

**Vermont Board of Medical Practice
Minutes of the June 7, 2006 Meeting
Gifford Medical Center, Randolph, Vermont**

Approved

1. Call to Order; Call the Roll; Acknowledge Guests

James D. Cahill, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 12:18p.m., at Gifford Medical Center, Randolph, Vermont.

Members Present:

James D. Cahill, MD; David W. Clauss, MD; Ezekiel S. Cross; Russell P. Davignon, MD; Richard L. Guerrero, MD; Patricia A. King, MD, PhD; Denis Lamontagne, DPM; Margaret F. Martin; Sharon L. Nicol; Alexander Northern; Toby Sadkin, MD; William H. Stouch, MD; Peter Thomashow, MD; John B. Webber; Florence Young

Others in Attendance:

James Arisman, Esq., Assistant Attorney General; Phil Ciotti, Investigator; Phil Cykon, Presiding Officer; Paula DiStabile, Executive Director; Peggy Langlais, Administrative Supervisor; Paula Nenninger, Investigator; Joseph Winn, Esq., Assistant Attorney General

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the May 3 and 17, 2006 Board Meetings

Dr. Guerrero said that the May 3, 2006 minutes should reflect that he had recused himself from the Gulnaz Cowder, MD, MPN 131-0905 hearing.

Ms. Martin made a motion to accept the minutes of April 3 and 17, 2006 with the change. Mr. Northern seconded the motion. The motion passed, opposed: none, abstained: none

4. Board Matters

Dr. Cahill said that the Executive Committee would be meeting immediately following the day's meeting. He said that some of the issues to be discussed are:

The Vermont Practitioner Health Program (VPHP) has a new medical director. Dr. David Simmons from the Maine Physician Health Program will continue there

and also begin working with VPHP as Medical Director on July 11th. Potential impacts and how we relate to VPHP will be discussed at today's meeting.

The Executive Committee should also consider how the Board should plan for reviewing its statutes and deciding whether it would like to consider bringing forth proposals for the upcoming legislative session. Another item on the agenda is the fact that the Board is a bit behind the curve with having no policy regarding internet prescribing.

Dr. Cahill said that anything discussed would be brought to the full Board for consideration. He asked anyone wishing to participate to attend the meeting.

5. Administrative Update (Ms. DiStabile)

Ms. DiStabile provided the following legislative updates.

- Prescription monitoring – an advisory committee is mandated by the new legislation, and the legislation states that the Board of Medical Practice will be represented. The Board may want to designate a Board member now to serve in that capacity.
- Patient safety legislation – nothing structural to do with the Board. The legislation relates to hospital reporting. It does require that four kinds of events be reported the Commissioner of the Health Department, who shall report them to the appropriate authorities, including the Board as appropriate.

Ms. DiStabile provided the following Federation of State Medical Boards updates:

USMLE - a survey related to changes on the USMLE testing process is being conducted. She asked anyone that did not receive the survey to let her know.

License portability – the request for proposal will have several pieces that the Board will need to approve. The computer piece has been forwarded and there is a letter of intent and model agreement as well. All will be forwarded to the Board members unless something different is requested. Anyone with comments is to get them to Ms. DiStabile.

National provider identifier rules – this is a federal requirement that apparently has no direct relevance to the Board. The Office of Vermont Health Access has the most interest. Anyone with questions is asked to let Ms. DiStabile know.

Technical assistance request – our request for technical assistance from the federal Centers for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) regarding best practices and quality improvement has been approved. A contractor has been assigned to work on our questions.

Ms. DiStabile said that in regard to the pending law suit brought by Dr. Agee in California, the magistrate judge has issued a recommendation that it be dismissed. She will keep the Board updated.

Ms. DiStabile brought up a question from the Vermont Medical Society for discussion. The question - A surgeon is moving to another state. All of the patients' medical records are staying in Vermont with the existing practice, which continues. Does this physician have to notify patients individually of the move to be consistent with the Board's policy?

Discussion

- What about a public notice?
- It should be the responsibility of the group practice to ensure that the departing physician's records remain accessible to patients.
- Is there a requirement for the physician to notice patients individually?
- Is it even necessary?
- As long as the patients can be accommodated by the existing practice, what is the issue?
- Patients are not being abandoned.
- Is newspaper notification enough?
- What does the Board policy say?
- Unless there is an ongoing relationship, there is no need for a specific notification.

6. Presentation of applications

See Appendix A

7. Recess; Convene Hearing (Mr. Cykon)

Mr. Cykon convened a hearing to consider a matter before the Board at 12:52 p.m.

In re: David D. Aronsson, MD, MPS 134-0905, Stipulation and Consent Order

Dr. Clauss made a motion to go into executive session. Dr. Cahill seconded the motion. The vote was all in favor, opposed: none, abstained: Dr. Lamontagne.

Executive session: 12:55

Mr. Webber made a motion to return to open session. Dr. Cahill seconded the motion. The vote was all in favor, opposed: none, abstained: Dr. Lamontagne.

Open session: 1:28

Dr. Davignon made a motion to accept the Stipulation and Consent Order. Mr. Webber seconded the motion. The vote was all in favor, opposed: none, abstained: Dr. Lamontagne.

In re: Phillip B. Blanchard, MD, MPN 155-1005, Specification of Charges

Mr. Webber made a motion that the Board order a Default Judgment and Final Order to revoke Respondent's Vermont physician license. Ms. Martin seconded the motion. The vote was all in favor, opposed: none, abstained: none.

In re: Ajaz Iqbal, MD, MPC 16-0202, Removal of Conditions

Dr. Cahill made a motion to approve the request for removal of conditions. Mr. Webber seconded the motion. The vote was all in favor, opposed: none, abstained: Dr. Sadkin.

8. Executive Session to Discuss Investigative Matters

Ms. Young made a motion to go into executive session to discuss investigative matters. Dr. Stouch seconded the motion. The vote was all in favor, opposed: none, abstained: none.

Executive session began at 2:01 p.m.

9. Return to Open Session

Dr. Stouch made a motion to return to open session. The motion was seconded by Dr. Thomashow. The vote was all in favor, opposed: none, abstained: none.

Open session: 2:31 p.m.

10. Open Session

In re: Mark Logan, MD, Licensing matter.

Dr. King made a motion to approve a change in Dr. Logan's practice location; from 69 Allen Street to 11 Court Square, both in Rutland, and a change in supervising physician from Dr. Bucksbaum to Dr. Fauntleroy effective July 1, 2006. She said that the Licensing Committee had approved Dr. Logan's request contingent upon receipt of a letter from Dr. Fauntleroy stating she understands her obligations.

Dr. Stouch seconded the motion. The vote was all in favor, opposed: none, abstained: none.

Dr. King, North Investigative Committee, moved to close
MPN 163-1104
MPN 181-1105
MPN 59-0405

Seconded: Mr. Webber. Passed, opposed: none. Abstained: MPN 59-0405 – Dr. Guerrero.

Dr. Clauss, Central Investigative Committee, moved to close
MPC 51-0306
MPC 50-0306
MPC 63-0406
MPC 62-0406

Seconded: Ms. Martin. Passed, opposed: none.

Dr. Cahill, South Investigative Committee, moved to close
MPS 15-0106
MPS 36-0206
MPS 41-0206
MPS 40-0206
MPS 39-0206
MPS 114-0805
MPS 102-0605
MPS 62-0405

Seconded: Dr. Davignon. Passed, opposed: none. Abstained: MPS 15-0106 - Dr. Sadkin.

11. Any Other Business

Next meetings

Upcoming meetings

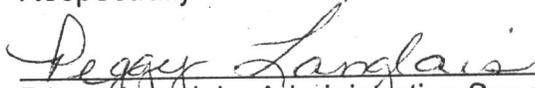
- July 13, 2006, North Investigative Committee Meeting, 12 p.m., Vermont State College, Waterbury
- July 14, 2006, Central Investigative Committee Meeting, 12 p.m., Montpelier
- July 19, 2006, South Investigative Committee Meeting, 12 p.m., Asa Bloomer Building, Rutland
- July 19, 2006, Board meeting on pending applications, 12:10 p.m., Board Office, 101 Cherry Street, Burlington, (and via telephone)

12. Next Regular Board meetings July 5, 2006, 12 p.m., Gifford Hospital, Randolph, Vermont, July 19, 2006, 12:10 p.m., teleconference meeting, with public access at the Board offices, 101 Cherry Street, Burlington, Vermont

13. Adjournment

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Martin, seconded by Dr. Thomashow. The vote was all in favor, opposed: none, abstained: none. The meeting adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Peggy Langlais, Administrative Supervisor
Attachments

Presentation of Applications

Dr. King reported on interviews with
Christopher Ladner, MD
Viranuj Sueblinvong, MD
Michell Thurmond, MD

Recommended for physician licensure

Seconded by Ms. Martin passed, opposed: none, abstained: none

Dr. King made a motion to approve the withdrawal of the April 5, 2006 withdrawal
of the license application of

James Tiesinga, MD
Jorge Richardson, MD

Seconded by Dr. Stouch, passed, opposed: none, abstained: none

Dr. Sadkin reported on interviews with
Karina Perusse, MD
Jonna Clark, MD

Recommended for physician licensure

Seconded by Dr. Thomashow passed, opposed: none, abstained: none

Dr. Stouch reported on interviews with
Jaideep Sood, MD
Craig Kanter, MD

Recommended for physician licensure

Seconded by Mr. Cross passed, opposed: none, abstained: none

Dr. Lamontagne reported on an interview with
Thomas Rose, MD

Recommended for physician licensure

Seconded by Mr. Cross passed, opposed: none, abstained: none

Dr. Clauss reported on interviews with
Sanjay Bose, MD
John Braun, MD
Robert Herrington IV, MD
Tobin Hoppes, MD

Recommended for physician licensure

Seconded by Dr. King, passed, opposed: none, abstained: none

Dr. Davignon reported on interviews with
Kristen Wright, MD
Jose Goldar, MD
Shelly Stelzer, MD

Recommended for physician licensure

Seconded by Dr. Stouch, passed, opposed: none, abstained: none

Dr. Cahill reported on interviews Ms. Silta conducted with

Katharine Margulius, PA

Wendy Hogan, PA

Recommended for physician assistant certification

Seconded by Dr. Guerrero, passed, opposed: none, abstained: none.

Dr. Cahill moved on limited temporary licenses for

Bina Ahmed, MD

Stephen Appleton,, MD

Keisa Bennett, MD

Shirin Celebi, MD

Teresa Cherry, MD

Nichole Corry, MD

Eric Davis, MD

Steven Emmons, MD

Christopher Hampson, MD

Heather Herrington, MD

Sadie Mills, MD

Rosa Mojdehi, MD

Elena Pentsova, MD

Benjamin Plank, MD

Steven Powell, MD

Cherridan Rambally, MD

Laura Schned, MD

John Schneider, MD

Michael Serou, MD

Anuj Shah, MD

Yanan Shang, MD

Natalie Sinclair, MD

Louis Sussman, MD

Chockeo Syvanthong, MD

Nathaniel Thompson, MD

Jessica Veltkamp, MD

Zuzana Vodslon, MD

Kevin Vorenkamp, MD

Katherine Wagner, MD

Todd Whitman, MD

Seconded by Dr. King, passed, opposed: none, abstained: none.