



ALABAMA SICKLE CELL OVERSIGHT AND REGULATORY COMMISSION

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MINUTES February 22, 2021

Presiding: Dr. Felicia Wilson
Called to Order: 11:02 A.M.
Adjourned: 12:06 P.M.

Members Participating

Dr. Felicia Wilson, President
Ms. Katherine Long, Vice President
Ms. Eleanor Barnes, Secretary
Dr. Johnson Haynes, Jr.
Dr. Thomas Howard
Mr. James Belton
Ms. Janet Martin
Mr. Larry Moorer
Dr. Jacqueline Williams
Dr. Julie Kanter

Members Absent

Ms. Linda Garrett

Others Present

Mr. Keith Warren, Executive Director
Ms. Sara Rogan Assistant Attorney General and Board Legal Counsel
Ms. Renee' Reames, recording secretary
Mr. James Arrington, Southeast Alabama Chapter
Ms. Sophia McFarland, Central Alabama Chapter
Ms. Jennifer Harris, West Alabama Chapter

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 11:02 a.m. by Dr. Felicia Wilson, Commission President. The meeting was held at the Commission's office located at 2777 Zelda Road in Montgomery, Alabama. Due to the COVID 19 State of Emergency, the meeting was held virtually.

Roll call of the members participating on the conference call was taken by Mr. Warren. Ms. Sara Rogan, Board Legal Counsel, was introduced to the members. A quorum of the currently appointed Commissioners was present on the call to conduct business.

II. Approval of Agenda

President Wilson presented the agenda for the February 22, 2021 meeting for the Commission's approval. Dr. Wilson added item C. Acknowledgements under Old Business.

MOTION 2021-05: Ms. Martin made a motion to accept the meeting agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Dr. Haynes and, following a roll call vote, the motion was unanimously approved by the Commissioners. Mr. Warren reported that a roll call vote had been established for future motions by the Board.

III. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes

President Wilson presented the minutes from the November 2, 2020 meeting for the Commissioners' approval. A copy of the minutes was provided to the Commissioners for their review prior to the meeting.

MOTION 2021-06: Ms. Martin made the motion to approve the November minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Williams. President Wilson asked for any objections to using the previously established roll call vote and there were no objections to the motion as established by the previous roll. President Wilson indicated that the motion was unanimously approved by the Commission.

IV. Old Business

A. Committee Report - CBO Standardize Core Educational Program: President Wilson reminded the Commissioners that the following members served on the Committee: Dr. Haynes, Dr. Howard and Dr. Wilson. A copy of the educational program from each CBO was provided to the Commissioners prior to the meeting for their review. Mr. Arrington will provide a copy of the CBO educational material provided by the national SCDA. Dr. Wilson appointed Dr. Kanter to serve on the Committee, along with a representative of the CBOs, Mr. Arrington. President Wilson reported that the Committee would review further the educational program information from the national organization and CBOs and a recommendation from the Committee would be presented at a future meeting.

B. 2021 Legislative Session – Funding Letters: Mr. Warren reported that the funding for 2021 would remain consistent with the previous 2020 fiscal year. He provided copies of the letters sent to Senator Orr and Representative Poole requesting an increase in funding for the Commission. Dr. Kanter recommended changes to the letter to better clarify the services that would benefit from these requested funds. It was the consensus of the Board that Dr. Kanter incorporate these changes into the letter to the legislators and Mr. Warren would provide the updated letter to Senator Orr and Representative Poole. Mr. Warren reported that he would be working with the Board's Legal Counsel on modifying the Board's Rules to reflect the current allocation of funds for the Tri County service-area, so as not to affect the current formula used in the distribution of funds.

C. Acknowledgement of Service:

Ms. Sharon Lewis – Dr. Howard reported that he could not locate information about the services that pre-dated the development of the State Newborn Screening Program that Ms. Lewis had been an instrumental part.

MOTION 2021-07: Dr. Howard made the motion to proceed with the Certificate acknowledging the services provided by Ms. Sharon Lewis. The motion was seconded by Dr. Kanter. Dr. Wilson asked for any objections to using the previously established roll call vote and there were no objections to the motion as established by the previous roll. President Wilson indicated that the motion was unanimously approved.

Former Representative Buskey: Dr. Haynes reported that the Sickle Cell Regional Conference, hosted by USA, would be held on May 15, 2021 and he invited everyone to register for the meeting. He reported that the topic would be on gene therapy and Dr. Wilson would be the moderator. The Commissioners discussed plans to present the certificate of appreciation to Representative Buskey during this conference. Ms. Reames was asked to provide Dr. Haynes a roster of the CBOs for him to notify them about the Regional Conference registration.

Benevolence Fund – President Wilson offered condolences, on behalf of the Commission, to Mr. Warren regarding the passing of his father, Mr. Jimmy Warren. The Commissioners discussed maintaining a benevolence fund through personal donations by the individual members of the Commission.

MOTION 2021-08: Dr. Haynes made a motion that all commissioners make a one-time, personal donation of \$20 to the Benevolence Fund to acknowledge the passing of commissioners' family members, e.g., parents, spouse, and children. The motion was seconded by Dr. Williams. President Wilson asked for any objections to using the previously established roll call vote and there were no objections to the motion as established by the previous roll. President Wilson indicated that the motion was unanimously approved.

V. New Business

A. Report of FY 2021 First Quarter performance Goals

A copy of the Performance Goals reports of the CBOs and Centers was provided to the Commissioners prior to the meeting for their review. Directors of the CBO's commented on services being provided, most of which were virtual, during the COVID 19 State of Emergency. Mr. Arrington reported that sometimes the contact data for Newborn Screening was no longer valid due to a family's change in address and difficulties in contacting them. The Commissioners thanked the CBO Directors for creating solutions in meeting the challenges during the State of Emergency.

VI. Other Business and Announcements

A. **Next Meeting Scheduled:** President Wilson reported that the next regular meeting of the Commission was scheduled Monday, May 24, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.

VII. Adjournment


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

MOTION 2021-09: Ms. Martin made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Barnes and with no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by the Commission. President Wilson adjourned the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Felicia L. Wilson, M.D.
Commission President



Keith E. Warren
Executive Director

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