

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH (ADPH)
ALABAMA MEDICAL DIRECTORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
July 27, 2018**

Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort
Terrace Room
Sandestin, Florida

Board of Directors Present

Sally Ebaugh, M.D., C.M.D., President
Steve Furr, M.D., C.M.D., Board Chairman
Robert Webb, M.D., President-Elect
Charles Nevels, M.D., Secretary-Treasurer
Boyde J. Harrison, M.D., C.M.D.
Bernita Mims, M.D.
George Sutton, M.D., C.M.D.
Charlotte Wynn, C.R.N.P.

Board of Directors Absent

Greg Flippo, M.D.
Anne-Halli-Tierney, M.D.
Kevin Jackson, M.D.
William Lee, M.D., C.M.D.
Dick Owens, M.D.
Joel Bolen, M.D.
Kendra Sheppard, M.D., M.S.P.H., C.M.D.
James Yates, M.D., C.M.D.

Staff Present

Scott Harris, M.D., M.P.H., State Health Officer
Mary G. McIntyre, M.D., M.P.H., Chief Medical Officer
John Wagner, III, M.D., Medical Director, Health Provider Standards (HPS)
Dennis Blair, Director, HPS
Diane Mann, Liaison, HPS

Medical Directors Present

Clare Hays, M.D.
David Rhyne, M.D.
Michael Reeves, M.D.
J. Grier Stewart, M.D.
Donald Marshall, M.D., C.M.D.
David MacRae, M.D.
Joe Downs, M.D.
Greg Hill, M.D.

Guests

Walter T. Geary, Jr., M.D.
Bill O'Connor, President and CEO, Alabama Nursing Home Association (ANHA)
Katrina Magdon, M.P.A., C.A.E., ANHA
Richard Brockman, J.D.
Angie Cameron, J.D.
Mark Jackson, Executive Director, Medical Association of the State of Alabama

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

Dr. Mary McIntyre introduced the new chair and new Medical Director for HPS, Dr. John Wagner, III.

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES:

The Committee recommended approval of the Minutes of January 27, 2018, as distributed; the motion carried unanimously.

UPDATE ON ADVANCE DIRECTIVE RULE CHANGE:

Mr. Dennis Blair stated that the Advance Directive rule change had been approved and was in effect. He also informed the Committee that the updated rule was posted on the ADPH website.

UPDATE ON THE PROJECT TO REDUCE HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS:

Dr. Clare Hays stated that the project to reduce hospital admissions was going well. She stated that the rural homes that participated in the project were doing great and were the best overall. She explained that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) was trying to determine factors that make certain facilities participate, while others do not.

She also informed the Committee that she would be leaving the project on September 1, 2018, and stated there was a need for a new medical director to take her place.

MEMBER DISCUSSION:

Mr. Blair informed the Committee of the Pediatric Palliative and End of Life (PPEL) Care Form Temporary Task Force which was established to create the pediatric portable Do Not Attempt Resuscitation form to be utilized in schools and would follow terminally ill children throughout their lives in all settings.

The Committee discussed the new CMS guidelines for Assisted Living Facilities.

Mr. Blair asked the Committee to send him any questions or statements of positions they may have in regards to the new rules so those could be forwarded to CMS to be addressed.

Sally Ebaugh, M.D., C.M.D., President
Alabama Medical Directors Association

John Wagner, III, M.D., HPS Medical Officer
Alabama Department of Public Health

Approved January 26, 2019