

**MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF PUBLIC HEALTH MEETING
July 10, 2018**

Members Present:

Cynthia A. Mercer, MD, Chair
James Curran, MD, Vice Chair
Robert S. Harshman, MD, Secretary
Brigadier General Joe Jarrard
John Hauptert, FACHE
Judy Greenlea Taylor, DDS, MPH, FICD
Phillip L. Williams, PhD

Members Absent:

Mitch Rodriguez, MD
Kathryn K. Cheek, MD, FAAP

The Board of Public Health held its monthly board meeting on July 10, 2018, at 2 Peachtree St NW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303 in the 5th Floor Board Room of the Georgia Department of Public Health. An agenda and a List of Attendees are attached hereto and made official parts of these Minutes as Attachments #1 and #2. Dr. Mercer called the meeting to order at 1:09 PM.

Dr. Harshman called roll. All members are present except Dr. Rodriguez and Dr. Cheek.

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Harshman presented the minutes of the June 12, 2018 meeting for discussion and approval. There was no discussion. Dr. Curran motioned for approval of the minutes; Dr. Mercer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner's Update

Commissioner O'Neal gave the board an update on activities within the Department of Public Health.

- We are currently in the 2018 hurricane season. During the last season, DPH evacuated individuals to ten nursing homes across Georgia which have not received payment for their services. Dr. O'Neal express appreciation to Department of Community Health for providing restitution to the nursing homes.
- Jerusha Barton, the ZIKA Birth Defects Epidemiologist, won the best MCH poster at the CSTE conference. Dr. Drenzek added that DPH Epidemiology was well represented at the conference, submitting 25 posters or oral presentations. This is the second year in a row that Epidemiology won the best poster award.
 - Dr. Mercer asked what the topic of Jerusha's poster. The topic was Validity of Congenital Anomaly Flags on Electronic Birth Certificates to Identify Zika-Associated Birth Defects.
- Dr. O'Neal acknowledged the work of the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program and asked Sheila Pierce to discuss the recent four legislative changes. The four legislative changes are: share data with other states; share data, upon request, with law enforcement agencies outside of Georgia with an appropriate subpoena or search

warrants; integration of data with provider networks; and, simplify registration of delegates. Currently, we are 94% prescriber registration.

- Governor Deal's Chief of Staff met with department heads and encouraged the development of documentation of agency's work and accomplishments for the new governor. DPH will utilize the accreditation information and strategic plan to develop the documentation.

Other Presentations

- Ms. Kimberly Ross, for the Georgia Department of Public Health presented on Talk With Me Baby.
 - Mr. Hauptert asked how many states have the same type of program. Ms. Ross was not aware of how many states have a program similar but Talk With Me Baby is unique because it takes a holistic approach to language acquisition.
 - Dr. Mercer recommended that the videos should be played in waiting rooms for obstetricians and pediatricians as a public service announcement.
- Dr. R. Chris Rustin, Deputy Director, Environmental Health for the Georgia Department of Public Health presented on CSX Rail Yard Report.
 - Mr. Hauptert asked how long it will take for the remediating the water supply. Dr. Rustin responded there was no time estimate to remediate due to the extensive nature of the contamination.
 - Dean Williams asked if there was a manufactured gas line and what type of cancer are showing up in children. It is a manufactured gas line and Dr. O'Neal answered that the cancer is retina myosarcoma and there were three cases reported. However, there is no correlation between environmental factors and this type of cancer.
 - Dean Williams questioned if there were other manufacturing plants in the area. Dr. Rustin stated there is a manufacturing site in Waycross that has gone bankrupt. There are some rusted tanks on their site that have released toxins and remediation has begun.
- Ms. Jennifer Burkholder, Chief Nurse for the Georgia Department of Public Health presented on the Role in Mass Care Sheltering.
 - Dr. Harshman asked are patients' medical records made available while in shelters. Ms. Burkholder stated provision of records is part of the hospital preparedness efforts. Dr. O'Neal added there is an ongoing need to access patient information but with loss of power, it can be difficult. An effort is underway to have a physician and paramedics at every shelter to perform medical assessments.
 - General Jarrard noted there have been significant improvements in evacuation and sheltering and offered kudos to Mass Care Sheltering initiative.
 - Dr. Greenlea Taylor added the need to focus on the evacuees' spiritual and emotional needs.

- Mr. Lee Rudd, Chief Workforce Management Officer for the Georgia Department of Public Health and Dr. Marilyn Buckner, CEO of National Training Systems, presented on the Executive Leadership Retreat.

Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Dr. Mercer motioned for adjournment of the meeting and Dr. Harshman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and Dr. Mercer adjourned the meeting at 2:29 PM.

THESE MINUTES ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 14TH DAY OF AUGUST 2018.

James Curran, MD
Vice Chair

Robert Harshman, MD
Secretary

Official Attachments:

1. List of Attendees
2. Agenda

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Board Meeting Attendees

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Guest Attendees

Grant Thomas, CHOA
Katie Woeiasack, Voices for GA Children
Marilyn Buckner, NTS
George Huntzicker, Voices for GA Children
Kelli Williams, Accenture
Matt Balcer, GHA

Daniel Thompson, GOGS
Fozia Khan Esken, GA Amer. Academy Peds
Hillary Thrower, Emory
Julianne McConnell, Preston Group
Keri Conley, GHA

Georgia Department of Public Health Attendees

Monica Fedanelli
LaToya Golden
Cara Beal
Laura Layne
Sheila Pierce
Shelena King
Latoya Osmani
Adam Barefoot
Cherie Drenzek

Glover McCall
Kisha Wesley
Chris Rustin
Lee Rudd
Mikayla Gallo
Rick Keheley
Leeah Dollar
Kadija Hamki
Calvin Pegos

Asa Onsala
Amber Coopwood
Ruben Brambila
Anna Wood
Jennifer Burkholder
Yvette Daniels
Joshua Chang
Valeria Newton-Lamb
Jimmy Clanton, Jr.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Board of Public Health Meeting

Tuesday, July 10, 2018
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

2 Peachtree St NW, 5th Floor Board Room
Atlanta, GA 30303

A G E N D A

- A. Call to Order Cindy Mercer, MD
- B. Roll Call Robert Harshman, MD
- C. Approval/Adoption of Minutes Robert Harshman, MD
- D. Commissioner’s Report J. Patrick O’Neal, MD
- E. Other Items
- Talk With Me Baby Kimberly Ross, MA
 - ATSDR Report on CSX Transportation R. Chris Rustin, DrPH, MS, RHES
 - Office of Nursing Jennifer Burkholder, RN MSN, MPH
 - Executive Leadership Retreat Keisha Dixon
W. Lee Rudd and Marilyn Buckner, PhD
- F. Closing Comments Cindy Mercer, MD
- G. Adjourn