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The Illinois State Medical Board convened an open session meeting via WebEx at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 16, 2022. It was not practical or prudent to meet in-person due to the COVID-19 disaster.

The following members were present for the meeting:

Sreenivas G. Reddy, M.D., Interim Board Chair
Maria Laporta, M.D., Interim Vice Chair
Thomas Boyle, D.O. Member
Donald Diemer, DHSc, PA-C, Member
Mohammed Jameel, M.D., Member
Ratna Kanumury, PA-C, Member
Douglas Matzner, D.C., Member
Caroline Moellering, Public Member
Bartlomiej Nierzwicki, M.D., Member
Alicia Leung Rauh, M.D., Member
Dana Ray, M.D., Member

The members present constituted a quorum.

The following Department staff were present for the meeting:

Shami Goyal, M.D., Chief Medical Coordinator
Iris Freeman, Administrative Assistant
Brandon Thom, J.D., Chief of Medical Prosecutions
Greg Marion, Chief of Medical Investigations
Lauren Craig, J.D., Associate General Counsel
John Zander, M.D., Deputy Medical Coordinator
Joseph Fojtik, M.D., Deputy Medical Coordinator
Robert Mosley, M.D., Deputy Medical Coordinator
Theodore Adams, J.D., Chief of Investigations
Jessica Pantoja, Patient Advocate Liaison
Todd Robertson, Board Liaison

OPENING STATEMENT

Dr. Reddy read the following opening statement: This meeting is being conducted by audio / video conference without a quorum of members physically present because the Governor of the State of Illinois has issued a disaster declaration related to public health concerns and an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent based on the disaster described in the declaration. Furthermore, the Secretary of the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation has determined pursuant to Section 7 of the Open Meetings Act that an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent because of a disaster. All votes will be conducted by roll call, so that each member's vote on each issue can be identified and recorded.

OPEN MINUTES - Medical Board

A motion was made and seconded (Dr. Matzner/Dr. Laporta) to approve the open session minutes for the Medical Board meeting on September 7, 2022. Roll call vote - Yes: Dr. Reddy, Dr. Laporta, Dr. Boyle, Dr. Diemer, Dr. Jameel, Ms. Kanumury, Dr. Matzner, Ms. Moellering, Dr. Nierzwicki, Dr. Rauh, Dr. Ray; No: None. The motion passed.

RECOMMENDATIONS made by the Complaint Committee in closed session

Mr. Robertson reported that Complaint Committee made the following recommendations in closed session:

Approve closed minutes from September 7, 2022 Complaint Committee meeting, Close 7 mandatory reports and Refer 4 mandatory reports for prosecution.

A motion was made and seconded (Dr. Matzner/Ms. Moellering) to accept the recommendations made by the Complaint Committee during its closed session meeting. Roll call vote - Yes: Dr. Reddy, Dr. Laporta, Dr. Boyle, Dr. Diemer, Dr. Jameel, Ms. Kanumury, Dr. Matzner, Ms. Moellering, Dr. Nierzwicki, Dr. Rauh, Dr. Ray; No: None. The motion passed.

RECOMMENDATIONS made by the Medical Board in closed session

Mr. Robertson reported that Medical Board made the following recommendations in closed session:

Approve closed minutes from September 7, 2022 Medical Board meeting, Approve 23 consent orders, Approve 31 board subpoenas, Recommend 1 physician and surgeon license be indefinitely suspended based on default, Recommend 1 physician and surgeon license be revoked based on default, Approve 1 Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) report and recommendation that no discipline be imposed against 1 physician and surgeon license, Approve 1 ALJ report and recommendation that the petition to terminate suspension of 1 physician license be denied, Approve 1 ALJ report and recommendation that the petition to terminate revocation of 1 chiropractic physician license be denied, and Approve 1 application for physician and surgeon licensure by endorsement.

A motion was made and seconded (Dr. Laporta/Ms. Moellering) to accept the recommendations made by the Complaint Committee during its closed session meeting. Roll call vote - Yes: Dr. Reddy, Dr. Laporta, Dr. Boyle, Dr. Diemer, Dr. Jameel, Ms. Kanumury, Dr. Matzner, Ms. Moellering, Dr. Nierzwicki, Dr. Rauh, Dr. Ray; No: None. The motion passed.

REPORTS

Greg Marion, Chief of Medical Investigations reported that for the period of 11/1/22 to 11/10/22: 48 complaints were received, no cases were referred to prosecutions, and 40 cases were closed. Also, as of 11/20/22 there are 591 open investigations, there are 272 cases assigned to the medical coordinators, and the average investigator caseload is 74 cases.

Shami Goyal, M.D., Chief Medical Coordinator reported that 272 cases are currently assigned to the 4 medical coordinators of which 43 cases are agreements of care, counseling, or treatment (CCT), and there are 313 cases being monitored by the probations unit.

Brandon Thom, J.D., Chief of Medical Prosecutions reported that as of November 15th, there are 692 total cases open with the medical prosecutions unit of which 17 cases are tax liability cases.

Lauren Craig, M.D., Associate General Counsel did not have any information to report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further open session business to be brought before the Medical Board, a motion was made and seconded (Dr. Laporta/Dr. Reddy) to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a voice vote - the open session meeting adjourned at 9:09 a.m.