

**MINUTES OF THE  
BOARD OF PUBLIC HEALTH MEETING  
January 8, 2019**

**Members Present:**

**Cynthia A. Mercer, MD, Chair  
Judy Greenlea Taylor, DDS, MPH, FICD  
Kathryn K. Cheek, MD, FAAP  
Mitch Rodriguez, MD**

**Members Absent:**

**James Curran, MD, Vice Chair  
Robert Harshman, MD, Secretary  
Phillip L. Williams, PhD  
John Hauptert, FACHE**

The Board of Public Health held its monthly board meeting on January 8, 2019 at 2 Peachtree Street Northwest, Atlanta, Georgia 30303. The meeting was held in the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Board Room of the Georgia Department of Community Health. An agenda and a list of attendees are attached hereto and made official parts of these minutes as attachments #1. Dr. Mercer called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

Dr. Cheek called roll. All members were present except Dr. Curran, Dr. Harshman, Dr. Williams, and John Hauptert.

**Approval of Minutes**

Dr. Mercer presented the minutes of the November 14, 2018 meeting for discussion and approval. Since there was not a quorum, the minutes from September could not be approved. Minor revisions were made to the Commissioner's Update regarding Cytomegalovirus.

**Commissioner's Update**

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

- General Major Joe Jarrad will be resigning from the Board and returning to active duty with the military. He will be stationed in Germany.
- Commissioner O'Neal announced Dr. Kathleen Toomey's retirement. With her departure, he will serve as the interim District Health Director for the Fulton County Health Department.
- Clayton County Board of Health has been approved to move back to their original location on Battle Creek Road. We will find out the exact move date later.

**Additional Presentations**


- Nancy Nydam, Director of Communications presented the Georgia Department of Public Health ad for the Peach Bowl. The ad will bring attention to the opioid addiction crisis in Georgia.
- Dr. Arthur Hager discussed Newborn Screening and the importance of testing newborns. The goal of Newborn Screening is to have all babies tested for conditions that can cause illness, disabilities, or death. The cost for the newborn screening is \$63.00 per child.

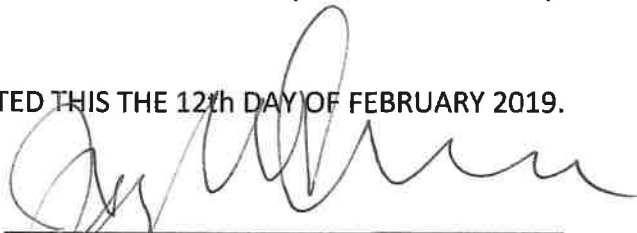
- Dr. Cherie Drenzek gave an influenza update. Flu activity in Georgia is increasing. Reports show that HIN1 impacts young adults and children more than any age group. Children over the age of six months are now receiving flu vaccinations.
- Super Bowl LII is coming to Atlanta. The Super Bowl is going to be a ten-day operational event held in Atlanta, Georgia. The game will take place Sunday, February 3, 2019. The busiest day for the Super Bowl is expected to be Saturday, February 2, 2019. There is an estimated 150,000 out of town guest, 107 hotel blocks, and 20,100 hotel rooms on peak for the night expected. Super Bowl LII is a SEAR one event meaning that this will be a National Security Event.

Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Dr. Mercer motioned for adjournment of the meeting. Dr. Cheek seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Mercer adjourned the meeting at 2:27 PM.

THESE MINUTES ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 12<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2019.

  
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Cynthia A. Mercer, MD  
Chair

  
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James Curran, MD  
Vice Chair

Official Attachment:

1. Agenda
2. List of Attendees