

**VERMONT BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE**  
**Minutes of the June 3, 2015 Board Meeting**  
**Gifford Medical Center, Randolph, Vermont**

**Approved**

**1. Call to Order; Introduce New Members; Call the Roll; Acknowledge Guests:**

Robert G. Hayward, MD, Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 12:30P.M.

**Members Present:**

Richard Bernstein, MD; Brent Burgee, MD; Richard Clattenburg, MD; Michael Drew, MD; Allen Evans; Faisal Gill; Patricia Hunter; David A. Jenkins; Leo LeCours; David Liebow, DPM; Christine Payne, MD; Joshua Plavin, MD; Marga Sproul, MD.

**Others in Attendance:**

David Herlihy, Executive Director; Paula Nenninger, Investigator; Christiana Coyner, Board Investigator; Karen LaFond, Operations Administrator; Margaret Vincent, AAG; Cassandra Diederich, AAG; Bill Reynolds, AAG.

**2. Call to Order; Introduce New Members; Call the Roll; Acknowledge Guests:**

**3. Public Comment:**

None

**4. Approval of Minutes of the May 6 and May 20, 2015 Board Meetings:**

Mr. Jenkins moved to accept the minutes of the May 6, 2015 meeting. Mr. LeCours seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: none.

Mr. LeCours moved to accept the minutes of the May 20, 2015 meeting. Mr. Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: none.

**5. Board Issues (Dr. Hayward):**

None

**6. Administrative Update (Mr. Herlihy):**

Mr. Herlihy welcomed the new Board Investigator, Christiana Coyner.

Mr. Herlihy noted that Mr. Hoser was unable to attend the board meeting as he was traveling on a medical mission, and noted that everyone wished him well.

Mr. Herlihy updated the members on Grand Rounds training on opioid prescribing done in partnership with VPMS. The program will be presented at each Vermont hospital. To date Springfield Hospital, Rutland Regional Medical Center ( and Southwest Vermont Medical center via webcast), Brattleboro, and Grace Cottage Hospital. He noted that the sessions are ending for the summer and will pick up again in the fall.

Mr. Herlihy informed members that he and Board Staff are in the process of updating the Board Rules, which haven't been updated since 2001. He stated that there have been a few successful meetings to update the language of the rules to better reflect current requirements, such as the changes to the USMLE, and that at the next meeting the board will review and discuss proposed changes. The focus will be on the changes that reflect policy determinations.

**7. Presentation of Applications (12:30 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.):**

Applications for physician and physician assistant licensure, and certifications of radiologist and anesthesiologist assistants were presented and acted upon as detailed in Appendix A, incorporated by reference into these minutes.

**8. Presentations to the Board (12:45 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.):**

**9. Recess; Convene hearing to discuss any stipulations or disciplinary matters that are before the Board (1:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.)**

**10. Reconvene meeting; Executive Session to Discuss:**

- **Investigative cases recommended for closure**
- **Other matters that are confidential by law, if any**

Dr. Liebow made a motion at 12:41p.m. to return to Executive Session to continue to discuss confidential matters related to investigations. Mr. LeCours seconded the motion. The motion passed: opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: none

**11. Return to Open Session; Board Actions on matters discussed in Executive Session:**

Ms. Hunter made a motion at 1:17 p.m. to return to Open Session. Dr. Drew seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: none.

**Mr. LeCours, North Investigative Committee, asked to close:**

MPN 012-0115 – Letter #1  
MPN 147-1214 – Letter #1  
MPN 027-0315 – Special Letter #1  
MPN 047-0415 – Letter #1

Mr. Jenkins made a motion to close the cases presented. Dr. Drew seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: North Investigative Committee.

**Mr. Jenkins, Central Investigative Committee, asked to close:**

MPC 035-0315 – Letter #1  
MPC 030-0315 – Letter #1  
MPC 037-0315 – Special Letter #1  
MPC 033-0315 – Letter #1  
MPC 025-0215 – Letter #1  
MPC 139-1114 – Special Letter #1

Dr. Drew made a motion to close the cases presented. Mr. Gill seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: Central Investigative Committee.

**South Investigative Committee did not close any cases.**

**12. Board Actions on Committee recommendations with regard to any non-confidential matters:**

**13. Other Business:**

**14. Upcoming Board meetings, committee meetings, hearings, etc.: (Locations are subject to change. You will be notified if a change takes place.)**

- **June 11, 2015, North Investigative Committee Meeting, 12 p.m., Vermont Department of Health, 108 Cherry Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Conference Room 2C, Burlington, VT**
- **June 12, 2015, Central Investigative Committee Meeting, 9 a.m., National Life – North Building: Calvin Coolidge Conference Room – 6<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Deane C. David Building, Waterbury, VT**
- **June 17, 2015, Board meeting on pending applications, 12:10 p.m., Board of Medical Practice office, 108 Cherry Street, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Floor Burlington, VT (and via telephone)**

- **June 17, 2015, South Investigative Committee Meeting, 12:00 p.m., Asa Bloomer State Office Building, 4th Floor, Room #492, Rutland, VT**
- **July 1, 2015, Licensing Committee Meeting, 10:30 a.m., Gifford Medical Center, Red Clover Conference Room, Randolph**
- **July 1, 2015, Board Meeting, 12 p.m., Gifford Medical Center, Red Clover Conference Room, Randolph**

#### **15. Open Forum:**

Mr. Herlihy noted that telemedicine issues have made national news recently, including a story about the Texas Medical Board taking a strict position limiting telemedicine practice. He asked members if they are interested in getting more information about telemedicine offerings, such as those he has forwarded in recent weeks.

Mr. Herlihy informed members that the Legislature did not take up any of the changes sought by the Board this past session, including the proposed Interstate Compact.

Mr. Herlihy informed members that the Vermont Department of Health recently passed Rules regarding Chronic Opioid Prescribing and that he would send those out for review.

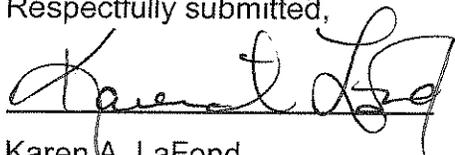
#### **16. Adjourn:**

Ms. Hunter made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Clattenburg seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: none.

Meeting adjourned at 1:24p.m.

#### **Attachments: Appendix A**

Respectfully submitted,



Karen A. LaFond  
Medical Licensing & Operations Administrator

## **APPENDIX A**

### **Presentation of Applications**

**Dr. Hayward moved for the issuance of physician licenses and physician assistant licenses, and anesthesiologist assistant certifications for:**

Laura Barber, MD  
Donald Dupis, MD  
Scott Legunn, MD

Robin Billick, MD  
Milroy Emmanuel, MD  
Kimberly Monnet, AA-C

Ryan Brass, MD  
Daniel Holloway, MD  
Nathaniel Moore, PA-C

Nathan Morrell, MD  
Jamie Pineda, MD  
Rebecca Zurbier, MD

Melissa O'Hara, MD  
Gregory Punch, MD

Gina Patrio, MD  
Karen Scott, MD

Recommended by Ms. Hunter for licensure and certification. Seconded by Dr. Plavin.  
The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: none.

**Dr. Hayward moved for the issuance of Limited Temporary Physician licenses for:**

David Appel, MD  
Ryan Coates, MD  
Ahmed Haque, MD  
Andrew Lamar, MD  
Sharon Li, MD  
Julia McNeil, MD  
Kristin Roensch, MD  
Umer Syed, MD

Prajesh Adhikari, MD  
Corey DeWitt, MD  
Bryce Hansen, MD  
Jiyong Lee, MD  
Marielle Lopes, MD  
Tovah Moss, MD  
Stephanie Ryan, MD  
Gabriela Szalayova, MD

Kranti Bhagi, MD  
Ellen Diego, MD  
Elena Kozakewich, MD  
Brandon Lentine, MD  
Suzanne Mcguire, DPM  
Jessica Parson, MD  
Joshua Sayler, MD  
Natalie Wilson, MD

Recommended by Dr. Drew for licensure and certification. Seconded by Dr. Bernstein.  
The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: none.