

**MEDICAL LABORATORY BOARD  
MINUTES**

**Date:** October 12, 2006

**Time:** 9:00 a.m., CDT

**Location:** Bureau of Health Licensure and Regulation  
TN Department of Health  
Bureau Conference Room  
Plaza 1 MetroCenter  
220 Athens Way  
Nashville, TN 37243

**Members Present:** Linda Lahr, MT Chairman  
Jere Ferguson, MD, Vice-Chairman  
Dennis Carter, MD  
Edward McDonald, MD  
Trudy Papuchis, MD  
Thomasa Cooper, Medical Technologist  
Norman Crowe, Independent Lab Manager/Representative  
Yvonne Davis, Medical Technologist  
Martha Duncan, Medical Technologist  
Alison McDonald-Spakes, Cytotechnologist  
Gloria Jenkins, Citizen Representative

**Members Absent:** John C. Neff, MD  
Delores Voigt, MT Hospital Administrator

**Staff Present:** Lynda S. England, Medical Technologist, Director  
Cheryl H. Thacker, Medical Technologist, Consultant  
Jerry Kosten, Rules Manager  
Robert Kraemer, Jr., Advisory Attorney  
Sandra S. Bogard, Medical Technologist Consultant/Surveyor,  
Middle Tennessee Regional Office  
Onezean Otey, Jr., Medical Technologist Consultant/Surveyor,  
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Karon Hathcoat, Medical Technologist Consultant/ Surveyor,  
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Robbie Bell, Director-Health Related Boards, Ex-Officio Board Member

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- Staff Absent:** Nicole Armstrong, Advisory Attorney  
Julia Daniels, Medical Technologist Consultant/ Surveyor  
East Tennessee Regional Office  
Mary Hamblen, Medical Technologist Consultant/Surveyor  
West Tennessee Regional Office
- CLIA Representative:** Irmgard Brown, CLIA Manager
- Quorum:** A sufficient number of board members were present to constitute a quorum.
- Presiding Officer:** The meeting was called to order by the Board Chairman, Linda Lahr at 9:10 a.m., CDT.  
Board members introduced themselves to the audience.
- Welcome:** Ms. Lahr welcomed the guests and visitors to the meeting.
- Board Minutes:** A motion to approve the July 12, 2006 Personnel & Education Committee minutes was made by Dr. McDonald.  
Second: Dr. Ferguson.  
These minutes were approved.
- A motion to approve the Board minutes from the July 13, 2006 Board meeting was made by: Dr. McDonald.  
Second: Dr. Ferguson.  
The minutes were approved.
- Board Report**  
**Personnel & Education Committee:**
- Ms. Duncan presented a report of the actions of the Personnel & Education Committee meeting, October 11, 2006.
- Motion to accept this report: Dr. McDonald.  
Second: Dr. Ferguson.  
The report was approved.
- Contested Cases:** There were no contested cases presented during this meeting.

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**Consent Orders:**

1-Wellness First, Inc.  
2725 Kirby Road Suite #15  
Memphis, TN 38119  
License #4054

The Board reviewed and adopted a Consent Order pertaining to the continued operation of this collection station on an expired facility license.

This facility operated for a period of approximately five (5) months without a current facility license issued by this Board. Numerous attempts were made via phone, certified mail along with an on-site visit by the West Tennessee regional surveyor to resolve this matter.

The regional surveyor also issued deficiencies via a Plan of Correction with a response by the collection station that was unacceptable. Non-compliance with the surveyor's request was noted via certified mail sent to the facility.

The respondent (owner) was ordered to pay six (6) Type A civil penalties in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) for each penalty, for a total of six thousand dollars (\$6000.00), and also pay the costs of this regulatory action.

Motion: Dr. McDonald  
Second: Mr. Crowe  
Adopted.

2-April R. Rodgers  
Chattanooga, TN 37421  
Medical Laboratory Technician  
License #19883

The Board reviewed and adopted the Consent Order presented On April R. Rodgers, MLT, (The Respondent)

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Ms. Rodgers removed vacutainers and needles (blood drawing equipment) from her place of employment and took these items to residence. Ms. Rodgers did not return these items to her work place and did not dispose of them properly. The Respondent used these instruments to draw blood from an acquaintance at her home and tested the blood sample at her place of employment. This clinical test procedure was not authorized by an appropriate health care provider, not entered into the licensed laboratory log, and was performed without her employer's knowledge.

Ms. Rodger's license is suspended for a period of three (3) months, effective as of this date. Ms. Rodgers will then be placed on probation for a period of one (1) year with the condition that her supervisor must submit a report to the Board that the Respondent is following all procedures required and specifically is not taking vaccuatiners home and is disposing of them properly.

The Respondent shall pay all the costs of this action.

Motion: Dr. McDonald

Second: Dr. Papuchis

Adopted.

**Board Report-Tennessee Professional Peer Assistance Program:**

Mike Harkreader, MA, RN

TNPAP State Director

Elaine Eaton

Administrator

Ms Eaton gave the following report to the board:

Monitoring Status as of June 30, 2006: TNPAP is currently monitoring 4 individuals.

Statistics for the period July 1, 2005 to May 31, 2006 stated there were seventeen (17) referrals with four (4) individuals in monitoring status and one (1) individual in evaluation status.

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Seven (7) individuals refused to participate in the program and were reported to TDOH and six (6) individuals were found to not need monitoring. There was a total of thirteen (13) individuals discharged from this program with one (1) individual successfully completing the program.

The referral sources indicated sixteen (16) individuals were referred to TNPAP from the Board's administrative office, and one (1) individual referred to this advocacy program from their employer.

The history of referrals TNPAP indicates eleven (11) individuals who had a history of arrest (drug related arrest/illegal drug use/+UDS in workplace), two (2) individuals involved with substance abuse, two (2) individuals involved in prescription forgery (2) and one (1) diversion.

During the July meeting, the Board requested a report on the number of individuals having utilized the services of TNPAP since the Board signed a contract with this agency.

This report from TNPAP states the following:

Referrals to program: 49  
Monitoring agreement signed: 12  
Treatment: 6

The majority of referrals were from the Board's administrative office with the majority of referrals based on history of arrest/drug related arrest or illegal drug use.

Motion to accept this report: Ms. Duncan.  
Second: Ms. Cooper.  
Report Approved.

A copy of Mr. Harkreader's report is on file in the Board's administrative office.

The Board discussed amending the 2007-2008 Contract with TNPAP to reflect an increase in fees paid to this advocacy group.

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**Board Report-Rules:**

Jerry Kosten-Rules Manager

*A. Rules Amendments:*

There was no rulemaking hearing held for the Board during the past three (3) months.

*B. Authorize Rulemaking Hearing:*

- 1-Rule 1200-6-1-.01(32) & 1200-6-1-.22(1) (e), (2) (d).  
Rule 1200-6-1-.03 Necessity of Licensure.  
Rule 1200-6-3-.02 Licensing Procedures CT Special Analyst.
- 2-Rule 1200-6-1-.22(a) (5) Upgrade MLT to MT.
- 3-Rule 1200-6-1-.12 Continuing Education Definition.
- 4-Rule 1200-6-1-.18 Unethical Conduct.

David L. Smalley, Ph.D., MSS, BCLD  
Public Health Laboratory Director  
Tennessee Dept. of Health  
Laboratory Services

Dr. Smalley appeared before the Board to request withdrawal of the recently promulgated rules 1200-6-1-.01(3) Special Analyst, Level II-Chemical Terrorism, 1200-6-1-.22((1) (e), (2) (d).

Dr, Smalley told the members analyses performed on these human samples would be considered non diagnostic. These results of these test analyses would be related to homeland security exposures, and for diagnostic purposes therefore the previous rules should be amended to exempt those individuals performing these analyses from the Medical Laboratory Act.

Dr. Ferguson made a motion to withdraw the previous rules concerning chemical bioterrorism analyses and Dr. McDonald seconded the motion.

There was a roll call vote with all board members present saying aye.

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Dr. Papuchis made a motion to have a new rule exempting these individuals from licensure and a second to that motion

was provided by Dr. McDonald. Motion accepted.

Dr. Smalley also requested that an individual that is credentialed by the American Board of Medical Microbiology (ABMM) be permitted to direct a laboratory that performs testing on infectious diseases (to include immunology). Board members agreed.

Motion: Dr. Ferguson  
Second: Dr. McDonald.  
Approved.

**Ratifications:**

The following items were presented to the Board for ratification per staff, state surveyor or facility request:

- 1) Exemptions for point of care testing procedures (POCT) in a licensed facility (See Attachment 1).
- 2) Initial licenses for Clinical Laboratory Facilities (See Attachment 2).

**Board Director's Report/Discussion:**

Lynda S. England BS MT(ASCP)  
Director

Ms. England reported quarterly administrative office/staff activities to the Board members. This report included administrative office statistics, referrals from this office for TNPAP for peer assistance services and website update information.

Motion: Ms. Cooper.  
Second: Ms. Duncan.  
Report Approved.

The complete director's report is filed in the administrative office.

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**Direct More Than Three (3) Labs**  
**Rule 1200-6-3-.13(5) Medical Lab Facilities:**

Dr. Louis Seibert, M.D. appeared before the Board to request an exemption to direct a fifth (5th) clinical laboratory – Westmoreland Medical Pavilion-Westmoreland, TN.

Dr. Seibert currently directs:

1. SRMC Hospital Gallatin, TN.
2. Sumner Medical Group Office at the Sumner Regional Medical Center, Gallatin, TN.
3. Trousdale Medical Center Hospital-Hartsville, TN.
4. Macon County General Hospital-Lafayette, TN.

Motion: Dr. McDonald

Second: Dr. Ferguson

Approved.

**Reinstatement of License:** There were no requests for licenses to be reinstated during this meeting.

**Reports/Discussion:**

**Reports:**

Regional Consultant/Surveyor – Proficiency Testing (PT) & Complaint Investigations/Licensed Laboratory Facilities

**East Tennessee Regional Office**

Julia Daniels, Consultant II/Surveyor;

Ms. Daniels was not present during this meeting. Ms. England gave the report.

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*Unsatisfactory/ Unsuccessful Proficiency Testing:*

The East Tennessee Regional Office reported five (5) facilities demonstrating unsuccessful participation in proficiency testing

events.

The events were:

GC culture with notification and response in progress,

Gram stains-self reported with the a return to technical training,

Bacteriology, a clerical error with technical consult, resulting in a different reporting mechanism for reviews before submission.

One laboratory was unsuccessful for D-dimers-notification and response in progress.

One laboratory was unsuccessful for cell-ID automated-notification and response in progress.

*Complaint Investigations:* The East Tennessee Regional Office conducted one (1) investigation(s) during the last quarter.

### **Middle Tennessee Regional Office**

Sandra S. Bogard, Consultant II/Surveyor  
Onezean Otey, Jr., Consultant I/Surveyor

Mr. Otey gave the report:

#### *Unacceptable/Unsuccessful Proficiency Testing:*

The number of licensed laboratories demonstrating a first occurrence of unsuccessful proficiency testing events (two of three events) was zero (0).

Laboratories with a second occurrence of unsuccessful PT: zero (0).

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#### *Complaint Investigation:*

The Middle Tennessee Regional Office has conducted zero (0) complaint investigation(s) during this quarter.

## **West Tennessee Regional Office**

Karen Hathcoat, Consultant I/Surveyor

### *Unacceptable/Unsuccessful Proficiency Testing:*

One (1) had a first occurrence of unsuccessful proficiency testing (two out of three in a row). The facility provided the surveyor with an acceptable Plan of Correction.

Facilities with a second occurrence of unsuccessful proficiency testing is zero (0).

### *Complaint Investigations:*

There were zero (0) complaint investigations conducted by this regional office the past quarter.

Motion to accept these regional reports: Dr. Ferguson  
Second: Dr. McDonald  
Approved.

## **Discussion/Clarification for Staff and Surveyors:**

No questions were presented during this meeting.

## **Department Reports/Discussion:**

### **Health Related Board's Report/Discussion:**

Robbie Bell, Director

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Ms. Bell reported the implementation of the criminal background checks for all initial licensees has not gone as smoothly as planned. The Department continues to work with the vendor, Cogent Systems, and the TBI to solve the current problems.

The next board meeting should be held in the Heritage Place

location. Contractors are currently working on rebuilding the meeting room and making progress each day.

Future plans for all boards call for the implementation of computers and disks to replace the board books and board packets.

The MARS system will be replacing the current RBS data filing system by the end of next year.

Letters were sent to medical laboratory professionals regarding an update of their current address and also practice address for Right to know information and to update the Department's data base.

Motion to Accept Report: Dr. McDonald

Second: Dr. Ferguson.

Approved.

**Office of General Counsel Report:**

Nicole Armstrong,  
Advisory Attorney

Mr. Kraemer led the discussion of the following items in Ms. Armstrong's absence:

**2005 Legislation Amendments (05-1327)**-The rulemaking hearing was held on September 26, 2005, with the amendments adopted by the Board on October 13, 2005. They were sent to the Attorney General on October 18, 2005 and are still there.

**Alternative Site Testing and Reportable Cultures (05-1549)**-The rulemaking hearing was held on December 16, 2005 and these amendments were adopted by the Board on January 18, 2006. They were sent to the Attorney General on January 18, 2006 and they became effective on September 23, 2006.

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**POL, Bio-Terrorism and Licensure Change Amendments-(06-1010)**-The rulemaking hearing was held on March 17, 2006 and after response to comments, these amendments are ready for adoption at this meeting.

**Licensure Qualifications, Exam Fees, C.E. and Renewal Amendments-(06-1153)**-The rulemaking hearing was held on June 16, 2006 and after response to comments, these amendments are ready for adoption at this meeting.

**Litigation:**

The Office of General Counsel currently has two (2) open disciplinary cases pertaining to the Medical Laboratory Board.

**Topics for Discussion/Legislation-Public Chapters**

Conflict of Interest Policy

Ms. Bell spoke of the importance of each member conducting themselves in a manner having no appearance of a conflict of interest that could be associated with any Board opinion or judgment.

Motion to Accept Report: Dr. Ferguson.  
Second: Dr. McDonald.  
Approved.

**Financial Report:**

Lisa Tittle  
Fiscal Officer

**Bureau of Investigations (BIV) Report:**

There have been four (4) new complaints on medical laboratory personnel for the year 2006. There has been a total of ten (10) complaints that were closed either with no action, letters of concern, or referred to OGC. The report was given by Ms. Phelps.

Motion to Accept Report: Mr. Crowe.  
Second: Ms. Duncan.  
Approved.

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**Office of Health Licensure & Regulation:**

Judy Eads, RN  
Assistant Commissioner of Health

No report was given by Ms. Eads during this meeting.

A copy of the financial report for the fiscal year 2005-2006 was mailed to each Board member earlier in the month. A copy of this

report is included in each member's board book and also on file in the administrative office.

**Waived Testing Procedures:**

Etheldreda L. Collins, M.D., M.S., F.A.C.P.  
Medical Director of Healthcare Services  
Western Mental Health Institute  
Bolivar, TN 38008

Representatives from the Department of Mental Health & Development requested the Board consider the following two (2) procedures be added to the waived test list for point of care and health fair/health screens.

Test #1: Akers Bio Sciences, Inc. InstaRead/Lithium Testing  
(Oral Lithium)

This was the second appearance by Dr. Collins relative to this request. Board members reviewed a research document prepared by Dr. Neff and concurred with the review with a recommendation the test procedure remains as a point of care test and not waived.

As an alternative solution, Western Mental Health Institute could either obtain a facility license or contract with another laboratory to help in the oversight of a point of care exemption for this facility.

Motion to deny request: Dr. Ferguson  
Second: Ms. Cooper  
Request Denied.

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Test #2: One-Step Multi-Drug, Multi-Line Screen Test Device

This test procedure is a rapid one step screening test for simultaneous, qualitative detection of multiple drugs and drug metabolites in urine.

After discussion, the Board decided that while this is a good test, the test results are difficult to read and could be misinterpreted because it is a reverse-read test. Even if the test is negative the result could be misinterpreted.

Motion to deny Request: Dr. McDonald  
Second: Dr. Papuchis.  
Request Denied.

**Review Eligibility of Medical Laboratory Director:**

**1-Philip D. Cotter, Ph.D.**

San Diego, CA 92191  
Director-Clinical Cytogenetics  
Director-Molecular Genetics

Motion: Dr. McDonald.  
Second: Ms. McDonald-Spakes  
Approved.

**2-Li Cai, Ph.D.**

Cary, NC 27519  
Director-Clinical Molecular Genetics

Motion: Dr. McDonald.  
Second: Mr. Crowe.  
Approved.\*

\*Contingent upon acceptable criminal background check.

**3-Eric C. Crawford, Ph.D.**

Maryville, TN 37803  
Director-Cytogenetics  
Director-Molecular Genetics

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Motion: Dr. McDonald.  
Second: Ms. David  
Approved.

**Board Policy:** There were no new policies created by the Board during this meeting.

**Other Business:**

Joyce Irwin Director, State Government Affairs  
Roche Diagnostics Corporation  
Indianapolis, IN 42650-0457

A letter from Ms. Irwin was presented to the board members for review. Ms. Irwin expressed concern about the Board's decision during the April 13, 2006 meeting. This concern relates to pleural fluid testing performed on an analyzer in the same manner as regular blood gas samples. Ms. Irwin states in her letter, this Board decision is inconsistent with CLIA issues and the instrument utilized any laboratory should meet CLIA minimum standards for a specific test methodology And should be performed on a CLIA approved instrument.

After discussing this document, the Board decided to take no action which would change the April 13, 2006 minutes.

The Board does not approve clinical or anatomical instruments utilized in the laboratory environment because there is no statutory authority to make such approval.

**Election/  
Board Chair:**

Mr. Norman Crowe was nominated to be Chairman of the Board for the 2007 calendar year and to be elected by acclamation.

Motion: Dr. Ferguson  
Approval: Unanimous by acclamation.

**Election/  
Vice Chair:**

Dr. Ferguson was nominated to be Vice-Chairman of the Board for the 2007 calendar year and to be elected by acclamation.

Motion: Dr. McDonald.  
Approval: Unanimous by acclamation.

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**Statement of Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be held January 26, 2007 beginning at 9 am CST in the Iris Room, Heritage Place 227 MetroCenter, Nashville, TN 37243.

**Record of Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm CDT on a motion properly filed by Ms Duncan.  
Second: Dr. Papuchis.

Approved.

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Norman Crowe  
Chairman, Tennessee Medical Laboratory Board

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**REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION-POINT OF CARE TESTING PROCEDURES**

1. **Methodist Healthcare North  
3960 New Covington Pike  
Memphis, TN 38128-2504**

Facility Representative: Jane Nichols, BS MT(ASCP)  
Manager & POC Coordinator, Laboratory Services

This facility request was for Registered Nurses to perform and report sodium, potassium,

ionized calcium, pH, pCO<sub>2</sub>, hemoglobin, hematocrit, pO<sub>2</sub> base excess, oxygen saturation and glucose in General Surgery utilizing the i-STAT analyzer.

Motion: Dr. McDonald.

Second: Dr. Ferguson.

Approved.

Ms. Davis recused herself from this discussion and vote.

2. **Methodist University Hospital**  
**1265 Union Avenue**  
**Memphis, TN 38104**

Facility Representative: Harriet Bateman  
Point of Care Coordinator

This facility request was for an exemption to permit Registered Nurses (RN's), Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN's) and Certified Phlebotomists to perform and report urine dipstick testing procedures utilizing the Bayer Clinitek STATUS instrument throughout the facility.

Motion: Dr. Ferguson.

Second: Dr. McDonald.

Approved.

Ms. Davis recused herself from the discussion and vote.

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3. **Parkwest Medical Center**  
**9352 Parkwest Blvd.**  
**Knoxville, TN 37923**

Facility Representative: Debra Ogle  
Laboratory POC Tech Specialist

This facility requested exemptions for Licensed Nurses (RN's & LPN's) to perform and report the AmniSure® Rupture of Fetal Membrane test procedure

in the Women's Services Center.

Motion: Dr. McDonald.

Second: Dr. Carter.

Approved.

4. **Fort Sanders Regional Medical Center**  
**1901 Clinch Avenue**  
**Knoxville, TN 37916**

Facility Representative: Debra Ogle, MT  
Laboratory POC Tech Specialist

This facility requested an exemption to permit Registered Nurses and Licensed Practical Nurses perform and report AmniSure® Rupture of Fetal Membranes testing procedures in the Women's Services Area.

Motion: Dr. McDonald.

Second: Dr. Carter.

Motion Approved.

5. **Cookeville Regional Medical Center**  
**142 West Fifth Street**  
**Cookeville, TN 38501**

Facility Representative: June Cantrell  
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This facility requested Board exemptions for:

1-Registered Nurses (RN's) to perform and report blood gases and electrolyte analyses at the Code Site using the i-STAT instrument and methodologies. (These licensed nurses comprise the Medical Center's Code Team), and

2-Registered Nurses (RN's), Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN's), and Radiological Technicians (RT's) to perform and report creatinine testing in the Imaging-CT Department utilizing the i-STAT instrument and methodologies.

Motion: Dr. McDonald.

Second: Dr. Ferguson.  
Approved.

**6. Maury Regional Hospital Laboratory**  
**1224 Trotwood Avenue**  
**Columbia, TN 38401**

Facility Representative: Amy Bridges  
Point of Care Coordinator

This facility requested the an exemption to permit Registered Nurses (RN's), Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN's) and CRNA's to perform and report activated clotting times (ACT's) in the Surgical Areas (Recovery, Anesthesia & General Surgery) utilizing the Hemochron Response analyzer,

Motion: Dr. McDonald.  
Second: Dr. Papuchis.  
Approval.

**7. University Medical Center**  
**1411 Baddour Parkway**  
**Lebanon, TN 37087**

Facility Representative: Tara Gregory  
POCT Coordinator

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This facility request was for an exemption to permit Registered Nurses (RN's) and Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN's) to perform and report cardiac markers (Myoglobin, Troponin-I & BNP) in the Emergency Department utilizing the Biosite Cardio Profiler.

Motion: Dr. McDonald.  
Second: Dr. Ferguson.  
Approved.

**8. Centennial Medical Center**  
**2300 Patterson Street**  
**Nashville, TN 37203**

Facility Representative: Molly Wynn  
Point of Care Coordinator

This facility request was to permit Nurse Practitioners and Nurse Midwives to perform and report AmniSure® Rupture of Membranes Test in the Women's OB Triage Unit of this facility.

Motion: Dr. Papuchis.  
Second: Dr. Carter.  
Approved:

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**INITIAL FACILITY LICENSES: REGIONAL SURVEYOR RECOMMENDATION:**

**1-Westmoreland Medical Pavilion  
1124 New Highway 52  
Westmoreland, TN 37186**

Medical Laboratory Director: Louis E. Seibert, M.D.  
Anatomic/Clinical Pathology  
Laboratory #5 Exemption

Specialties: Hematology, Clinical Chemistry, Urinalysis, Prothrombin Time, HCG, Pregnancy Test, Mono Screen, Influenza Screen RSV, Strep A Antigen Screen, Wet Prep

Surveyor: Onezean Otey, Jr., Consultant I/Surveyor  
Middle TN Regional Office

Motion: Dr. Ferguson  
Second: Ms. Duncan.  
Approved.

**2-Laboratory Corporation of America-Martin**  
**117 Kennedy Drive**  
**Martin, TN 38237**

Medical Laboratory Director: James H. Meyers, M.D.  
Anatomic/Clinical Pathology

Specialties: Hematology, Clinical Chemistry, Urinalysis, Immunology,  
Wet Prep

Surveyor: Karen Hathcoat, Consultant I/Surveyor  
West TN Regional Office

Motion: Dr. McDonald  
Second: Dr. Ferguson  
Approved.

Note: Mr. Crowe recused himself from the discussion and vote.

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**3-Satellite Med, LLC**  
**1120 Sam's Street**  
**Cookeville, TN 38506**

Medical Laboratory Director: Richard D. Michaelson, M.D.  
Anatomic/Clinical Pathology

Specialties: Hematology, General Immunology (limited), Clinical  
Chemistry, Urinalysis, Endocrinology (limited), Bacteriology (limited),  
Virology (limited), Coagulation Studies to include PT and PTT, Occult  
Blood (fecal and gastric), and Wet Preps.

Surveyor: Sandra S. Bogard, Consultant II/Surveyor  
Middle TN Regional Office

Motion: Dr, Ferguson  
Second: Ms. Duncan.  
Approved.

**4-Kingsport Hematology & Oncology-Spectrum Tennessee Network  
111 W. Stone Drive, Suite 300  
Kingsport, TN 37660**

Medical Laboratory Director: Kimberly McCoy Helms, M.D.  
Anatomic/Clinical Pathology

Specialties: Hematology, Clinical Chemistry

Surveyor: Julia Daniels, Consultant II/Surveyor  
East TN Regional Office

Motion: Dr. McDonald.  
Second: Ms. Duncan.  
Approved.

Dr. Ferguson recused himself from the discussion and vote.

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**5-Watauga Pathology Associates  
c/o Northside Hospital Laboratory  
401 Princeton Road  
Johnson City, TN 37601**

Medical Laboratory Director: Linda S. Latimer, M.D.  
Anatomic/Clinical Pathology

Specialty: Cytopathology

Surveyor: Julia Daniela, Consultant II/Surveyor  
East TN Regional Office

Motion: Dr. McDonald  
Second: Ms. Davis.  
Approved.

**6-Ascendant Medical Laboratory-Core Laboratory  
1451 Dowell Springs Blvd. Suite 101  
Knoxville, TN 37909**

Medical Laboratory Director: Peter F. Gale, M.D.  
Anatomic/Clinical Pathology

Specialties: General Immunology, Clinical Chemistry, Urinalysis,  
Endocrinology, Hematology, ABO Group, Rh Type,  
Antibody Detection (Non-Transfusion), Gram's Stain,  
Influenza Screen, Strep A Antigen Screen, UCG.

Surveyor: Onezean Otey, Jr., Consultant/Surveyor  
East TN Regional Office

Motion: Ms. Davis  
Second: Ms. Jenkins  
Approved.

**7-CCL Patient Service Center-Sapling Grove  
240 Medical Park Blvd. Suite 2500  
Bristol, TN 37620**

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Medical Laboratory Director: F. Lee Tucker, M.D.  
Anatomic/Clinical Pathology

Specialties: Bacteriology, General Immunology, Hematology,  
Clinical Chemistry, Urinalysis, Endocrinology,  
Toxicology.

Surveyor: Julia Daniela, Consultant II/Surveyor  
East TN Regional Office

Motion: Ms. Cooper.  
Second: Ms. Jenkins.  
Approved.

Dr. Ferguson recused himself from the discussion and vote.

**8-St. Jude Children's Research Hospital-Anatomic Pathology  
322 N. Lauderdale St. Room C5019, MS#250  
Memphis, TN 38105**

Medical Laboratory Director: Mihaela Onciu, M.D.  
Anatomic Pathology

Specialties: Histopathology, Oral Pathology & Non-GYN  
Cytopathology

Surveyor: Mary Hamblen, Consultant II/Surveyor  
West TN Regional Office

Motion: Dr. McDonald.  
Second: Dr. Ferguson.  
Approved.

Ms. Cooper recused herself from the discussion and vote.

**9-Plasma Biological Services, Inc.**  
**4798 Summer Avenue**  
**Memphis, TN 38122**

Medical Laboratory Director: Todd Brooks, M.D.  
OB/GYN

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Specialties: Urinalysis (limited to specific gravity by refractometer),  
Spun Hematocrit, Protein, Glucose (Urinalysis)-  
Plasmapheresis Center

Surveyor: Mary Hamblen, Consultant II/Surveyor  
West TN Regional Office

Motion: Ms. Duncan.  
Second: Ms. Davis  
Approved.

**10- Biomat USA, Inc.**  
**1620 Church Street**  
**Nashville, TN 37203**

Medical Laboratory Director: Christopher E. Benson, Jr., M.D.  
Anatomic/Clinical Pathology

Specialties: Total Protein, Spun Hematocrit, Urinalysis  
(Protein & Glucose)  
Plasmapheresis Center

Surveyor: Sandra S. Bogard, Consultant II/Surveyor  
Middle TN Regional Office

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