

Board of Community Health  
Meeting  
November 8, 2012

**Members Present**

Ross Mason  
Norman Boyd  
Jamie Pennington  
William Wallace  
Kiera von Besser  
Donna Moses

**Members Absent**

Clay Cox  
Dr. Chapman  
Rick Jackson

The Board of Community Health held its regularly scheduled meeting at the Department of Community Health, Fifth Floor Board Room, 2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia. Commissioner David A. Cook was also present. (An agenda and a List of Attendees are attached hereto and made official parts of these Minutes as Attachments #1 and #2). Chairman Ross Mason called the meeting to order at 10:36 a.m.

**Committee Reports**

Chairman Mason called on Mr. Boyd to give the report on the Audit Committee. Mr. Boyd stated that the Audit Committee met with representatives of Metcalf Davis/Mauldin Jenkins (DCH Independent auditors) and discussed the timeline and procedures for the audit of the Department of Community Health FY12 financial statement and compliance.

**Minutes**

The Minutes of the October 11, 2012 meeting were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

**Commissioner's Report**

Commissioner Cook stated that there are four items on the agenda for final adoption, in addition to some technical changes to Healthcare Facility Regulation rules.

The Commissioner stated that before we move onto the action items on the agenda, he would like for Mr. Looby to make a presentation. In the event of a disaster the Department of Community Health is called upon to support the Department of Public Health. Often, it is necessary for DCH to move people in hospitals, nursing homes and other facilities out of harm's way and to alternative facilities. Mr. Looby and his team

have developed an important aid for locating healthcare facilities that are available for these moves. This system will enable patients to be re-located in a timely manner in an emergency.

Mr. Looby, Chief, Healthcare Facility Regulation, introduced Matt Jarrard, who was instrumental in developing the system, to demonstrate GAmap2Care<sup>SM</sup>. Mr. Jarrard presented a demonstration and discussed the many options available for searches within the system. Mr. Jarrard and Mr. Looby answered questions from the Board.

Mr. Looby presented Technical Amendments to the Rules for Ambulatory Surgery Centers, Anatomical Gifts, Clinical Laboratories, End Stage Renal Dialysis, Hospice, Hospitals, and Nursing Homes for initial adoption. Mr. Looby explained that many of these rules were developed years ago when Healthcare Facilities were regulated by another department, no longer in existence. Healthcare Facility Regulation now falls under the purview of the Department of Community Health, therefore the Title and Chapter numbers have to be changed along with any reference to another department. Ms. Pennington MADE a MOTION to approve for initial adoption, the Technical Amendments to the Rules for Ambulatory Surgery Centers, Anatomical Gifts, Clinical Laboratories, End Stage Renal Dialysis, Hospice, Hospitals, and Nursing Homes. Dr. Moses SECONDED the MOTION. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 6, nays 0, and the MOTION was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. (A copy of the Healthcare Facility Regulation Technical Amendments to the Rules for Ambulatory Surgery Centers, Anatomical Gifts, Clinical Laboratories, End Stage Renal Dialysis, Hospice, Hospitals, and Nursing Homes is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachments #3-9)

Mr. Harris presented the Medicaid APC Grouper Public Notice for final adoption. Mr. Harris stated that a Public hearing was held on October 26, 2012 and only three comments were received. The primary concerns reflected in the comments were the reduction in reimbursement and the timeframe for the implementation. The change from cost based reimbursement to resource based reimbursement rewards hospitals for cost efficiency. The Department will be implementing an Outpatient Hospital Prospective payment System (OPPS) subcommittee of the Hospital Advisory Committee and will work with the committee to develop the most equitable reimbursement program and assist with mitigating cash flow issues. Mr. Wallace MADE a MOTION to approve for final adoption, the APC Grouper Public Notice. Mr. Boyd SECONDED the MOTION. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 6, nays 0, and the MOTION was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. (A copy of the APC Grouper Public Notice is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #10)

Mr. Harris presented the DRG Rebasing Public Notice for final adoption. A Public Hearing was held on October 26<sup>th</sup> with no written or verbal response. Ms. Pennington MADE a MOTION to approve for final adoption, the DRG Rebasing Public Notice. Mr. Boyd SECONDED the MOTION. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 6, nays 0, and the MOTION was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. (A copy of the DRG Rebasing Public Notice is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #11)

Mr. Harris presented the Nursing Home Fair Rental Value Adjustment FY13 and FY14 Public Notices. A Public Hearing was held on October 19, 2012 and two comments were received. The comments received expressed concern that reductions to the Fair Rental Value would; hamper nursing home modernization, generate loan defaults, and reduce Medicaid provider fee revenue collected by the state, hamper new construction adding to unemployment. Mr. Harris explained that under the current Fair Rental Value methodology, reimbursement is increased when there are bed additions or renovations, even if it isn't in the department's budget. By eliminating these increases, the department will be able to manage the budget more efficiently. Mr. Wallace MADE a MOTION to approve for final adoption, the Nursing Home Fair Rental Value Adjustment FY13 Public Notice. Mr. Boyd SECONDED the MOTION. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 6, nays 0, and the MOTION was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. (A copy of the Nursing Home Fair Rental Value Adjustment FY13 Public Notice is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #12)

Mr. Boyd MADE a MOTION to approve for final adoption, the Nursing Home Fair Rental Value Adjustment FY14 Public Notice. Dr. von Besser SECONDED the MOTION. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 6, nays 0, and the MOTION was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. (A copy of the Nursing Home Fair Rental Value Adjustment FY14 Public Notice is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #13)

### **New Business**

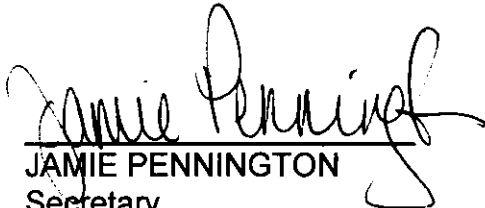
Chairman Mason announced that he would be resigning from the Board, effective at 2:00 pm today. He stated that his resignation was due to exciting new developments in his work in the Healthcare industry and his need to devote his full attention to HINRI and other ventures in which he is involved.

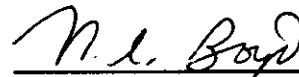
Commissioner Cook thanked Mr. Mason for his service to the Board and to the State of Georgia.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business to be brought before the board, Chairman Mason adjourned the meeting at 11:46 a.m.

THESE MINUTES ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 13th DAY OF December, 2012.

  
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JAMIE PENNINGTON  
Secretary

  
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Norm Boyd  
Vice Chairman

### Official Attachments:

- #1 List of Attendees
- #2 Agenda
- #3 Healthcare Facility Regulation: Technical Amendments to the Rules for Ambulatory Surgery Centers
- #4 Healthcare Facility Regulation: Technical Amendments to the Rules for Anatomical Gifts
- #5 Healthcare Facility Regulation: Technical Amendments to the Rules for Clinical Laboratories
- #6 Healthcare Facility Regulation: Technical Amendments to the Rules for End Stage Renal Dialysis
- #7 Healthcare Facility Regulation: Technical Amendments to the Rules for Hospice
- #8 Healthcare Facility Regulation: Technical Amendments to the Rules for Hospitals
- #9 Healthcare Facility Regulation: Technical Amendments to the Rules for Nursing Homes
- #10 Medicaid APC Grouper Public Notice
- #11 DRG Rebasing Public Notice
- #12 Nursing Home Fair Rental Value Adjustment FY13 Public Notice
- #13 Nursing Home Fair Rental Value Adjustment FY14 Public Notice