



**Minutes of the March 21, 2007 Meeting of the
Commission on Men's Health
1:00 a.m. - Atlanta, Georgia**

Members Present:

Waldo Floyd, III, M.D., Chairman
Patrick Godbey, M.D.
William Harper, IV, M.D.
Evander Holyfield
Wayne Oliver
Representative Richard Smith
Charlie Taylor, M.D.

DCH Staff Attending:

James T. Peoples, OHI Director
Kristal Ammons
Lynn Christian
Paulette Poole

Members Absent:

Senator Gregg Goggans
John Maupin, M.D.
Representative Fran Millar
Senator Don Thomas

The Georgia Commission on Men's Health held its first meeting since March 21, 2007, at the Department of Community Health (DCH) in Atlanta, Georgia. This was the first meeting since the new appointments from the Governor's Office.

The meeting was called to order at 1:25 p.m. OHI Executive Director James Peoples. Mr. Peoples introduced himself to Commission members. He congratulated members on their new appointments and informed them that Governor Purdue appointed Dr. Waldo Floyd as Chairman. Mr. Peoples gave the floor to Dr. Floyd.

Dr. Floyd greeted Commission members and expressed his appreciation to serve on the Commission. He then asked members to introduce themselves to each other. Members were asked to reference their folders for the Oath of Office signage to be completed and returned to James Peoples.

Following the introductions of each member, Dr. Floyd asked Former Commission Chairman William Harper, IV, M.D. to give a brief history and up-to-date briefing on the Commission and its current activities.

Dr. Harper opened by stating that the Commission was created by HB 1235 and legislatively mandated in the Year 2000. A copy of the bill is included in each member's folder. Dr. Harper informed members of their first retreat, which developed the goals, mission and vision for the Commission of Men's Health. Several sub-committees were developed, which included 1) the Collaborative Partnership Committee; 2) the Public Information and Education Committee; 3) the Cardiovascular

Disease Team Development Committee; and, 5) the Prostate Cancer Team Committee. Dr. Harper went on to mention the various health fairs, symposiums and other activities focused on men's health that the Commission sponsored.

Dr. Harper informed members that the Commission legally formed the Commission on Men's Health Foundation to establish a 501(c)3 status which was formed to support the Commission and its activities.

One project in particular Dr. Harper requested the approval of members to continue is the State Trooper Initiative he would like to see implemented in Georgia. This initiative focused on partnering with the Georgia State Patrol in sponsoring health fairs for their members and families in their perspective communities.

Chairman Floyd called for Executive Director James Peoples to update the Commission on the Office of Health Improvement and the Department of Community Health (DCH) activities.

Mr. Peoples discussed the various pieces of information included in each member's packet. Also included in the package was a copy of the HB 1235, which created the Commission on Men's Health. Mr. Peoples specifically referenced HB 1235 and pointed out the requirement of a report on the status of men's health in Georgia to be submitted annually. He referenced the 2000 Men's Health Status report, published by DHR and included in their packets. Mr. Peoples offered this report as He pointed out that one of the Commission's responsibilities is to develop an annual report on the health status of Georgia's men. He also noted that OHI will be working with the Department of Human Resources (DHR) on this project.

Mr. Peoples explained DCH's responsibilities and programs. A copy of the DCH organizational chart was also distributed to Commission members.

Chairman Floyd asked Commission members for their input on any suggestions they may have in developing their guiding principles. At that time, Dr. Harper asked members whether or not they wanted to continue with planning for the Georgia State Patrol Initiative he mentioned earlier in the meeting. Mr. Peoples referred members to the Department of Public Safety's organizational chart in their packets to show how the Georgia State Trooper division is organized. Representative Richard Smith asked more about this initiative.

Dr. Harper stated he has already been in contact with Colonel Hitchens of the Department of Public Safety to discuss the initiative and possible partnership with the State Patrol. Colonel Hitchens agreed that the proposed partnership will be an excellent resource for healthcare awareness and they would be happy to participate.

After much discussion, Chairman Floyd made the motion to approve the continuation of the Georgia State Patrol Initiative, Dr. Harper seconded. Commission members voted to proceed with this initiative.

Chairman Floyd opened the floor to audience participation. Several participants greeted the Commission members and expressed their desires to partner with the Commission on various men's health activities.

Dr. Harper requested that a copy of the current CMH Collaborative Partner List e distributed to all members of the Commission. Once the list is updated and or revised, a copy will be disseminated.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.