

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
(ADPH)
ALABAMA MEDICAL DIRECTORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ALMDA)
The Marriott Birmingham
Birmingham, Alabama
January 27, 2024
8:00 a.m.**

ALMDA Board Members Present

Sally Ebaugh, M.D., Board Chairman
Julia Boothe, M.D.
Carlos Clark, M.D., M.B.A.
James Steven Donald, M.D.
Greg Flippo, M.D.
Jerry Harrison, M.D.
Mark Jackson, M.D.
William B. Lee, M.D.
William S. Lee, M.D.
Dawn Rials, CRNP
Jeffrey Saylor, M.D., M.P.H
George Smith, Jr., M.D.
Grier Stewart, M.D.
George Sutton, M.D.
James Yates, M.D.

Staff Present

Amber Clark-Brown, M.D., F.A.A.P.M.R., Medical Director, Bureau of Health Provider Standards (BHPS)
Denise Milledge, Director, BHPS
Yumicka Smith, Assistant to Dr. Clark-Brown, BHPS

Guests Present

Brandon Farmer, Alabama Nursing Home Association (ANHA)
Katrina Magdon, (ANHA)

WELCOME

Dr. Amber Clark-Brown welcomed everyone and re-introduced herself as the Medical Director for BHPS.

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF JULY 23, 2023

A consideration of the Minutes of July 23, 2023, will be done at the next meeting.

UPPER RESPIRATORY INFECTION UPDATES AND VACCINES

Upper respiratory infections are in the peak season.

- Covid-19 is the most common variant across the nation. South Dakota currently has the highest rate of hospitalizations due to Covid-19.
- Influenza increased in December and January but declined later in January. Pregnant women between 32 to 36 weeks should get the RSV vaccine. It is recommended that adults older than 60 and babies under the age of 2 years old to get the vaccine. RSV cases declined from last year.

STAFFING ISSUES

ADPH is experiencing the same staffing shortage issues as the facilities. When staff is hired, it typically takes 6 months to 1 year to train them.

LEVELS OF DEFICIENCY IN INFECTION CONTROL

Dr. Clark-Brown suggested washing hands before and after using latex gloves and correctly changing laundry.

MEMBER DISCUSSION

Members discussed Do Not Resuscitate practices in hospitals and nursing homes, visitation rights in nursing homes, and infection control. Members requested to meet with Jamie Gray, State Emergency Medical Services Director, to discuss protocol on patient transportation.

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for July 25-28, 2024, at the Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort, 9300 Emerald Coast Parkway West, Miramar Beach, Florida 32550.

There being no further information to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

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