

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON
PALLIATIVE CARE AND QUALITY OF LIFE
AUGUST 9, 2019**

Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH)
The RSA Tower, Suite 1586
Montgomery, Alabama

Members Present

Karen Marlowe, Pharm.D., Co-Chair
Kristi A. Acker, D.N.P. (via phone)
Gregory W. Ayers, M.D.
Stormy Dismuke, M.S.N.
Leigh Ann Matthews, M.S.N.
Timothy Mayhall, M.Div.
Amy L. McAfee, M.S.W. (via phone)
Mary Ann Somers, M.A.Ed.

Members Absent

Rodney O. Tucker, M.D., M.M.M., Chair
John G. Beard, M.B.A.
Richard J. Brockman, J.D.
Jimel LeShun Gibbs, M.S.N.
John P. Miller, M.D.

Staff Present

Scott Harris, M.D., M.P.H., State Health Officer
Dennis Blair, Bureau of Health Provider Standards (BHPS)
Diane A. Mann, BHPS
LaKesha Hopkins, BHPS

Guests Present

Daphne Harris (Proxy for John Miller)
Samika Williams (Proxy for John Beard)
Danielle Larkin

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF MAY 10, 2019:

The Council recommended approval of the Minutes of May 10, 2019, as distributed; the motion carried unanimously.

OPIOID PRESCRIBING AND REGULATION UPDATES:

Dr. Gregory Ayers informed the Council that there were no new updates on opioid prescribing and regulation at this time.

NATIONAL ACADEMY FOR STATE HEALTH POLICY SUMMIT UPDATE:

Dr. Scott Harris informed the Council that Alabama was not selected to attend the National Academy for State Health Policy's 32nd Annual State Health Policy Conference.

OTHER MEMBER DISCUSSION:

Dr. Ayers discussed with the Council that one of the future meetings would be held on a larger scale, would involve guest speakers, and would be tailored toward other aspects of Palliative Care. Dr. Karen Marlowe agreed and set this item to be discussed at the next meeting.

Dr. Marlowe requested adding website changes as a standing agenda item.

FUTURE MEETING DATES:

Upcoming meeting dates of the Council for 2020 are February 7, May 15, August 7, and November 13.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for Friday, November 15, 2019.

Rodney O. Tucker, M.D., M.M.M., Chair
State Advisory Council on Palliative Care and Quality of Life

Dennis Blair, Director
Bureau of Health Provider Standards
Alabama Department of Public Health

Approved November 15, 2019