

**MINUTES OF THE  
BOARD OF PUBLIC HEALTH MEETING  
June 12, 2012**

Members Present:

Gary D. Nelson, Ph.D., Chair  
Mitch Rodriguez, MD, Secretary  
Phillip L. Williams, Ph.D.  
James M. Smith, Ph.D.  
Robert S. Harshman, MD  
James W. Curran, MD  
COL Brent E. Bracewell

Members Absent:

Kathryn K. Cheek, MD, FAAP, Vice Chair  
Cynthia F. Greene, DMD

The Board of Public Health held its monthly board meeting on June 12, 2012 at the Georgia Public Health Laboratory at 1749 Clairmont Rd, Decatur, GA 30033. An agenda and a List of Attendees are attached hereto and made official parts of these Minutes as Attachments #1 and #2. Chairman Nelson called the meeting to order at 1:07 PM.

The Secretary called roll. All members are present except Kathryn Cheek and Cynthia Greene.

**Approval of Minutes**

The Chair presented the minutes of the April 10, 2012 meeting for discussion and approval. There was no discussion. James Curran motioned for approval of the minutes; Robert Harshman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Board Member Introduction**

Gary Nelson introduced a new board member, COL Brent E. Bracewell.

Commissioner Fitzgerald introduced one of the board members, Robert S. Harshman, MD. Dr. Harshman gave an overview of his background to the board.

**Commissioner's Report**

Dr. Brenda Fitzgerald gave her report of the Commissioner.

**Action Items**

Appointment of officers for SFY 2013. The board discussed this matter and James Curran motioned to keep the same officers as SFY 2012. Phillip Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Presentations**

Drs. Elizabeth Franko and Arthur Hagar gave a presentation on Newborn Screening which is made an official part of the minutes as attachment #3.

Dr. Lawton Davis and James C. Howgate made presentations on the District Perspective on Accreditation. Dr. Davis' presentation is made an official part of the minutes as attachment #4.


**Old Business**

Resolution on Accreditation - The board discussed the resolution. James Smith motioned to table the resolution until a later meeting; Mitch Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Adjournment**


There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Mitch Rodriguez motioned for adjournment of the meeting and James Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and Chairman Nelson adjourned the meeting at 2:45 PM.

THESE MINUTES ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 10<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2012.



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Gary D. Nelson, Ph.D.  
Chairman



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Misael Rodriguez, MD  
Secretary

**Official Attachments:**

1. List of Attendees
2. Agenda
3. Newborn Screening presentation
4. District Perspective on Accreditation presentation

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Other Attendees

Brenda Fitzgerald, Department of Public Health  
James C. Howgate, Department of Public Health  
Janie Brodnax, Department of Public Health  
Kate Pfirman, Department of Public Health  
Sidney Barrett, Department of Public Health  
Yvette Daniels, Department of Public Health  
Ryan Deal, Department of Public Health  
Pat O'Neal, Department of Public Health  
Ken Bramlett, Department of Public Health  
Carole Jakeway, Department of Public Health  
Bob Shaw, Department of Public Health  
Perry Sims, Department of Public Health  
Elizabeth Franko, Department of Public Health  
Seema Csukas, Department of Public Health  
Terri Dumas, Department of Public Health  
Robert Patterson, Department of Public Health  
Deborah Aderhold, Department of Public Health  
Mary Joyce Bacon, Department of Public Health  
Kimberly Redding, Department of Public Health  
Bill Owen, MedImmune  
Mike Chaney, Georgia Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics  
Rick Ward, Georgia Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics  
Helen Sloat, Nelson Mullins  
Sean Budacz, GlaxoSmithKline  
Walter Jones, Morris News Service  
Kate O'Reilly, University of Georgia  
Charles Hayslett, Hayslett Group  
M. Greene, Georgia Dental Association  
Dante McKay, Voices for Children  
Betsy Bates, Bates Associates  
Angela Wittenauer, Emory University  
Scott Maxwell, M&M  
Brian Ferguson, GlaxoSmithKline  
Tom Wade, consultant  
Jeff Cornett, Hemophilia of Georgia  
Michelle Putnam, Hemophilia of Georgia  
Linda Womack, Emory  
Tarry Hodges, Candler