

**MINUTES OF THE  
BOARD OF PUBLIC HEALTH MEETING  
October 13, 2015**

Members Present:

Phillip L. Williams, PhD., Chair  
Cynthia A. Mercer, MD, Vice Chair  
Judy Greenlea Taylor, DDS, Secretary  
James W. Curran, MD  
John Hauptert, FACHE  
Kathryn K. Cheek, MD, FAAP  
Mitch Rodriguez, MD  
Robert S. Harshman, MD

Members Absent:

Brigadier General Joe Jarrard

The Board of Public Health held its monthly board meeting on October 13, 2015, at 2 Peachtree Street NW, Atlanta, GA 30303, in the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor board room. An agenda and a List of Attendees are attached hereto and made official parts of these Minutes as Attachments #1 and #2. Dr. Williams called the meeting to order at 1:09 PM.

Dr. Greenlea Taylor called roll. All members are present except for Brigadier General Joe Jarrard.

**Approval of Minutes**

Dr. Williams presented the minutes of the August 11, 2015 meeting for discussion and approval. There was no discussion. Dr. Williams motioned for approval of the minutes; Dr. Mercer 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.

**Presentations**

- Dr. Seema Csukas, Maternal and Child Programs Medical Director for the Georgia Department of Public Health presented Commissioner Fitzgerald with the Virginia Apgar Prematurity Campaign Leadership Award.
- Ms. Tyra Brown, Public Health Information Specialist for the Georgia Hospital Association gave an update on the Tobacco-Free Hospital Initiative.
- Dr. Jean Sumner presented on the Hancock County Telehealth Project.
- Ms. LaKieva Williams, Volunteer Program Director for the Georgia Department of Public Health presented on the Volunteer Health Program.
- Ms. Kate Pfirman, Chief Financial Officer for the Georgia Department of Public Health gave a budget update on the Annual Fiscal Year 2016 and Fiscal Year 2017.

**Adjournment**

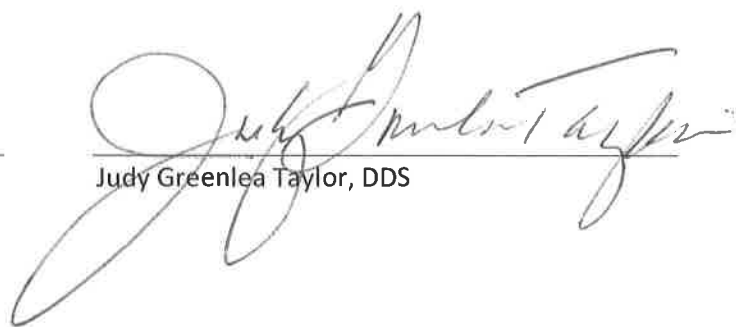
There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Dr. Williams motioned for adjournment of the meeting and Dr. Harshman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and Dr. Williams adjourned the meeting at 2:15 PM.

THESE MINUTES ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 10<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2015.



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Phillip Williams, PhD



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Judy Greenlea Taylor, DDS

Official Attachments:

1. List of Attendees
2. Agenda

**October 13, 2015**

**LIST OF ATTENDEES**

**BOARD MEMBER**

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**OTHER ATTENDEES**

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| Allison Smith     | Department of Public Health | Betsy Bates   | Bates & Associates               |
| Ann Coleman       | Department of Public Health | Kash Trivedi  | Children's Healthcare of Atlanta |
| Ashley Singleton  | Department of Public Health | Kylia Crane   | American Academy of Pediatrics   |
| Brenda Fitzgerald | Department of Public Health | Richard Ward  | American Academy of Pediatrics   |
| Chris Rustin      | Department of Public Health | Scott Maxwell | Maxwell & Maxwell, Inc.          |
| Christine Greene  | Department of Public Health |               |                                  |
| Christine Wiggins | Department of Public Health |               |                                  |
| David Bayne       | Department of Public Health |               |                                  |
| Dionne Denson     | Department of Public Health |               |                                  |
| Donita Hammond    | Department of Public Health |               |                                  |
| Diane Durrence    | Department of Public Health |               |                                  |
| Ebony Brooks      | Department of Public Health |               |                                  |
| Frederick Dobard  | Department of Public Health |               |                                  |
| Huriyyah Lewis    | Department of Public Health |               |                                  |
| Kayla Lloyd       | Department of Public Health |               |                                  |
| Kenneth Ray       | Department of Public Health |               |                                  |
| Latoya Osmani     | Department of Public Health |               |                                  |
| Tom Wade          | Department of Public Health |               |                                  |
| Yvette Daniels    | Department of Public Health |               |                                  |

# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

## **Board of Public Health Meeting**

Tuesday, October 13, 2015  
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

2 Peachtree St NW, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Board Room  
Atlanta, GA 30303

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### **A G E N D A**

- A. Call to Order .....Phillip Williams, PhD
- B. Roll Call ..... Judy Greenlea Taylor, DDS
- C. Approval/Adoption of Minutes ..... Judy Greenlea Taylor, DDS
- D. Commissioner’s Update ..... Brenda Fitzgerald, MD
- E. Other Items
  - a. March of Dimes Virginia Apgar Award ..... Seema Csukas, MD, PhD
  - b. Tobacco-Free Hospital Update ..... Jean O’Connor, JD, DrPH
  - c. Hancock County Telehealth Project ..... Jean Sumner, MD
  - d. Volunteer Health Program ..... LaKieva Williams, MPA
  - e. Budget Update ..... Kate Pfirman, CPA
- F. Closing Comments .....Phillip Williams, PhD
- G. Adjourn