



ALABAMA SICKLE CELL OVERSIGHT AND REGULATORY COMMISSION

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MINUTES May 2, 2023

Presiding: Dr. Felicia Wilson
Called to Order: 11:14 A.M.
Adjourned: 12:05 P.M.

Members Participating

Dr. Felicia Wilson, President
Ms. Katherine Long, Vice President
Dr. Julie Kanter
Ms. Linda Garrett
Mr. Larry Mooror (virtual)
Ms. Janet Martin (virtual)

Members Absent

Ms. Eleanor Barnes, Secretary
Dr. Jacqueline Williams
Mr. James Belton

Others Present

Mr. Keith Warren, Executive Director
Ms. Sara Rogan Assistant Attorney General and Commission's Legal Counsel
Ms. Renee' Reames, Recorder
Ms. Monica Van Diver, Great Montgomery Sickle Cell Chapter
Mr. James Arrington, Southeast Alabama Sickle Cell Chapter
Ms. Pam Thompson, North Alabama Sickle Cell Chapter
Ms. Aleida Johnson, Mobile Sickle Cell Chapter
Dr. Ardie Pack-Mabien, Johnson Haynes, Jr., M.D., Comprehensive Sickle Cell Center (virtual)
Mr. Anthony Wright, Central Alabama Sickle Cell Chapter
Ms. Sonya Smith, UAB Comprehensive Sickle Cell Center

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The Sickle Cell Oversight and Regulatory Commission met on Tuesday, May 2, 2023. The meeting was held at the Commission's office located at 2777 Zelda Road in Montgomery and the meeting was called to order at 11:14 a.m. by Dr. Felicia Wilson, Commission President. Mr. Warren conducted the roll call of members and indicated that a quorum of the Commissioners was present to conduct business.

II. Approval of Agenda

President Wilson presented the agenda for May 2, 2023 meeting for the Commissioners' approval.

MOTION 2023-05: Ms. Martin made a motion to accept the meeting agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moorer and unanimously approved by the Commission.

III. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes

President Wilson presented the minutes from the February 7, 2023, meeting for the Commissioners' approval. A copy of the minutes was provided to the Commissioners for their review prior to the meeting.

MOTION 2023-06: Dr. Kanter made the motion to approve the February minutes with the correction to the spelling of Ms. Aleida Johnson's name. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moorer and unanimously approved by the Commission.

IV. Executive Director Report

A. Benevolence Fund: Mr. Warren reported that he continued to collect voluntary contributions from the Commissioners in memory of Dr. Johnson Haynes, and he would notify the Commissioners when the donation was sent to the Johnson M. Haynes, Jr., M.D. Comprehensive Sickle Cell Center in his memory.

B. Commission Appointments and Confirmation: Mr. Warren reported that he anticipated confirmation of Commissioner appointments to be made by the Senate by the end of the legislative session.

V. Legal Counsel Report

Ms. Rogan commented on a complaint that had been received regarding the activities of a Chapter. She reported that an investigation was underway, and the parties involved in the complaint had been notified of its status.

She also commented on the Governor's Executive Orders (EO). She reported that the State's Red Tape Reduction EO placed a moratorium on new rulemaking and goals to be established for the reduction of regulatory restrictions which was specific to licensing boards, which the Commission was not a licensing body. She reported on the State Vehicle EO. She also reported that the EO promoting transparency in State government included requests for public records. She indicated that the Commission's website would have a link for the public to request public records. Mr. Warren reported that the Commission's website was being developed and Chapters and Centers would be receiving requests from him to submit photographs to his office, along with entity contact information, and this information would be placed on the Commission's website.

VI. CBO Reports

Southeast Alabama Chapter: Mr. Arrington commented on the high number of requests for assistance and plans for a Charity Day. He reported on the financial needs of the Chapter and the request for financial and other assistance. He also reported that the issue regarding tag receipts had been resolved and funds were being distributed.

Mr. Warren commented on the delays at the State Comptroller's office in receiving allocation checks. Mr. Warren indicated that he could contact the Chairman of the legislative committee about scheduling a meeting to speak with him about the financial needs of the Chapters and Centers. Dr. Kanter indicated that she was interested in meeting with the legislators.

Mobile Chapter: Ms. Johnson reported that registration was open for the educator/counselor certification program to be held at the Mobile Chapter and she encouraged immediate registration with a May 5th deadline.

Central Alabama Chapter: Mr. Wright introduced himself as the new interim director of the Central Alabama Chapter and reported that they were starting over with hiring new staff at the Chapter.

North Alabama Chapter: Ms. Thompson reported on her participation in site visits held in Mobile and the West Alabama Chapter.

VII. Committee Reports

A. **CBO Standardized Core Educational Committee:** Mr. Arrington, Chair of the committee, reported that the committee planned to meet before the next Commission meeting.

B. **Performance Goals Committee:** Dr. Kanter reported that the committee also planned to meet before the next Commission meeting.

VIII. Old Business

A. **Proclamation honoring Johnson Haynes, Jr., M.D.:** Mr. Warren reported that the Proclamation had been received from Governor Ivey's office and he presented the Proclamation to Dr. Wilson for Dr. Haynes' family.

B. **Proclamation honoring Lynne Eskridge:** Mr. Warren indicated that he would like additional information regarding Ms. Eskridge's work at UAB regarding the Sickie Cell program and requested a copy of her obituary to assist in the writing of the Proclamation.

C. **Site Visits and Reports:** President Wilson reviewed the current proposed site visit schedule. The Commission discussed the 5-year site visit cycle, and it would be determined at a later time about whether to repeat the site visits in 2025. Ms. Reames reminded the members that some Chapters had completed their site visits, but the written reports were still outstanding. President Wilson commented that some of the Commissioners who conducted the visits were no longer on the Commission.

Ms. VanDiver reported that a site visit had been conducted in 2020 at the Montgomery Chapter. Ms. Barnes indicated that she would work with Ms. VanDiver in preparing a written report on the results of the visit.

Ms. Thompson reported that a site visit had been conducted in 2020 at the North Alabama Chapter. Ms. Long asked that any notes and reports of this visit be sent to her, and she would prepare a written report on the results of the visit.

Mr. Arrington reported that a site visit had been conducted in 2020 at the Southeast Alabama Chapter. Ms. Reames reported that the written report was still outstanding from that site visit.

Mr. Wright indicated that Central Alabama would like to delay their site visit due to new staff delays. The Commissioners and Chapter staff were encouraged to contact Ms. Reames about changes in schedules that prevented participation on upcoming site visits .

IX. New Business

A. **Executive Orders – Authorized Point of Contact:** Mr. Warren reported that the Governor’s Executive Orders pertaining to requests for public records required an authorized person of contact for the Commission for these requests.

MOTION 2023-07: Ms. Long made the motion that Mr. Warren be authorized as the contact person regarding requests for public documents of the Commission and the Commission President be listed as an additional and alternate contact. The motion was seconded by Dr. Kanter and unanimously approved by the Commission.

X. Other Business and Announcements

Next Meeting: President Wilson reported that the next meeting of the Commission was scheduled July 18, 2023, and fourth meeting planned for the fiscal year was scheduled August 29, 2023. She encouraged the members to attend these meetings.

IX. Adjournment

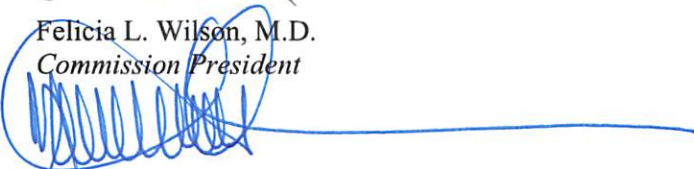
There was no further business and President Wilson called for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION 2023-08: Ms. Long made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Kanter and following a roll call vote the motion was unanimously approved by the Commission. President Wilson adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Felicia L. Wilson, M.D.
Commission President



Keith E. Warren
Executive Director

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