Minutes of the June 8, 2017 meeting of the
South Carolina Board of Health and Environmental Control

The South Carolina Board of Health and Environmental Control met on Thursday, June 8, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in the Board Room of the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, South Carolina. (Attachment 0-1)

The following members were in attendance:
  Allen Amsler, Member-at-Large
  Ann B. Kirol, DDS, Vice Chair, 5th District
  L. Clarence Batts, Jr., Secretary, 4th District
  R. Kenyon Wells, 2nd District
  Charles M. Joye, P.E., 3rd District
  David W. Gillespie, MD, 6th District

1st District and 7th District seats are currently vacant.

Also in attendance were W. Marshall Taylor, Legal Counsel; Lisa L. Longshore, Clerk; Department staff and members of the public. (Attachment 0-2) The meeting was live streamed on the internet.

Chairman Allen Amsler called the meeting to order and stated notice of this meeting had been provided to all persons, organizations and news media, which have requested notification, as required by Section 30-4-80(e) of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

**Item 1: Minutes of May 11, 2017 meeting** (Attachment 1-1)

*Mr. Wells moved, seconded by Dr. Kirol, to approve the minutes as presented for the May 11, 2017, Board meeting. The Board voted and Motion carried.*

**Item 2: Administrative Orders and Consent Orders issued by Environmental Affairs** (Attachment 2-1)

Ms. Robin Stephens, Compliance Assistance and Enforcement, Environmental Affairs, stated five (5) Consent Agreements and forty-three (43) Consent Orders had been issued with total penalties of $58,889.39.

*After discussion, the Board accepted this item as information.*
**Item 3: Administrative Orders, Consent Orders and Sanction Letters issued by Health Regulation** (Attachment 3-1)

Mr. Thomas Bowen, Senior Consultant, Health Regulation Policy and Communications, stated five (5) Consent Orders had been issued with assessed penalties of $102,175.70.

After discussion, **the Board accepted this item as information.**

**Item 4: Public Hearing for Notice of Final Regulation amending R.61-16, Minimum Standards for Licensing Hospitals and Institutional General Infirmaries** (Attachment 4-1)

Ms. Gwen Thompson, Director, Bureau of Health Facilities Licensing, presented this item to the Board.

The Department proposed to amend R.61-16, Minimum Standards for Licensing Hospitals and Institutional General Infirmaries, as follows:
- to incorporate new requirements of S.C. Code Sections 44-41-410 through 44-41-480 relating to the provision of abortion services;
- to incorporate existing inspection and construction fees; and
- to incorporate new requirements relating to safe havens.

South Carolina Hospital Association letter of support for the changes proposed to R.61-16. (Attachment 4-2)

Chairman Amsler opened the matter up for Public Hearing, but no one in attendance wished to speak. (Attachment 4-3)

After discussion, **Dr. Gillespie moved, seconded by Mr. Batts, to find for the need and reasonableness of the Proposed Amendment of Regulation 61-16, Minimum Standards for Licensing Hospitals and Institutional General Infirmaries, and approve it for submission to the Legislature for review. The Board voted and Motion carried.**

A verbatim transcript of this proceeding is included as part of the permanent record. (Attachment 4-4)

**Item 5: Request for Approval of Draft State Health Plan** (Attachment 5-1)

Mr. Louis Eubank, Director, Certificate of Need Office, gave a brief overview of the State Health Plan process and the public comment period. Mr. Eubank then introduced Mr. Parkes Coggins, Vice-Chair of the State Plan Committee, who presented this item to the Board.

Mr. Coggins reviewed each section of the Plan explaining changes that were made and why the Committee felt the changes were needed.

After discussion, **Mr. Batts moved, seconded by Mr. Wells, to adopt the 2017 State Health Plan as presented by the State Health Planning Committee to take effect at the start of the business day on June 9, 2017. The Board voted and Motion carried.**
Chairman Amsler stated a need for an Executive Session for the discussion of a personnel matter. Mr. Batts moved, seconded by Dr. Kirol, to go into Executive Session. The Board voted and Motion carried.

Chairman Amsler announced the Board was back in public session and while in Executive Session, no actions were taken.

Being no further business, Chairman Amsler adjourned the meeting.

All referenced attachments are made a permanent part of these minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

L. Clarence Batts, Jr., Secretary

Minutes approved this 10th day of August 2017.

ATTEST:

Allen Amsler, Chairman

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