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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON PALLIATIVE CARE AND
QUALITY OF LIFE
August 11, 2023
10 a.m.

Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH)
Montgomery, Alabama
In-person and Electronic

Members Present

Kristi Acker, D.N.P., Chair
Richard Brockman, J.D.
Stormy Dismuke, M.S.N.
Karen Marlowe, Pharm.D., Co-Chair
Tim Mayhall, M.Div.
Sarah Pederson, Ph.D.
Mary Ann Somers, M.A.Ed.

Members via WebEx

Gregory Ayers, M.D.
Angie Cameron Smith (Proxy for Richard J. Brockman)
John Beard, M.B.A.
Leigh Ann Matthews, R.N.

ADPH Staff Present

Scott Harris, M.D., M.P.H., State Health Officer
Karen M. Landers, M.D., F.A.A.P., Chief Medical Officer (via WebEx)
Amber Clark-Brown, M.D., F.A.A.P.M.R., Medical Officer, Bureau of Health Provider Standards (HPS)
Sancha Howard, General Counsel
Brian Hale, General Counsel
Denise Milledge, Bureau Director, HPS
Yumicka Smith, HPS



WELCOME

Dr. Kristi Acker welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked that everyone introduce themselves.

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF MAY 5, 2023

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of May 5, 2023, as conceived. Corrections were made concerning members present. The motion carried unanimously.

THE CENTER TO ADVANCE PALLIATIVE CARE , COALITION TO TRANSFORM ADVANCED CARE

Dr. Rodney Tucker will give a report at a later date.

RESPIRATORY INFECTION UPDATE AND VACCINATIONS

Dr. Aber Clark-Brown outlined the impact of COVID-19 on school-age students.

MEMBER DISCUSSION

Dr. Kristi Acker presented Palliative Care reports from other states. The State Progress Report was revised, and changes will be made as time permits.

A photo of the council was made.



ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Acker Adjourned the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for November 11, 2023.

Kristi A. Acker, D.N.P., Chair
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Amber Clark-Brown, F.A.A.P.M.R, Medical Officer
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