

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

Birmingham Marriott
Grandview Parkway
Birmingham, Alabama

Board of Directors Present

J. Grier Stewart, M.D., Board Chairman
Robert Webb, M.D., Secretary-Treasurer
Sally Ebaugh, M.D., C.M.D., President-Elect
Henry Beeler, M.D., C.M.D.
Donald Marshall, M.D., C.M.D.
Charlotte Wynn, C.R.N.P.
James Yates, M.D., C.M.D.
Boyde J. Harrison, M.D., C.M.D.
George Sutton, M.D., C.M.D.
Dick Owens, M.D.
Greg Flippo, M.D.
Kevin Jackson, M.D.
Bernita Mims, M.D.

Board of Directors Absent

Steve Furr, M.D., C.M.D., President
Charles Nevels, M.D.
Joel Bolen, M.D.

Staff Present

Mary G. McIntyre, M.D., M.P.H., Chief Medical Officer
Dennis Blair, Director, Bureau of Health Provider Standards (BHPS)
Diane Mann, Liaison, BHPS
Mia Sadler, State Program Director, BHPS
Lisa Pezent, Long Term Care Unit Director, BHPS

Medical Directors Present

Clare Hays, M.D.
David Rhyne, M.D.
Michael Reeves, M.D.

Guests

Katrina Magdon, Alabama Nursing Home Association
Walter T. Geary, Jr., M.D.

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF JULY 28, 2017:

The Committee recommended approval of the Minutes of July 28, 2017, as distributed; the motion carried unanimously.

UPDATE ON ADVANCE DIRECTIVE RULE CHANGE:

Dennis Blair stated that the Advance Directive rule was approved for public comment by the State Committee of Public Health (SCPH) on December 17, 2017. The public comment period would end on February 4, 2018, and the rule would be presented to the SCPH on February 21, 2018, for final adoption.

UPDATE ON THE PROJECT TO REDUCE HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS:

Dr. Clare Hays discussed the minimal use of the payment model and advised that reeducation would be needed to increase the usage across Alabama.

CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES (CMS) NEW SURVEY PROCESS:

Mia Sadler and Lisa Pezent gave a brief update on the new Long Term Care survey process and how it differs from the old traditional survey process. Currently, the average survey time in a nursing home in Alabama has been about four days compared to some of the other states in Region IV spending two weeks in a nursing home.

FURTHER DISCUSSION (EXHIBIT "A"):

Mr. Blair introduced Dr. Mary McIntyre who is the Acting Medical Director for BHPS.

Dr. McIntyre provided a handout on influenza and reported that there had been over 40 unconfirmed deaths from the infection in the state. She also explained that Governor Kay Ivey had declared a State Public Health Emergency due to the outbreak of influenza.

Mia Sadler stated that CMS Region IV is entertaining a new Civil Money Penalty project for a video that will educate families and residents on when to seek a nursing home. Ms. Sadler requested that she be notified if any nursing homes are interested in participating.

Steve Furr, M.D., C.M.D., President
Alabama Medical Directors Association



Mary G. McIntyre, M.D., M.P.H., Chief Medical Officer
Alabama Department of Public Health

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