

Board of Community Health
Meeting
March 8, 2018

Members Present

Norman Boyd
Roger Folsom
Allana Cummings
Anthony Williamson
Russell Crutchfield
Russ Childers
Kenneth Davis
Mark Trail

Members Absent

The Board of Community Health held its regularly scheduled meeting at the Department of Community Health (DCH), 5th Floor Board Room, 2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia. (An agenda and a List of Attendees are attached hereto and made an official part of these Minutes as Attachments #1 and #2). Chairman Norman Boyd presided and called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.

Minutes

The Minutes of the February 8, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved.

Opening Comments

None to report.

Committee Reports

Audit Committee Chairman, Norman Boyd shared the following topics of discussion from the meeting:

- 2017 Audit Findings:
 - No material findings.
 - Strengthen controls over application risk management programs and Medicaid providers compliance to maintain adequate medical records.

Committee members in attendance: Norman Boyd, Russell Crutchfield, Russ Childers and Mark Trail.

Meeting Occurrence: In order to establish a consistent Committee schedule, the Audit Committee will meet quarterly at a minimum.

Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Berry thanked the Board, members of the public and staff for their attendance.

Commissioner Berry updated the Board on the following:

- February Rural Hospital Stabilization Site Visits:
Union General, Chatuge Regional Hospital and Habersham County Medical Center.
- Legislative Update:
 - <9 days left in the session
 - March 7th: Meeting with Senate Appropriations Chair Dr. Burke Re: FY19 budget
 - Background check bill is moving its way through

Melanie Simon, Division Chief, Healthcare Facility Regulation (HFR) presented to the Board for final adoption the proposed revised Rules and Regulations for Licensure of Clinical Laboratories. The revised rules are being proposed pursuant to the authority granted the Department of Community Health in O.C.G.A. § 31-6-21 and O.C.G.A. § 31-6-21.1.

Board members were provided a copy of the synopsis of proposed rule changes and revised rules. During the oral presentation, the following was discussed:

- The rule revisions are necessary to comply with House Bill 210 which changes the definition of “clinical laboratory” to exclude certain blood banks.
- No additional changes to the proposed rule were recommended.

An opportunity for public comment was held on February 13, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Community Health (2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303) in the 5th Floor Board Room. Written comments were accepted on or before February 16, 2018. No comments were received.

Ms. Simon respectfully asked for the Board's favorable consideration of final adoption.

Russell Crutchfield MADE a MOTION to approve for final adoption the Rules and Regulations for Licensure of Clinical Laboratories. Kenneth Davis SECONDED the MOTION. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 8, nays 0, abstained 0, and the MOTION was APPROVED. (A copy of the Rules and Regulations for Licensure of Clinical Laboratories is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #3).

Melanie Simon, Division Chief, Healthcare Facility Regulation (HFR) presented to the Board for final adoption the proposed revised Rules and Regulations for Nursing Homes,

Chapter 111-8-56. The revised rules are being proposed pursuant to the authority granted the Department of Community Health in O.C.G.A. § 31-6-21 and O.C.G.A. § 31-6-21.1.

Board members were provided a copy of the synopsis of proposed rule changes and revised rules. During the oral presentation, the following was discussed:

- The rule revisions are necessary to comply with Senate Bill 96 which changes the medical care requirements for pronouncements of death in nursing homes.
- No additional changes to the proposed rule were recommended.

An opportunity for public comment was held on February 13, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. at the Department of Community Health (2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303) in the 5th Floor Board Room. Written comments were accepted on or before February 16, 2018. No comments were received.

Ms. Simon respectfully asked for the Board's favorable consideration of final adoption.

Roger Folsom MADE a MOTION to approve for final adoption the Rules and Regulations for Nursing Homes. Allana Cummings SECONDED the MOTION. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 8, nays 0, abstained 0, and the MOTION was APPROVED. (A copy of the Rules and Regulations for Nursing Homes is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #4).

Melanie Simon, Division Chief, Healthcare Facility Regulation (HFR) presented to the Board for final adoption the proposed revised Rules and Regulations for Hospices, Chapter 111-8-37. The revised rules are being proposed pursuant to the authority granted the Department of Community Health in O.C.G.A. § 31-6-21 and O.C.G.A. § 31-6-21.1.

Board members were provided a copy of the synopsis of proposed rule changes and revised rules. During the oral presentation, the following was discussed:

- The rule revisions are necessary to comply with Senate Bill 96 which changes the nursing services requirements for pronouncements of death in hospice agencies.
- No additional changes to the proposed rule were recommended.

An opportunity for public comment was held on February 13, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at the Department of Community Health (2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303) in the 5th Floor Board Room. Written comments were accepted on or before February 16, 2018. No comments were received.

Ms. Simon respectfully asked for the Board's favorable consideration of final adoption.

Mark Trail MADE a MOTION to approve for final adoption the revised Rules and Regulations for Hospices. Russ Childers SECONDED the MOTION. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 8, nays 0, abstained 0, and the MOTION was APPROVED. (A copy of the revised Rules and Regulations for Hospices is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #5).

Melanie Simon, Division Chief, Healthcare Facility Regulation (HFR) presented to the Board for final adoption the proposed revised Rules and Regulations for Disaster Preparedness Plans, Chapter 111-8-16. The revised rules are being proposed pursuant to the authority granted the Department of Community Health in O.C.G.A. § 31-6-21 and O.C.G.A. § 31-6-21.1.

Board members were provided a copy of the synopsis of proposed rule changes and revised rules. During the oral presentation, the following was discussed:

- The rule revisions create exemptions for facilities that are subject to the new federal rules for emergency preparedness and require that non-exempt facilities utilize some of the resources developed by the Department of Public Health to assist in disaster planning.
- No additional changes to the proposed rule were recommended.

An opportunity for public comment was held on February 13, 2018 at 11:30 a.m. at the Department of Community Health (2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303) in the 5th Floor Board Room. Written comments were accepted on or before February 16, 2018. No comments were received.

Ms. Simon respectfully asked for the Board's favorable consideration of final adoption.

Allana Cummings MADE a MOTION to approve for final adoption the revised Rules and Regulations for Disaster Preparedness Plans. Russell Crutchfield SECONDED the MOTION. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 8, nays 0, abstained 0, and the MOTION was APPROVED. (A copy of the revised Rules and Regulations for Disaster Preparedness Plans is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #6).

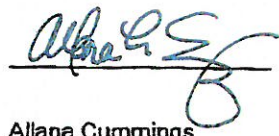
New Business/Closing Comments

None to report.

Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Chairman Norman Boyd adjourned the meeting at 10:51 a.m.

THESE MINUTES ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 8th DAY OF March, 2018.



Allana Cummings
Secretary



Norman Boyd
Chairman

Official Attachments:

- #1 Agenda
- #2 List of Attendees
- #3 Licensure of Clinical Laboratories Rule Change
- #4 Nursing Homes Rule Change
- #5 Hospices Rule Change
- #6 Disaster Preparedness Plans Rule Change