MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF PUBLIC HEALTH MEETING
April 9, 2013

Members Present:  Members Absent:
Gary D. Nelson, Ph.D., Chair  Phillip L. Williams, Ph.D.
Kathryn K. Cheek, MD, FAAP, Vice Chair  James W. Curran, MD
Mitch Rodriguez, MD, Secretary
Robert S. Harshman, MD
Cynthia A. Mercer, MD
Katie C. Miller

The Board of Public Health held its monthly board meeting on April 9, 2013 at 2 Peachtree St NW, Atlanta, GA 30303 in the DCH Board Room. 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 1:09 PM.

The Secretary called roll. All members are present except Drs. Williams and Curran.

Approval of Minutes
The Chair presented the minutes of the March 12, 2013 meeting for discussion and approval. There was no discussion. Dr. Harshman motioned for approval of the minutes; Ms. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner’s Update
Commissioner Fitzgerald gave the board an update on activities within the Department of Public Health (DPH).

Action Items
There were no action items discussed.

Other Presentations
- David Bayne, Director of Governmental Relations for DPH, gave an update on all legislation from the 2013 session that affected DPH.
- Kate Pfirman, Chief Financial Officer for DPH, gave an update on the Amended FY2013 and FY2014 budget.
- Dan Fesperman, Obesity Project Manager for DPH, gave an update on Georgia SHAPE.
- James C. Howgate, MPH, Chief of Staff for DPH, introduced two new staff members; Suleima Salgado, MBA, Telehealth Director and Luke Fiedorowicz, Ph.D., Science, Research and Academic Affairs Advisor.
- Suleima Salgado, MBA, Telehealth Director for DPH, gave an update on the Georgia Telehealth Initiative.
- Commissioner Fitzgerald solicited the board members seeking potential candidates for the open District 4 Health Director position in LaGrange, GA.
- Lee Rudd, Director of Human Resources for DPH, gave an update on Employee Appreciation Week.
Adjournment
There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Dr. Mercer motioned for adjournment of the meeting and Dr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and Chairman Nelson adjourned the meeting at 1:53 PM.

THESSE MINUTES ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 14TH DAY OF MAY, 2013.

[Signatures]
Gary D. Nelson, Ph.D.
Chairman

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Misael Rodriguez, MD
Secretary

Official Attachments:
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2. Agenda
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Other Attendees:  
Bob Shaw, Department of Public Health  
Brenda Fitzgerald, Department of Public Health  
Carole Jakeway, Department of Public Health  
Cherie Drenzek, Department of Public Health  
Christine Greene, Department of Public Health  
Dan Fesperman, Department of Public Health  
David Bayne, Department of Public Health  
Dick Lasco, Department of Public Health  
James C. Howgate, Department of Public Health  
Janie Brodmax, Department of Public Health  
Jim Sever, Department of Public Health  
Kate Pfitman, Department of Public Health  
Kimberly Redding, Department of Public Health  
Kimberly Stringer, Department of Public Health  
Lisa Dawson, Department of Public Health  
Luke Fiedorowicz, Department of Public Health  
Nancy Nydam, Department of Public Health  
Nicole Price, Department of Public Health  
Pat O’Neal, Department of Public Health  
Robert Patterson, Department of Public Health  
Russell Crutchfield, Department of Public Health  
Ryan Deal, Department of Public Health  
Sherry Marbury, Department of Public Health  
Sidney Barrett, Department of Public Health  
Suleima Salgado, Department of Public Health  
Tammy Beasley, Department of Public Health  
Terri Dumas, Department of Public Health  
Tom Wade, Consultant  
Nelda Greene, Georgia Dental Association  
Lasa Joliar, GPHA  
Danté McKay, Voices for Georgia’s Children  
Rick Ward, Georgia Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics  
Betsey Bates, Bates & Associates  
Amanda Cook, Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta  
Erin Ruoff, Office of Planning and Budget  
Linda Womack, Emory  
Scott Maxwell, M&M, Inc.  
Kate O’Reilly, Georgia Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics

Margie Coggins, ABRO  
Cathalene Teahan, GAC  
Callie Michael, Southern Strategy Group  
Jennifer Ward, SBO  
Stephanie Lotti, Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund Commission