

**MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF PUBLIC HEALTH MEETING
March 12, 2013**

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

The Board of Public Health held its monthly board meeting on February 12, 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 1:07 PM

The Secretary called roll. All members are present.

Approval of Minutes

The Chair presented the minutes of the February 12, 2013 meeting for discussion and approval. There was no discussion. Dr. Curran motioned for approval of the minutes; Dr. Williams 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.

Action Items

There were no action items discussed.

Other Presentations

- Pat O'Neal, M.D., Director of Health Protection for the Department of Public Health, gave an update on vaccines. Dr. O'Neal indicated that the Georgia Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics made a recommendation to update the vaccination schedule to include a meningococcal vaccine and Tdap booster. Per Dr. Cheek, this is in following with new CDC recommendations.

A motion was presented by Dr. Cheek to recommend to the Governor that the vaccine schedule be updated to include a meningococcal vaccine and Tdap booster. Dr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

- David Bayne, Director of Governmental Relations for the Department of Public Health, gave an update on legislative bills that affect the department.
- Kate Pfirman, Chief Financial Officer for the Department of Public Health, gave updates on the following issues:

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Other Attendees

Bob Shaw, Department of Public Health
Bob Gauspohl, Department of Public Health
Brenda Fitzgerald, Department of Public Health
Carole Jakeway, Department of Public Health
Christine Greene, Department of Public Health
David Bayne, Department of Public Health
Dick Lasco, Department of Public Health
Donna Dunn, Department of Public Health
Frederick Dobard, Department of Public Health
James C. Howgate, Department of Public Health
Janie Brodnax, Department of Public Health
Jim Sever, Department of Public Health
Kate Pfirman, Department of Public Health
Kathy Robinson, Department of Public Health
Ken Bramlett, Department of Public Health
Khaliah Smith, Department of Public Health
Kimberly Stringer, Department of Public Health
L'laina Rash, Department of Public Health
Mary Joyce Bacon, Department of Public Health
Meshell McCloud, Department of Public Health
Nancy Nydam, Department of Public Health
Nicole Price, Department of Public Health
Pat O'Neal, Department of Public Health
Riley Lowry, Department of Public Health
Robert Patterson, Department of Public Health
Ryan Deal, Department of Public Health
Seema Csukas, Department of Public Health
Shelleva Orr, Department of Public Health
Sherry Marbury, Department of Public Health
Sidney Barrett, Department of Public Health
Sonja Allen, Department of Public Health
Suleima Salgado, Department of Public Health
Yvette Daniels, Department of Public Health

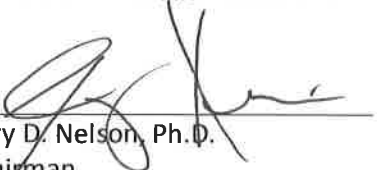
Alicia Lussier, GlaxoSmithKline
Christine Vaupel, GlaxoSmithKline
Sean Budacz, GlaxoSmithKline
Patrick Neither, Merck
Karen Waters, Georgia Hospital Association
Kylia Crane, Georgia Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics
Stami Williams, Governor's Office for Children & Families
Scott Maxwell, M&M, Inc.
Erin Ruoff, Office of Planning and Budget
Jimmy Tseng, Brain & Spinal Injury Commission
Dante McKay, Voice for Georgia's Children
Sheila Alexander, Department of Community Health
Tom Wade, Consultant
Scott Sheridan, Nelson, Mullins

- DPH Audit
- Budget
- Impact of Sequestration

Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Dr. Curran motioned for adjournment of the meeting and Dr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and Chairman Nelson adjourned the meeting at 1:52 PM.

THESE MINUTES ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 9th DAY OF APRIL, 2013.



Gary D. Nelson, Ph.D.
Chairman

Misael Rodriguez, MD
Secretary

Official Attachments:

1. List of Attendees
2. Agenda