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FINAL MINUTES FOR SPECIAL TELECONFERENCE MEETING

Held on Thursday, July 12, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

1740 W. Adams St., Board Room A • Phoenix, Arizona

Board Members

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

R. Screven Farmer, M.D., Vice-Chair

Jodi A. Bain, Esq., Secretary

Bruce A. Bethancourt, M.D., F.A.C.P.

Teresa L. Connolly, D.N.P., R.N., N.E.A.-B.C.

Gary R. Figge, M.D.

Pamela E. Jones

Lois E. Krahn, M.D.

Edward G. Paul, M.D.

Wanda J. Salter, R.N.

GENERAL BUSINESS

A. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Gillard called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

The following Board members participated telephonically: Dr. Gillard, Dr. Farmer, Ms. Bain, Dr. Bethancourt, Dr. Connolly, Dr. Figge, Ms. Jones, Dr. Krahn, Dr. Paul and Ms. Salter.

ALSO PRESENT

Present among Board staff include: Patricia E. McSorley, Executive Director; Kristina Fredericksen, Deputy Director; telephonically William Wolf, M.D., Chief Medical Consultant; Raquel Rivera, Investigations Manager; Mary Bober, Board Operations Manager; and Michelle Robles, Board Coordinator. Additionally present: Carrie Smith, AAG.

C. PUBLIC STATEMENTS REGARDING MATTERS LISTED ON THE AGENDA

Individuals who addressed the Board during the Public Statements portion of the meeting appear beneath the matter(s) referenced.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Dr. Bethancourt moved to approve the January 4, 2018 Summary Action meeting minutes, the June 12, 2018 Regular Session meeting minutes; including Executive Session and the June 13, 2018 Offsite Agency Planning Meeting minutes.

SECOND: Ms. Jones.

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

MOTION PASSED.

CONSENT AGENDA

E. CASES RECOMMENDED FOR ADVISORY LETTERS

1. MD-17-0230A, LAWRENCE J. KOEP M.D., LIC. #12409

MOTION: Dr. Gillard moved to issue an Advisory Letter for failing to take more decisive steps to evaluate for postoperative bleeding in a patient with persistent hypotension after receiving transfusions, IVF and pressors following surgery. There is insufficient evidence to support disciplinary action.

SECOND: Dr. Figge.

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

MOTION PASSED.

2. MD-17-0623A, MIHAELA MARIN, M.D., LIC. #28815

MOTION: Dr. Farmer moved to issue an Advisory Letter for charging at the inappropriate CPT code level and for inadequate records. There is insufficient evidence to support disciplinary action.

SECOND: Ms. Jones.

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

MOTION PASSED.

3. MD-17-0243A, PATRICIA E. THORPE, M.D., LIC. #35328

Attorney Calvin Raup addressed the Board during the Public Statements portion of the meeting on behalf of the physician.

Dr. Farmer agreed with counsel's Public Statement that the physician has not shown a pattern of communication problems.

Board staff clarified that the recommended advisory letter language did not allege that the physician had engaged in a pattern of unprofessional conduct.

MOTION: Dr. Farmer moved to issue an Advisory Letter for inadequate documentation and for failure to have adequate coverage during the postoperative patient care period. While the licensee has demonstrated substantial compliance through remediation that has mitigated the need for disciplinary action, the Board believes that repetition of the activities that led to the investigation may result in further Board action against the licensee.

SECOND: Dr. Paul

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

MOTION PASSED.

4. MD-17-1130A, FREDERICK L. CARRANZA, M.D., LIC. #31214

Dr. Farmer summarized the case and opined that care the care provided by the physician was appropriate. Dr. Krahn confirmed that there are instances where the combination of medications would be appropriate and that the dosages were low enough to not violate the standard of care. Ms. Jones noted that this physician has taken steps to educate himself on medication dosages in elderly patients.

MOTION: Dr. Krahn moved to dismiss.

SECOND: Dr. Farmer.

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

MOTION PASSED.

F. CASES RECOMMENDED FOR ADVISORY LETTERS WITH NON-DISCIPLINARY CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION ORDERS

1. MD-17-0810A, JATINDER P. SINGH, M.D., LIC. #41946

Ms. Jones expressed concern over the hospital's procedures in the emergency room with regards to Locum Tenens. Dr. Gillard noted that the patient should have been better monitored and the physician should have ordered precautions. Dr. Figge opined that the physician learned from this settlement process.

MOTION: Ms. Jones moved to issue an Advisory Letter and Order for Non-Disciplinary CME for inappropriately ordering that the patient be allowed to get up independently without assistance to go to the bathroom. There is insufficient evidence to support disciplinary action. Within six months, complete no less than 3 hours of Board staff pre-approved Category I CME in syncope assessment and management. The CME hours shall be in addition to the hours required for license renewal.

SECOND: Dr. Figge.

Board members requested that the hospital be referred to the Department of Health Services.

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

MOTION PASSED.

2. MD-18-0113A, CAROL M. DEHASSE, M.D., LIC. #29765

Dr. Figge stated that he knows Dr. Dehasse but it would not affect his ability to adjudicate the case.

Ms. Jones noted the MC's concern for lack of adequate documentation and opined CME on documentation may be appropriate. Dr. Gillard noted the physician's Board history for inadequate documentation.

MOTION: Ms. Jones moved to return the case for further investigation to notice the physician regarding the medical recordkeeping violation identified by the Board during its review of the case.

SECOND: Dr. Figge.

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

MOTION PASSED.

G. REVIEW OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DISMISSALS

MOTION: Dr. Figge moved to uphold the Executive Director's dismissal in item numbers 1-5.

SECOND: Dr. Paul.

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

MOTION PASSED.

1. MD-17-0885C, DOUGLAS B. DOEHRMAN, M.D., LIC. #47430

B.S. addressed the Board during the Pubic Statements portion of the meeting.

RESOLUTION: Dismissal upheld.

2. MD-17-0885D, NALEENA K. K. SIDHU, M.D., LIC. #46782

B.S. addressed the Board during the Pubic Statements portion of the meeting.

RESOLUTION: Dismissal upheld.

3. MD-17-0885E, SEEMA TANVEER, M.D., LIC. #45367

B.S. addressed the Board during the Pubic Statements portion of the meeting.

RESOLUTION: Dismissal upheld.

4. MD-17-0935A, GIDEON D. RICHARDS, M.D., LIC. #49394

RESOLUTION: Dismissal upheld.

5. MD-17-0997A, DAVID M. LABINER, M.D., LIC. #20248

A.G. addressed the Board during the Public Statements portion of the meeting.

RESOLUTION: Dismissal upheld.

H. PROPOSED CONSENT AGREEMENTS (Disciplinary)

MOTION: Dr. Figge moved to accept the proposed Consent Agreement in item numbers 1-3.

SECOND: Dr. Krahn.

ROLL CALL: Roll call vote was taken and the following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Dr. Gillard, Dr. Farmer, Ms. Bain, Dr. Bethancourt, Dr. Connolly, Dr. Figge, Ms. Jones, Dr. Krahn, Dr. Paul and Ms. Salter.

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

MOTION PASSED.

1. MD-17-0789A, CELIA R. ELIAS, M.D., LIC. #26173

RESOLUTION: Accept the proposed Consent Agreement for Decree of Censure and 8 Year Probation with Practice Restriction. Dr. Elias' license shall be restricted for the duration of probation in that she shall be prohibited from supervising physician assistants in any setting. Once the licensee has complied with the terms of Probation, she may petition the Board to request termination.

2. MD-17-0838A, CARL R. SONDER, M.D., LIC. #26236

RESOLUTION: Accept the proposed Consent Agreement for a Letter of Reprimand and One Year Probation. Within six months, Dr. Sonder's shall complete no less than 10 hours of Board staff pre-approved Category I CME in an intensive, in-person professional boundaries course. The CME hours shall be in addition to the hours required for license renewal. Dr. Sonder shall enter into treatment with a Board approved psychologist for a minimum of six months. Once the licensee has complied with the terms of Probation, he may petition the Board to request termination. The termination request must be accompanied by a letter of support from the Board approved psychologist indicating that Dr. Sonder no longer requires treatment.

3. MD-16-0856A, EHAB F. ABDALAH, M.D., LIC. #36293

I.M. addressed the Board during the Public Statements portion of the meeting.

RESOLUTION: Accept the proposed Consent Agreement for a Letter of Reprimand and Two Year Probation. Within six months, complete no less than 10 hours of Board staff pre-approved Category I CME in an intensive, in-person course for billing. The CME hours shall be in addition to the hours required for license renewal. Within thirty days of this Order, Dr. Abdalah shall enter into a contract with a Board approved monitoring company to perform periodic chart reviews. Dr. Abdalah shall be responsible for costs associated with the chart reviews. The chart reviews shall involve current patients' charts for care rendered after completion of the CME identified in Findings of Fact 25-26. Once the licensee has complied with the terms of Probation, he may petition the Board to request Probation Termination. The request for termination must be accompanied by two consecutive favorable chart reviews from the monitoring company.

I. PROPOSED CONSENT AGREEMENTS (Non-Disciplinary)

1. MD-18-0528A, JOHN L. KALLMEYER, M.D., LIC. #8383

MOTION: Dr. Figge moved to accept the proposed Consent Agreement for Practice Limitation. Physician's practice is limited in that he shall not practice medicine in the State of Arizona and is prohibited from prescribing any form of treatment including prescription medications until Physician applies to the Board and receives permission to do so.

SECOND: Ms. Bain.

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

MOTION PASSED.

J. LICENSE APPLICATIONS

i. APPROVE LICENSE APPLICATION

MOTION: Dr. Figge moved to grant the license in item numbers 1 and 2.

SECOND: Dr. Krahn.

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

MOTION PASSED.

1. MD-18-0418A, STEPHANIE A. HEDSTROM, M.D., LIC. #N/A

RESOLUTION: Grant the license.

2. MD-18-0460A, JOEL M. GOTTLIEB, M.D., LIC. #N/A

RESOLUTION: Grant the license.

ii. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RENEWAL APPLICATION AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDED DISMISSAL OF PENDING INVESTIGATION

1. MD-17-0902A, WHITNEY A. S. JAMES, M.D., LIC. #50744

Dr. Gillard summarized that this case was sent back for further investigation from the April Board meeting. Dr. Figge noted that the peer review investigation was rescinded. Dr. Gillard noted that the applicant received credit for her fifth year of post graduate training. Dr. Figge opined that there was no HIPPA violation identified by the school's investigation.

MOTION: Dr. Figge moved to grant the license renewal and dismiss the pending investigation.

SECOND: Dr. Bethancourt.

VOTE: 9-yay, 1-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 0-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

iii. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RENEWAL APPLICATION

1. MD-18-0545A, JENNIFER L. COOK, M.D., LIC. #50972

MOTION: Dr. Figge moved to grant the renewal application.

SECOND: Dr. Krahn.

VOTE: 9-yay, 0-nay, 1-abstain, 0-recuse, 0-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

*****END OF CONSENT AGENDA*****

OTHER BUSINESS

K. GENERAL CALL TO THE PUBLIC

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

L. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Ms. Salter moved to adjourn the meeting.

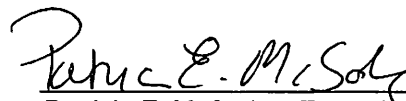
SECOND: Dr. Krahn.

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

MOTION PASSED.

The meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.




Patricia E. McSorley, Executive Director