

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
(ADPH) ALABAMA MEDICAL DIRECTORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ALMDA)
Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort
Miramar Beach, Florida
July 27, 2023**

ALMDA Board Members Present

Carlos Clark, M.D.
Steve Donald, M.D.
Sally Ebaugh, M.D.
Greg Flippo, M.D.
Jerry Harrison, M.D.
William B. Lee, M.D.
William S. Lee, M.D.
George “Buddy” Smith Jr., M.D.
James Yates, M.D.

ALMDA Board Members Absent

Julia Booth, M.D.
Ashley Lane, M.D.
Dawn Rials, CRNP

Staff Present

Scott Harris, M.D., M.P.H., State Health Officer
Amber Clark-Brown, M.D., F.A.A.P.M.R., Medical Director, Bureau of Health Provider Standards (BHPS)
Denise Milledge, Director, BHPS
Felicia Williams-Smith, Long Term Care Director, BHPS
Yumicka Smith, Assistant to Dr. Clark-Brown, BHPS
Patricia Watson, State Program Director, BHPS

Guests Present

Richard Brockman, J.D., Alabama Nursing Home Association (ANHA)
Brandon Farmer, ANHA
Mark Jackson, Medical Association of the State of Alabama (MASA)
Bryan Jones, ANHA
Katrina Magdon, ANHA
Meghan Martin, (MASA)
John Matson, ANHA
SalLee Sasser-Williams, ANHA

WELCOME

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

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 28, 2023

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes of January 28, 2023, as distributed; the motion carried unanimously.

COVID-19 UPDATES AND VACCINES

Dr. Clark-Brown advised that there was an increase in COVID-19 numbers during the summer wave, and an increase in COVID wastewater.

Dr. Clark-Brown advised that the Monovalent vaccine availability is uncertain. Once it is available, only 25 percent will be distributed quickly.

MEMBER DISCUSSION

There was discussion about COVID -related problems occurring with patients and in nursing homes.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH IN NURSING HOMES

A partnership between the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration has created a grant to assist with the behavioral health issues in the elderly but will not include patients with dementia.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S CERTIFICATION

Dr. Clark-Brown discussed medical director certification requirements in California and in Maryland. Alabama does not currently require certification for medical directors to lead nursing homes.

ADJOURNED AND NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for January 27, 2024, at the Marriot Birmingham, 3590 Grandview Parkway, Birmingham, Alabama 35243.

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

Amber Clark-Brown, M.D., F.A.A.P.M.R.. Medical Director
Health Provider Standards
Alabama Department of Public Health

Jacqueline D. Milledge, Director
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