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MICHIGAN BOARD OF MEDICINE MAY 18, 2011 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 18, 2011, at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Conference Room 3 (Upper Level Conference Center), Lansing, Michigan.

CALL TO ORDER

George Shade, Jr, M.D., Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:14 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: George Shade, Jr, M.D., Chairperson
Busharat Ahmad, M.D., Vice Chairperson
Abd Alghanem, M.D.
Richard Burney, M.D.
Oliver Cameron, M.D., Ph.D. (left at 11:20 a.m.)
Jamie Frain, Public Member
Peter Graham, M.D.
Frank Raines, III, Public Member
Meghan Riley, PA-C
Leticia San Diego, Ph.D., Public Member
David Weingarden, M.D. (arrived at 10:34 a.m.)
Theresa Fraley, Public Member

Members Absent: David Dull, M.D.
Rao Gudipati, M.D.
Lynn Larson, Public Member
Vivian Leung, Public Member
Cynthia Pasky, Public Member
Cheryl Graham Solomon, Public Member
Suzanne Hugly Thomashow, M.D., Ph.D.

Staff Present: Laurie VanBeelen, Board Secretary, Health Regulatory Division
Rae Ramsdell, Director, Health Regulatory Division
Kiran Parag, Analyst, Health Regulatory Division
Michele Wagner-Gutkowski, Assistant Attorney General
John Wright, Assistant Attorney General
Ken Bauman, Extern, Office of Attorney General
Kristen Kinney, Board Secretary, Health Regulatory Division
Susan Affholter, Pain Management & Palliative Care Coordinator, BHP
Nancy Short, Director, Appointments Division, Office of Governor Snyder
Samantha Papa, Appointments Division, Office of Governor Snyder

Others Present: Max Hoffman, J.D.

Dr. Shade welcomed new members Jamie Frain and Meghan Riley. He invited them to share a brief background of themselves. Board members and Department staff also introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Cameron, seconded by Burney, to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2011 meeting as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Raines, seconded by Fraley, to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

INVESTIGATIONS AND ALLEGATIONS

Alghanem reported that for the month of April, two committee members reviewed 24 files with 5 being authorized for investigation, 13 closed, 1 referred for expert review, 2 were returned to the Department for additional information, and 3 referred for further action. For the month of May, three committee members reviewed 18 files with 8 being authorized for investigation, 8 closed, and 2 were returned to the Department for additional information.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Burney reported that the Committee met today and discussed three items. The first being the practices utilized in Michigan by a number of physicians to approve individuals to be participants in the Michigan Medical Marihuana Program in terms of the doctor/patient relationship. Burney advised that the Operations Committee was asked to review the law and provide additional clarification as to a *bona fide* doctor/patient relationship. The Board was provided with a proposed statement which is intended to provide additional guidance for physicians involved in this certification process and Burney stated that the Committee reviewed information from the University of Michigan and other states in preparing this document. Board members were asked to review the statement, provide any suggested changes to Burney, and be prepared to finalize this document at the July Board meeting.

Burney advised that the second topic of discussion was the FSMB maintenance of licensure proposal. He stated that the Committee will be reviewing the FSMB's proposal in its entirety and the Board will be provided with additional information at the July meeting.

Burney stated that the last topic discussed at today's Committee meeting was the three categories of medical licensure that now exist and whether the Board should look into recommending additional categories of licensure. He indicated that he and Ramsdell will be gathering information for the Board's review and discussion at the July meeting.

DISCIPLINARY SUBCOMMITTEE

Fraley indicated that the DSC met today prior to the full Board meeting and decided 9 consent order and stipulations, 1 request for dismissal of complaint, 1 motion to vacate a final order, 1 proposal for decision, 2 administrative complaints, and 1 request for withdrawal of administrative complaint.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

FSMB Annual Meeting Update

Ahmad advised that he attended the annual meeting last month in Seattle, Washington. He stated that he was very impressed with attendance and indicated that unfortunately he was not elected to the Board of Directors. He spoke of discussions held on maintenance of licensure and standards of licensing, which he believes may be topics that Michigan's Board may need to address in the future.

Shade congratulated Dr. San Diego in her being re-elected to the Editorial Committee.

Department Update

Ramsdell advised that previous Bureau Director Melanie Brim has accepted a position with the Department of Community Health as Director of Policy and Planning and has not transitioned with the Bureau of Health Professions to the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs. She stated that she will be acting as the interim Bureau Director until a replacement has been chosen. Ramsdell also announced that board secretary Laurie VanBeelen will be leaving the Bureau as she has taken a position with the Office of Financial and Insurance Regulation.

Ramsdell introduced Susan Affholter on behalf of the Advisory Committee on Pain and Symptom Management (ACPSM). Affholter provided the Board with the recently-introduced informational DVD on the MAPS program and the quarterly pain management publication. She provided the Board with an update of the work of the ACPSM. Various comments were received from Board members.

REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

Chilakamarri Ramesh, M.D. – Application for Reinstatement

MOTION by Burney, seconded by Graham, to grant the Application for Reinstatement of Petitioner's license in the matter of Chilakamarri Ramesh, M.D.

Discussion followed.

A roll call vote was held: Yeas: Burney, Ahmad, Fraley, Riley, Graham, Raines, San Diego, Weingarden, Alghanem, Shade

Nay: Frain

MOTION PREVAILED

MOTION by Graham, seconded by Fraley, to grant Petitioner a limited license for a period of two (2) years in the matter of Chilakamarri Ramesh, M.D. Petitioner shall practice under the general supervision of a Board-approved supervising physician and shall also be precluded from signing United States Immigration Naturalization (INS) waivers. Petitioner may petition for reclassification of the limited license relative to signing INS waivers two years from the effective date of the Order.

Petitioner shall be placed on probation to run concurrent with the period of supervised practice. During the probationary period, Petitioner's supervising physician shall file quarterly reports advising of Petitioner's work performance. Petitioner's general supervision limitation shall be automatically removed at the end of two years and shall be discharged from probation provided that Petitioner has received satisfactory reports and not violated the Public Health Code.

Discussion followed.

A roll call vote was held: Yeas: Raines, Riley, Frain, San Diego, Weingarden, Burney, Fraley, Graham, Ahmad, Alghanem, Shade

MOTION PREVAILED

PUBLIC COMMENT


None

ANNOUNCEMENTS


The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on July 20, 2011 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 Graham, seconded by Weingarden, to adjourn the meeting at 11:37 a.m.


George Shade, Jr, M.D., Chairperson

7/20/2011
Date Minutes Approved


Laurie A. VanBeelen, Board Secretary

May 24, 2011
Date Minutes Prepared