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FINAL MINUTES FOR SPECIAL TELECONFERENCE MEETING Held on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 9545 E. Doubletree Ranch Road • Scottsdale, Arizona

Board Members

Richard T. Perry, M.D., Chair
James M. Gillard, M.S., M.D., F.A.C.E.P., F.A.A.E.M., Vice-Chair
Jodi A. Bain, Esq., Secretary
Marc D. Berg, M.D.
Donna S. Brister
Teresa L. Connolly, D.N.P., R.N., N.E.A.-B.C.
R. Screven Farmer, M.D.
Gary R. Figge, M.D.
Robert E. Fromm, M.D., M.P.H.
Lois E. Krahn, M.D.
Edward G. Paul, M.D.
Wanda J. Salter, R.N.

GENERAL BUSINESS

A. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Perry called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

The following Board members participated telephonically: Dr. Perry, Dr. Berg, Ms. Salter, Dr. Krahn, Dr. Gillard, Dr. Farmer, Dr. Paul, Dr. Fromm, Ms. Bain, Dr. Connolly, Dr. Figge

The following Board members were absent: Ms. Brister

ALSO PRESENT:

Present among Board Staff: Patricia E. McSorley, Executive Director; Kristina Fredericksen, Deputy Director; Carrie Smith, Assistant Attorney General (AAG); William Wolf, M.D., Chief Medical Consultant; Anita Shepherd, Investigations Manager; Mary Bober, Board Operations Manager; James Gentile, Chief Information Officer; Andrea Cisneros, Staff Investigation Review (SIRC) Coordinator, Marlene Young, Security Compliance Manager, Elle J. Steger, Investigator, Erinn Downey, Investigator; Rachel Shepherd, Licensing Investigator; Leah Rossow, Investigator; Amanda Schwabe, Board Operations Coordinator, and Alicia Cauthon, Executive Assistant.

C. PUBLIC STATEMENTS REGARDING MATTERS LISTED ON THE AGENDA

No one addressed the Board.

D. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Patricia E. McSorley presented the following items to the Board.

- Board member training Update.

Ms. McSorley updated Board members regarding the status of the required 12 hours training by January 2016. Ms. McSorley informed Board members that a letter will be sent to them upon completion of the training requirement.

- Discussion Regarding Board Member Proposals for Improved Board Process.
Board members discussed proposals for streamlining complaint intake. Ms. Bain suggested that the Board refine the online complaint forms by including informational instructions for the complainant that directs the complainants to the appropriate agency if the complaint is not applicable to this agency. Dr. Perry directed Board staff to look into options for online complaint submissions and to revisit the issue at the next meeting.

MOTION: Dr. Perry moved to table the teleconference meeting at 6:05 pm

SECOND: Ms. Salter

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

MOTION PASSED.

Dr. Perry called the teleconference meeting back to order at 6:15 p.m.

MOTION: Dr. Perry moved to return to the original December 15, 2015 agendized teleconference meeting.

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

MOTION PASSED

E. UPDATE, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE JOINT LEGISLATION AND RULES COMMITTEE (“JLRC”) REPORT

Jodi A. Bain, Esq., Chair of the JLRC

- Consideration and Possible Action Regarding Proposed Adjustments to A.R.S. § 32-1430.
Ms. Bain submitted proposed language approved by the JLRC for the Board's consideration that would revise the license renewal statute (A.R.S. § 32-1430), to extend the timeframe for renewal and expiration of a medical license.

Ms. McSorley stated that the Board was experiencing issues with physicians who forget to renew their license and are then required by statute to reapply as an initial applicant. This process has caused a hardship for physicians and their patients since they are required to stop practicing during the reapplication period. The proposed language would allow licensees to file a delinquent renewal rather than a reapplication and charge a single late fee in an amount that would equal the statutory cap.

MOTION: Dr. Farmer moved to approve the draft proposal.

SECOND: Dr. Perry

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

MOTION PASSED.

F. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DUTIES AS SET FORTH IN TITLE 4, CHAPTER 16, ARTICLE 5

Jodi A. Bain, Esq., Secretary, and Patricia E. McSorley, Executive Director

Ms. Bain stated that the purpose of this review regarding the Executive Director duties set forth in Article 5 of the Board's rules is to determine if any changes are necessary.

NO ACTION

G. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING OPTIONS FOR AGENCY EFFICIENCY AS MAY BE RELATED TO STATUTE AND RULE

Jodi A. Bain, Esq., Secretary, and Patricia E. McSorley, Executive Director

Ms. Bain presented a proposal for streamlining the process and efficiency of Board Meetings. Ms. McSorley suggested that the regularly scheduled in-person Board meetings should continue to focus on more in-depth issues requiring personal appearances. Additionally, the Board can conduct teleconference meetings in January, March, and May to address issues that involve non-disciplinary recommendations and non-complex licensure cases. Ms. McSorley also proposed development of a cover sheet for licensing cases to increase efficiency of review.

MOTION: Dr. Perry directed staff to move forward with the proposal.

SECOND: Ms. Bain

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

MOTION PASSED.

H. UPDATE, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING LICENSING LOOK BACK CASES WITH “YES” RESPONSES NOT PREVIOUSLY ADDRESSED BY THE BOARD

Ms. Young presented this matter to the Board. Ms. Young reported the results of the 102 applications reviewed with affirmative responses received by the GACCP. Ms. Young recommended opening cases on applications 91 to 102, with the exception of 92, 100, and 102.

MOTION: Dr. Perry moved to open investigations on the listed physicians, numbers 91, 93-99, and 101.

SECOND: Ms. Salter

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

MOTION PASSED.

I. CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING A POLICY AND PROCESS TO ADDRESS NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE GREATER ARIZONA CENTRAL CREDENTIALING PROGRAM (“GACCP”) LOOK BACK AUDIT

Patricia E. McSorley, Executive Director

Ms. McSorley updated Board members that GACCP is making successful strides through their second extension. Ms. McSorley stated that Board staff has attempted to reach out to the non-responsive physicians for compliance. Ms. McSorley recommended that the non-compliant physicians be brought in before the Board members for an interview. Board members discussed possible final actions to consider regarding the non-compliant physicians. Dr. Perry suggested that this matter be agendaized for another meeting.

NO ACTION

CONSENT AGENDA

J. CASES RECOMMENDED FOR DISMISSAL

1. MD-15-0712A, IMRAN A. BHATTI, M.D., LIC. #44953

MOTION: Dr. Gillard moved to dismiss

SECOND: Dr. Fromm

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

MOTION PASSED.

2. MD-14-1557A, HAROON QURASHI-UL-HAQUE, M.D., LIC. #23305

Board members expressed concern of the physician's history of violence and discussed whether the 20 hours of anger treatment received by the physician was sufficient to remediate the issue.

MOTION: Ms. Salter moved to dismiss.

SECOND: Dr. Perry

Dr. Gillard expressed reservations about dismissing the case, based on the fact that this conduct occurred twice.

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

MOTION FAILED.

MOTION: Dr. Farmer moved to issue a non-disciplinary advisory letter for tracking purposes

SECOND: Dr. Gillard.

Ms. Bain asked Ms. Smith whether the matter was properly agendaized for the Board to consider an advisory letter. Ms. Smith responded that the matter should be reagendaized for purposes of issuing an advisory letter.

Dr. Farmer withdrew his motion.

MOTION: Dr. Farmer to return to Board staff for further investigation.

SECOND: Dr. Paul

VOTE: 10-yay, 1-nay, 0-recuse, 0-abstain, 1-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

K. LICENSE APPLICATIONS

i. APPROVE OR DENY LICENSE APPLICATION

1. MD-15-1396A, GERALD R. MAY, M.D., LIC. #N/A

MOTION: Dr. Gillard moved to grant the license.

SECOND: Dr. Krahn

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

MOTION PASSED.

2. MD-15-1231A, NAOMI G. HABIB, M.D., LIC. #N/A

MOTION: Dr. Berg moved to grant the license.

SECOND: Dr. Gillard

VOTE: 10-yay, 0-nay, 1-recuse, 0-abstain, 1-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

ii. APPROVE OR DENY LICENSE APPLICATIONS WITH RECOMMENDATION FROM CHIEF MEDICAL CONSULTANT

MOTION: Dr. Farmer moved to grant the license in item numbers 1-5

SECOND: Dr. Krahn

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

MOTION PASSED.

1. MD-15-1327A, MANI N. SURY, M.D., LIC. #N/A

RESOLUTION: Grant the license.

2. MD-15-1312A, RONALD P. GOLOVAN, M.D., LIC. #N/A
RESOLUTION: Grant the license.
3. MD-15-1408A, AJIT S. DEOL, M.D., LIC. #N/A
RESOLUTION: Grant the license.
4. MD-15-1402A, PRABHAKARAN K. NAMBIAR, M.D., LIC. #N/A
RESOLUTION: Grant the license.
5. MD-15-1352A, KATHLEEN D. FRIEND, M.D., LIC. #N/A
RESOLUTION: Grant the license.

OTHER BUSINESS

L. GENERAL CALL TO THE PUBLIC

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

MOTION: Dr. Berg moved for adjournment.

SECOND: Dr. Gillard

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

MOTION PASSED.

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.



Patricia E. McSorley
Patricia E. McSorley, Executive Director