony, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Dr. Lampton announced the Board voted unanimously to ask the Audit Committee to reopen the search process for an Internal Auditor and hopefully bring back a recommended candidate in January.

Upon motion by Dr. Segars to move the next Board Meeting from January 9, 2008 to January 23, 2008 and second by Dr. Anthony, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Upon motion by Dr. Anthony and second by Dr. Chaney to adjourn, the Board unanimously approved the motion. Meeting concluded at 12:05 pm.

Lucius M. Lampton, MD, FAAFP
Chairman

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