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FINAL MINUTES FOR SPECIAL TELECONFERENCE MEETING

Held on Monday, March 2, 2015

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Board Members

Gordi S. Khera, M.D., F.A.C.C., Chair

Richard T. Perry, M.D., Vice-Chair

Ram R. Krishna, M.D., Secretary

Jodi A. Bain, Esq.

Marc D. Berg, M.D.

Donna S. Brister

R. Screven Farmer, M.D.

Robert Fromm, M.D.

Paul S. Gerding, Esq.

James M. Gillard, M.S., M.D., F.A.C.E.P., F.A.A.E.M.

Edward Paul, M.D.

Wanda J. Salter, RN

GENERAL BUSINESS

A. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Khera called the meeting to order at 6:16 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

The following Board members participated telephonically: Ms. Bain, Dr. Berg, Dr. Farmer, Dr. Fromm, Mr. Gerding, Dr. Gillard, Dr. Khera, Dr. Krishna, Dr. Paul, Dr. Perry, and Ms. Salter. The following Board member was absent: Ms. Brister.

ALSO PRESENT

Stuart Goodman, Lobbyist; Carrie Smith, Assistant Attorney General, Patricia E. McSorley, Executive Director; Alicia Cauthon, Assistant to the Executive Director; Twana Fairbourn, Licensing Manager; Anita Shepherd, Investigations Manager; Evangeline Webster, Support Services Manager; James Gentile, Chief Information Officer; Mary Bober, Board Operations Manager; Amanda Schwabe, Board Coordinator; and Andrea Cisneros, Staff Investigational Review Committee Coordinator.

C. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No individuals addressed the Board during the Call to the Public.

D. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PENDING LEGISLATION

MOTION: Dr. Khera moved for the Board to enter into Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(2) and (3).

SECOND: Dr. Paul

VOTE: 11-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 1-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 7:39 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:01 p.m.

No legal action was taken by the Board during Executive Session.

Dr. Fromm suggested that the Board consider directing its representative to oppose section four of Senate Bill 1258 ("SB1258"). Dr. Fromm commented that the performance of a request for information regarding the outsourcing of licensing would be a waste of the Board's resources and not in the best interest of the Board.

MOTION: Dr. Fromm moved for the Board to direct Mr. Goodman's office to oppose the amendment to SB1258.

SECOND: Dr. Krishna

Dr. Krishna spoke in favor of the motion and stated that the Board should continue its own credentialing. Dr. Farmer stated that he strongly supports opposing the amendment to SB1258 and commented that the public will not be protected if licensing is outsourced. Dr. Farmer added that there is no credentialing service in the State of Arizona with a track record to do this.

Mr. Goodman requested that the Board amend its motion to oppose section of the Bill rather than an amendment, which would effectively preserve the other three sections of the Bill. Drs. Fromm and Krishna agreed to amend the motion.

AMENDED MOTION: Dr. Fromm moved for the Board to direct Mr. Goodman's office to oppose section four of SB1258.

SECOND: Dr. Krishna

VOTE: 11-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 1-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

E. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING UPDATE ON GREATER ARIZONA CENTRAL CREDENTIALING PROGRAM (GACCP) LOOK BACK PROCESS

Jay Conyers, PhD, CEO & Executive Director, Maricopa County Medical Society, participated telephonically during the Board's discussion of this agenda item.

Board members questioned Dr. Conyers regarding the progress of the licensing look back, recognizing that the contract for services from GACCP expires June 30, 2015. Dr. Conyers stated that communication with Board staff has improved significantly, and that he is confident the project will be completed timely. He reported that of the 3,000+ licenses involved in the look back, 236 files have been completed but have not been uploaded to the Board's database, and that additional staff were hired to aid in the process.

MOTION: Dr. Khera moved for the Board to enter into Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(2) and (3).

SECOND: Ms. Bain

VOTE: 11-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 1-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 6:30 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 6:59 p.m.

No legal action was taken by the Board during Executive Session.

Board members expressed concerns regarding the progress of the look back and the time remaining to complete the project. The Board offered to work collaboratively with Dr. Conyers and his team in order to expedite the process. Dr. Conyers reassured the Board that with the assistance of Ms. McSorley, there has been tremendous progress made and that his team is receiving all of the support they need from Board staff. He reported that each licensee has been reached out to at least twice, and that his office will inform the Board if help is needed to contact physicians that have not been compliant with the look back process. Ms. Bain suggested that all correspondence be uploaded by GACCP to each licensee's file in the Board's database for tracking purposes.

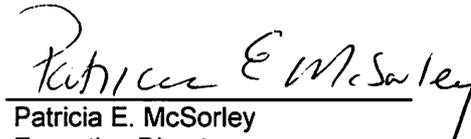
Ms. McSorley informed the Board that she has been meeting with Dr. Conyers and his team telephonically every week since December of 2014. She stated that she had suggested to Dr. Conyers that benchmarks will need to be put into place going forward to assure the Board that progress is being made. Ms. McSorley recommended that at least 250 files be completed and

uploaded per week to the Board's database. She stated that she believes it will be very beneficial to have a GACCP staff member on site at the Board's office to work on scanning in the completed files and to answer calls and meet with physicians who present to the office with questions regarding the look back process.

Dr. Farmer suggested receiving weekly progress updates in order for the Board to conduct diligent oversight of the process. The Board instructed Dr. Conyers to contact the Board if at any point he feels as though the deadline will not be met. Dr. Khera stated that the Board will continue to monitor the look back project on a weekly basis,

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.




Patricia E. McSorley
Executive Director