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## MICHIGAN BOARD OF MEDICINE MAY 16, 2012 MEETING

### ***APPROVED MINUTES***

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976, PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Medicine met in regular session on May 16, 2012, at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center, Conference Room 3, Lansing, Michigan.

### ***CALL TO ORDER***

Richard Burney, M.D., Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m.

### ***ROLL CALL***

***Members Present:*** Richard Burney, M.D., Chairperson  
Mohammed Arsiwala, M.D.  
Richard Bates  
Oliver Cameron, M.D., Ph.D.  
David Dull, M.D.  
Theresa Fraley, Public Member  
Peter Graham, M.D., Vice-Chairperson  
Cynthia Pasky, Public Member  
Louis Prues, Public Member  
James Rogers, M.D.  
Leticia San Diego, Ph.D., Public Member  
Cheryl Graham Solomon, Public Member  
Rosalie Tocco-Bradley, M.D., Ph.D.  
Gail Torreano, Public Member  
David Weingarden, M.D.

***Members Absent:*** Jamie Frain, Public Member  
Vivian Leung, Public Member  
Meghan Riley, PA-C  
Dennis Szymanski, M.D.

**Staff Present:** Christine Hanson, Board Secretary, Health Regulatory Division  
Rae Ramsdell, Director, Bureau of Health Professions  
Norene Lind, Policy Manager, Health Regulatory Division  
Kiran Parag, Analyst, Health Regulatory Division  
Michele Wagner-Gutkowski, Assistant Attorney General  
Bridget Smith, Assistant Attorney General  
Desmond Mitchell, Policy Analyst, Health Regulatory Division  
Kelly Hugh, Policy Analyst, Health Regulatory Division

**Others Present:** Todd Phillips, FSMB  
Dr. Lance Talmage, FSMB

Burney welcomed Federation of State Medical Boards representatives Dr. Lance Talmage and Todd Phillips.

## ***APPROVAL OF MINUTES***

*MOTION* by Arsiwala, seconded by San Diego, to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2012 meeting as presented.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

## ***APPROVAL OF AGENDA***

*MOTION* by Dull, seconded by Weingarden, to approve the agenda with the following correction:

Under **New Business**, item C, correct name to reflect Office of Regulatory Reinvention.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

## ***REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS***

### **Veronica Lynn Vas, M.D. – Petition for Reinstatement**

*MOTION* by Weingarden, seconded by Dull, to grant reinstatement in the matter of Veronica Lynn Vas, M.D. Petitioner shall be granted a limited license to practice under the general supervision of a Board-approved supervising physician for a period of one (1) year.

Petitioner shall be placed on probation to run concurrent with the period of limitation and supervising physician shall submit quarterly supervisor reports on Petitioner's practice and sobriety.

Petitioner's license will automatically be reclassified to a full and unlimited status at the end of the limitation period and provided that Petitioner has received satisfactory supervisor reports and has not violated the Michigan Public Health Code.

Discussion was held.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas – Dull, Graham Solomon, Prues, Torreano, Tocco-Bradley, Arsiwala, San Diego, Weingarden, Bates, Pasky, Fraley, Graham, Cameron, Rogers, Burney

*MOTION PREVAILED*

### **Wanda Enid Velez-Ruiz, MD – Request for Reconsideration**

Wagner-Gutkowski recused herself from this matter and left the room; she was replaced by Assistant Attorney General Bridget Smith.

*MOTION* by Fraley, seconded by Torreano, to deny the Request for Reconsideration in the matter of Wanda Enid Velez-Ruiz, MD.

Discussion was held.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Weingarden, Cameron, Arsiwala, San Diego, Pasky, Prues, Tocco-Bradley, Graham Solomon, Torreano, Fraley, Graham, Dull, Bates, Rogers, Burney

*MOTION PREVAILED*

## ***COMMITTEE REPORTS***

### **INVESTIGATIONS AND ALLEGATIONS**

Rogers reported that at the April meeting, the committee members reviewed 40 files; 13 files were authorized for investigation and 27 were closed. He reported for the month of May 31 files were reviewed; 9 files authorized for investigation, 20 files closed, and 2 returned to the Department for additional information. Burney advised that the June 20, 2012 Investigations and Allegations Committee meeting will be held following the special training session.

### **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

Burney reported that the committee members met today and discussed possible modifications to the DSC Master Resolution regarding CME violations. This will be presented under new business.

Burney reported that the committee also reviewed the data collected in surveys that are part of the license renewal process. Ramsdell reported that a revised, updated survey is being prepared for administration to licensees who renew their licenses after August 2012.

Burney informed that a special education and training session for Board members has been scheduled for June 20, 2012 with department staff and the Attorney General staff to help understand the flow of the complaint and disciplinary process from allegation to investigation to disciplinary recommendation (or dismissal) to sanction monitoring.

## **DISCIPLINARY SUBCOMMITTEE**

Fraley reported that the Committee met prior to today's meeting and considered 21 matters: 6 consent order and stipulations, 6 dismissals, 1 petition for reclassification, 3 requests for reconsideration, and 5 administrative complaints. The Committee tabled 2 cases. She stated the DSC will reconvene after the full Board meeting today to consider one of the tabled cases.

## **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Burney reported that he received approximately 30 communications from Sanction Monitoring Department, Investigations Department and the Attorney General's Office; he assigned Conferees to 9 cases, received 2 CME approval requests, and handled a number of other miscellaneous requests.

Burney reported that he and Ramsdell attended the FSMB Annual meeting in April. FSMB celebrated its centennial at the meeting. He circulated a plaque given by FSMB at that meeting to the Board of Medicine honoring it as an original charter member of FSMB.

## ***OLD BUSINESS***

### **License Statistics**

Lind referred the Board members to the license statistics for the medicine, osteopathic medicine and podiatric medicine health professions that were circulated.

## ***NEW BUSINESS***

### **Master Resolution**

Ramsdell directed the Board members to the Board of Medicine Disciplinary Subcommittee Master Resolution, which permits the Bureau to act on behalf of the DSC in certain matters. She provided a brief explanation of the proposed changes to the

Disciplinary Subcommittee Master Resolution as it relates to discipline for CE violations. The revised Master Resolution would institute a sliding scale of penalties for CME deficiencies, and place a limit of one year to the probationary period. Comments were invited. The Master Resolution will be sent to DSC for review and placed on the July meeting agenda for their approval.

### **Department Update**

Ramsdell directed the Board to her Legislative Update Memorandum and provided a verbal highlight of same.

### **Office of Regulatory Reinvention – Occupational Administrative Rules Committee: Report to the Governor**

Ramsdell announced that the Occupational Licensing Advisory Rules Committee established by the Office of Regulatory Reinvention (ORR) had released its recommendations. The report recommends deregulation of 18 occupations and the elimination of 9 occupational boards. In particular, the report recommended combining the Board of Medicine, the Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery, and the Board of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery. The newly proposed Board would consist of representatives from each of the three health professions. Ramsdell stated that these recommendations to be enacted would require a statutory change.

### **Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) Presentation Dr. Lance Talmage, Chair and Todd Phillips, FSMB CFO**

Lance Talmage, MD, newly elected FSMB Chair and Todd Phillips, FSMB CFO, gave a presentation to the Board outlining the vision and mission of the FSMB. General informational topics included the structure, advocacy, education outreach, and data management functions of the FSMB. Specific topics and issues included:

- How FSMB priorities are established; how FSMB policy is made
- FSMB Advocacy Network
- State-based licensure, portability, and data maintenance
- Maintenance of Licensure (MOL)
- Educational events and other initiatives
- Federation of Credentials Verification Service (FCVS); test development

A brief question and answer session followed, in which Board members were able to seek additional information regarding the topics covered in the presentation.

### ***PUBLIC COMMENT***

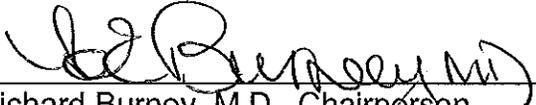
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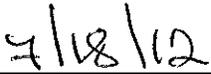
## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

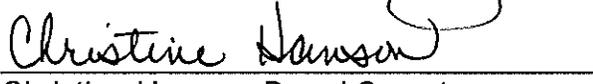
The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on July 18, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center, Conference Room 3, Lansing, Michigan.

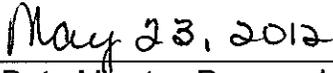
## **ADJOURNMENT**

*MOTION* by Weingarden, seconded by Arsiwala, to adjourn the meeting at 12:16 p.m.

  
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Richard Burney, M.D., Chairperson

  
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Date Minutes Approved

  
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Christine Hanson, Board Secretary

  
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Date Minutes Prepared