ALABAMA BOARD OF HOME MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

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MINUTES Board Meeting November 14, 2017

The Alabama Board of Home Medical Equipment met on Tuesday, November 14, 2017, at the Board's office located at 2777 Zelda Road in Montgomery to conduct Board business. Board members in attendance were Ms. Lisa Wells (Board Chair), Mr. Bruce Ovitt (member), Mr. Vernon Johnson (member), Ms. Melissa Mann (member) and Mr. Kent Crenshaw (member). Board members not in attendance were Ms. Missy Fields and Mr. Jonathan Temple. Others present were Mr. Keith Warren (Executive Director), Mr. Cameron McEwen (General Counsel), Ms. Hope Childers (Board Administrator), Mr. Mike James (Board Investigator/Inspector) and Ms. Renee' Reames (Executive Secretary to Mr. Warren and serving as recording secretary).

The meeting was called to order at 10:16 a.m. by Ms. Wells and a quorum was present comprised of 5 members of 7 active members currently on the Board. Four members had resigned. Public notice of this rescheduled meeting was advertised on the Board's web site at www.homemed.alabama.gov. and published on the Secretary of State's web site at www.sos.alabama.gov, in accordance with the requirements of the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

At approximately 10:16 a.m., the Board entered into an Administrative Hearing in the matter of Pinnacle Medical Solutions, with the Honorable Jerry Wood presiding. Representatives from Pinnacle Medical Solutions were present to provide testimony, and evidence was provided by both parties. The Hearing was adjourned by Judge Wood at 11:07 a.m.

Ms. Wells called a 10-minute recess of the Board at 11:07 a.m.

Ms. Wells reconvened the Board meeting at 11:17 a.m.

Mr. McEwen reported to the Board that Judge Wood would be preparing a Recommended Order in matter of Pinnacle Medical Solutions and submitting his Recommendation to the Board for consideration at the next Board meeting.

Ms. Wells presented the minutes from the September 26, 2017 meeting for the Board's approval. A copy of the minutes was provided to the Board members prior to the meeting. Mr. Johnson made a motion to accept the August minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ovitt and unanimously approved by the Board, with none voting "nay." (Minutes available for viewing in the Board's Official Book of Minutes and on the Board's website).

Ms. Wells, Board Chair, indicated that she had no new information at this time to report to the Board.

Mr. Warren presented the Executive Director Report, which included financial activities by the Board for the end of fiscal year 2017 through October 31, 2018, along with a report on the number of active



licensees, number of inspections conducted to-date, and number of complaints received during FY 2017 (report available for viewing in the Board's Official Book of Minutes).

Ms. Childers presented the Administrator's Report on activities performed by staff since the last Board meeting, along with a list of expired licenses.

Mr. Ovitt made the motion to approve the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Mann and unanimously approved by the Board, with none voting "nay."

Mr. McEwen indicated that he had no new items to report for the Legal Counsel's Report.

Ms. Wells presented proposed Board meeting dates for 2018 for the Board's approval. Mr. Ovitt made the motion to approve the following 2018 dates for the Board to conduct business: February 20th, May 22nd, August 21st and November 20th. The motion was seconded by Mr. Johnson and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board discussed the expired terms on the Board and pending appointments by the Governor.

There being no further business, Ms. Wells adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Wells

Chair

Keith E. Warren Executive Director

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