



Arizona Medical Board

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FINAL MINUTES FOR SPECIAL TELECONFERENCE MEETING

Held on Friday, March 13, 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.

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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 5:30 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

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

ALSO PRESENT

Stuart Goodman, Lobbyist, participated telephonically. Present among Board staff include: Carrie Smith, Assistant Attorney General; Patricia E. McSorley, Executive Director; Alicia Cauthon, Assistant to the Executive Director; Anita Shepherd, Investigations Manager; Mary Bober, Board Operations Manager; James Gentile, Chief Information Officer; 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

Mr. Goodman informed the Board that he had met with Senator Kelly Ward to discuss the Board's concerns expressed at its previous two teleconferences. Mr. Goodman stated that Board staff assisted in preparing the draft proposal regarding Senate Bill 1258 ("SB1258") for the Board to review and consider. He informed the Board that Senator Ward compromised on an August 2015 deadline, and that she was agreeable to the provision indicating that the request for information does not obligate the Board to outsource any of its functions. Mr. Goodman stated that he is confident that the draft captures the spirit of his discussion with the Senator, but has not received confirmation from her office.

Dr. Khera stated that he met with Senator Nancy Barto on two separate occasions, and that the Senator was opposed to including the August 2015 deadline. Dr. Khera spoke in favor of approving the draft with the modification of removing the August deadline to complete the request for information regarding outsourcing licensing. Dr. Krishna agreed with Dr. Khera's comments, and stated that eliminating the August deadline would be appropriate.

The Board discussed meeting at a later date to discuss whether to form a Committee to address the requirements of SB1258 if it is passed and signed by the Governor.

MOTION: Dr. Khera moved to revise section 4 of SB1258 to state the following: A. The Arizona Medical Board shall issue a request for information to vendors for the sole purpose of seeking information about the availability in the commercial marketplace of materials or services to outsource any or all of the credentialing or verification process relating to licensure. B. Nothing in this section shall be construed to require the Arizona Medical Board to outsource any or all of the credentialing or verification process relating to licensure.

SECOND: Dr. Krishna

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

MOTION PASSED.

Dr. Perry commented regarding pending legislation that would allow concealed weapons in Arizona state buildings, and requested that the Board staff work with Mr. Goodman to obtain information regarding this matter and return to the Board for an update and discussion at a future meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.



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