

Vermont Board of Medical Practice

August 2, 2023

Remote Via Microsoft Teams

Dial: (802) 828-7667 Conference ID: 808 200 807 #

10:30 AM Licensing Committee

12:00 PM Vermont Board of Medical Practice

- **Call to Order; Roll Call; Acknowledge Guests:**
- **Public Comment:**
- **Approval of Minutes of the July 5, 2023, and July 19, 2023, Board Meetings**
- **Board Issues (Dr. Hildebrant):**
- **Administrative Update (David Herlihy):**
- **Presentation of Applications:**
- **Other Business:**
 - **VPHP Draft Policy on Cannabis Use** – the VPHP program has shared a draft a policy regarding cannabis use by VPHP program participants. They have asked for comments in general and there is a note at the end of the second paragraph under the heading “Policy” that identifies a specific issue for comment. The draft policy is attached.
 - **BMP Application Process and the Dr. Lorna Breen Heroes’ Foundation** – The Dr. Lorna Breen Heroes’ Foundation is an organization formed to address physician burnout and wellness and it was named after a physician who died by suicide. One topic the organization focuses on is how medical boards deal with mental health and substance abuse issues and especially how boards deal with mental health and substance abuse in the licensing process. The organization has partnered with the AMA and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) on a project to help boards improve their practices. The BMP applied to be recognized and received feedback that two aspects of the application must be addressed. One is a request to rephrase a definition that applies

to the section on the applicant's personal medical history. The other request is about a question on the reference form. A memorandum about this item is attached. It includes more information about the request from the Dr. Lorna Breen Heroes' Foundation as well as a summary of recommendations from the ad hoc committee.

- **Board Retreat** – survey results will be shared and there will be additional discussion of topics for a planned Board retreat in October.
- **Executive Session to discuss:**
 - **Investigative cases recommended for closure**
 - **Other matters that are confidential by law; if any**
- **Return to Open Session; Board Actions on matters discussed in Executive Session:**
- **Board Actions on Committee recommendations regarding any non-confidential matters:**
- **Upcoming Board meetings, Committee meetings, hearings, etc.: [Locations are subject to change. A notification will be provided if a change takes place.](#)**
 - **August 10, 2023, North Investigative Committee Meeting, 9:00 AM. [Remote via Teams.](#)**
 - **August 11, 2023, Central Investigative Committee Meeting, 9:00 AM. [Remote via Teams.](#)**
 - **August 23, 2023, Board Meeting mid-month on pending applications, 12:10 PM. [Remote via Teams.](#)**
 - **August 23, 2023, South Investigative Committee Meeting, 12:15 PM. [4th Floor Conference Room, Bloomer State Office Building, Rutland, VT and remote via Teams.](#)**
 - **September 6, 2023, Licensing Committee Meeting, 10:30 AM. [Remote via Teams.](#)**
 - **September 6, 2023, Board Meeting, 12:00 PM. [Remote via Teams.](#)**

- Open Forum:
 - Adjourn:
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