

Vermont Board of Medical Practice
Minutes of the February 6, 2008 Meeting
Gifford Medical Center, Randolph, Vermont
(By conference call and Gifford Medical Center, Randolph *)

Approved

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

Dr. Clauss, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

Members Present:

David W. Clauss, MD; Patricia A. King, MD, PhD; James D. Cahill, MD; Russell P. Davignon, MD; John J. Murray, MD; Sharon L. Nicol; Harvey S. Reich, MD; Toby Sadkin, MD; William H. Stouch, MD; Peter Thomashow, MD; Florence Young

Others in Attendance:

James Arisman, Assistant Attorney General; Philip Ciotti, Investigator; Phil Cykon, Presiding Officer; Roberta Downes, Licensing Administrator; Dixie Henry, Assistant Attorney General; Tracy Hayes, Administrative Assistant; William Wargo, Esq, Director; Paula Nenninger, Investigator; Margaret Vincent, Assistant Attorney General; Bill Griffin, Assistant Attorney General; Mary Jane Barber, Medical Staff Coordinator, Gifford Medical Center

2. Public Comment

None

3. Approval of the Minutes of the January 2 and 16, 2007 Board Meetings

Mr. Davignon made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 2, 2008 Board meetings. Dr. Murray seconded the motion. The motion passed, opposed: none; abstained: none

Dr. Sadkin made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 16, 2008 Board meetings. Ms. Nicol seconded the motion. The motion passed, opposed: none; abstained: none

4. Board Matters (Dr. Clauss)

This will be an abbreviated meeting to discuss some pressing matters before the Board and then the presentation of applications.

Bill Griffin discussed the statutory changes to the legislation. This is included in the Board copy of these minutes. Mr. Griffin will be happy to attend some of the committee meetings if the Board would like to do that. Harry Chen will be willing to put this forward if the board approves the legislation. Discussion to follow:

Dr. Stouch wondered if a member of the present board could not serve on the commission. There is nothing that states that could not happen.

Ms. Nicol brought up the question of the legal procedures. Having a commission that does this all the time would make a difference.

Dr. Davignon stated that if this applies to the medical Board...will this apply to the other Boards. No....why....There is a mix of opinions.

Dr. Murray asked what precipitated this? There are concerns from Attorneys involved in cases regarding the current system.

Who picks the commission? They are appointed by the Governor and then by qualification from the senate.

Dr. Sadkin stated that this should be discussed in person and not on the phone. Dr. Clauss agrees. Mr. Griffin stated that he could attend the next board meeting. He will be put on the agenda for next month.

Dr. Murray made a motion not to take any action until the full board has had a meeting discussing this subject and to hold putting this before the legislature until the Board discusses this further. Dr. Davignon seconded the motion. The motion passed, opposed: none; abstained: none

5. Administrative Update (Mr. Wargo)

none

6. Presentation of applications

See Appendix A.

7. Withdrawal of licensing applications.

Dr. King made a motion to allow withdrawal of the applications for Richard Crandall, MD and Martin Springer, MD. Seconded by Dr. Murray. The motion passed, opposed: none; abstained; none

8. Next meetings

Upcoming meetings

- March 5, 2008, Licensing Committee meeting, 10:30 a.m. Gifford Medical Center, Randolph
- March 5, 2008, Board meeting, 12:00 p.m. Gifford Medical Center, Randolph
- March 13, 2008, North Investigative Committee Meeting, 12 p.m., Stanley Hall, State office Complex, Waterbury
- March 14, 2008, Central Investigative Committee Meeting, 12 p.m, Pavilion Building 4th Floor Conference Room, Montpelier
- March 19, 2008, Board meeting on pending applications, 12:10 p.m., teleconference meeting, with public access at the Board offices, 101 Cherry Street, Burlington
- March 19, 2008, South Investigative Committee Meeting, 12:20 p.m., Asa Bloomer Building, Rutland

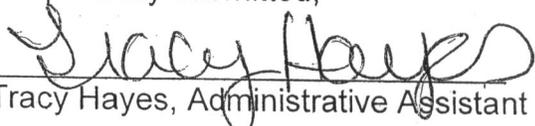
9. Any Other Business

10. Adjournment

Dr. Cahill made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Sadkin seconded the motion. The vote was all in favor, opposed: none, abstained: none.

Adjourned at 12:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Tracy Hayes, Administrative Assistant

Attachments

* Because of inclement weather the meeting was held by conference call. Mary Jane Barber was at Gifford to provide the telephone number for the call if needed by any member of the public.

Appendix A

Presentation of Applications (Recommendations were in the form of motions by the member making the recommendation)

Dr. Cahill reported on interviews conducted with
Juliana Szakacs, MD
Recommended for physician licensure
Judith Carpenter, PA-C
Recommended for physician assistant certification
Seconded by Dr. Murray, passed, opposed: none, abstained: none

Dr. Clauss reported on an interview conducted with
Yogeshwar Dayal, MD
Recommended for physician licensure
Seconded by Dr. Murray, passed, opposed: none, abstained: none

Dr. Murray reported on interviews conducted with
Terry Bartolet, MD
Paul LaFemina, MD
Recommended for physician licensure
Nicholas Brenny, PA-C
Recommended for physician assistant certification
Seconded by Dr. Stouch, passed, opposed: none, abstained: none

Dr. Reich reported on an interview conducted with
James Ames, MD
Recommended for physician licensure
Seconded by Dr. Stouch, passed, opposed: none, abstained: Dr. Davignon and
Dr. Thomashow

Dr. Thomashow reported on interviews conducted with
Anna Fariss, MD
Recommended for physician licensure
Nicole Ernst, PA-C
Recommended for physician assistant certification
Seconded by Dr. Davignon, passed, opposed: none, abstained: none

Dr. Clauss reported on interviews Ms. Silta conducted with
Jeffrey Fine, PA-C
Benjamin Holobowicz, PA-C
Kylee Ladd, PA-C
Recommended for physician assistant certification
Seconded by Dr. Murray, passed, opposed: none, abstained: none

Dr. Clauss moved on limited temporary licenses for

Margaret Roth, MD
Selvi Senthilnathan, MD

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