

Southern Chapter Diabetes Coalition Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2018

In attendance Dawn Vosbein (MSU EXT Extension Agent Pearl River County), Joan Hendrix (MGCCC Dean of Health Sciences), Sean Tully (Merck Customer Team Leader), Tracy Speights (Merck Executive Customer Representative), Jennifer Courcelle (MSDH Regional Preventive Health Nurse, Ashley Longwitz (Novo Nordisk Diabetes Educator), Harvey Nixon Lions Club Representative for Camp Wilkes, and Alicia Jones (USM Gulfcoast Coastal Family Health Centers).

Updates of the coalition were given after introductions of the attendees.

1. Deborah Colby semi-retired from NORDI. She will still be on the Coalition and teach Diabetes classes.
2. Kate Cooley has stepped down from Mississippi Diabetes Coalition and moving to California
3. Ryan Kelly has taken over the coalition , he is currently the president of Mississippi Rural Health Coalition and CEO Horizon Professional

Announcements were made and the next state board meeting will be held in Canton, MS at the MSU CAVS center on August 3, 2018 with speakers Virginia Crawford and Veronica DeLagarza. Giving the Diabetes the Blues conference will be held at Table 100 on November 9, 2018 from 9-1pm. Vendors and exhibitor are welcomed. The speakers this year will be Matt Strum, Erica Thompson and K. C. Arnold along with a wellness panel. Camp Wilks Diabetes camp in Biloxi was cancelled for this year due to lack of interest. Next year the camp will be held on 5/31/19 – 6/2/19 and will target teenagers with diabetes Type 1, Type 2 and prediabetes. The Lions club is working on marketing the camp as well as getting the proper health care professionals lined up to promote the camp. The Diabetes Foundation Walk will be held on September 29, 2018 at Jones Park. The Mississippi Nurses Association conference is held October 23-26 on the coast. Webinars are available for diabetes education through Merck telehealth Journey for Control at www.journeyforcontrol.com . There will be a Diabetes Academy offered at Oak Grove Library on 8/15/18 at 10am and at Orange Grove on 7/30/18 at 10am by Ashley Longwitz.