

Meeting Minutes
April 22, 2008

The Alabama Board of Home Medical Equipment Service Providers met on Tuesday, April 22, 2008 in Montgomery at the Board Office for the purpose of conducting Board Business. Those in attendance were as follows: Mike Benefield, Chair; Diane Garrett-Williamson, Vice-Chair; Diane Starnes, Member; Leigh Ann Matthews, Member; Lewis Fuller, Member; John Beard, Member; Dr. Mitchell Shirah, Member; and Roger Schofield, Member. Also present were Paula Scout McCaleb, Executive Director; Dana Billingsley, Legal Counsel; and Jessica Burdette, Licensing Agent serving as recording secretary.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:18 A.M. with a quorum present.

The meeting was advertised on the Board's website and the Secretary of State's website in accordance with Open Meetings Act.

A motion was made by Leigh Ann Matthews to approve the Minutes from January 22, 2008 as distributed. The motion was seconded by Lewis Fuller and passed unanimously.

At approximately 10:32 A.M., Dr. Mitchell Shirah joined the meeting.

At approximately 10:33 A.M., Mike Benefield joined the meeting.

A motion was made by John Beard for Paula Scout McCaleb and Mike Benefield to research the new supplier standards and provisional permit and post the information on the web-site. The motion failed.

A motion was made by Roger Schofield to adopt new language in the Rules and Regulations, only including items 1-21 and that will not require accreditation for licensure. Lewis Fuller seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Diane Starnes to adopt the changes and amendments made to the Rules and Regulations as follows:

473-X-4.01

“1) The Board hereby incorporates the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Medicare Durable Medical Equipment Provider of Service (DMEPOS) Supplier Standards as additional requirements with which all applicants must comply for licensure; provided however that the Board does not incorporate the requirements for accreditation as additional requirements with which applicants for licensure must comply,”

and

473-X-5.07

“(1) The Board hereby incorporates by reference the Medicare Supplier Standards [found at 42 C. F. R. pt. 424, sec 424.57 C, effective December 11, 2000]; with the exception of accreditation requirements”

Leigh Ann Matthews seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further Board business, a motion was made by Lewis Fuller to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Roger Schofield and passed unanimously. The time being approximately 11:05 A.M. The Chairman announced that the next scheduled Board meeting would be held on July 22, 2008 at the Board office in Montgomery.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Benefield, Chairman

Diane Garrett-Williamson, Vice-Chair

Paula Scout McCaleb, Executive Director

Jessica Burdette, Licensing Agent and serving as Recording Secretary