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Director

**The Illinois State Medical Board** convened an open session meeting via WebEx at 9:02 a.m. on Wednesday, April 5, 2023. It was not practical or prudent to meet in-person due to the COVID-19 disaster.

The following board members were present for the meeting:

Maria Laporta, M.D., Board Chair  
Sreenivas G. Reddy, M.D., Vice Chair  
Thomas Boyle, D.O., Member  
Donald Diemer, DHSc., PA-C, Member  
Mary Huffman, D.C., Member  
Ratna Kanumury, PA-C, Member  
James G. MacKenzie, D.O., Member  
Douglas Matzner, D.C., Member  
Caroline Moellering, Public Member  
Bartlomiej Nierzwicki, M.D., Member  
Dana Ray, M.D., Member

The members present constituted a quorum.

The following Department staff were present for the meeting:

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

### **OPENING STATEMENT**

Dr. Laporta 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**

A motion was made and seconded (Matzner/Reddy) to approve the open session minutes for the Medical Board meeting on April 5, 2023. Roll call vote - Yes: Laporta, Reddy, Boyle, Diemer, Huffman, Kanumury, MacKenzie, Matzner, Nierzwicki, Ray; No: None; Abstain: Moellering. 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 March 15, 2023 Complaint Committee meeting, Close 16 complaints - 2 with a letter of concern, Refer 6 complaints for prosecution, Close 9 mandatory reports - 2 with a letter of concern, and Refer 6 mandatory reports for prosecution.

A motion was made and seconded (Reddy/Matzner) to accept the recommendations made during the closed session meeting. Roll call vote - Yes: Laporta, Reddy, Boyle, Diemer, Huffman, Kanumury, MacKenzie, Matzner, Moellering, Nierzwicki, 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 March 19, 2023 Medical Board meeting, Approve 12 subpoenas, Approve 1 agreement of care, counseling or treatment, Approve 7 consent orders, Approve 3 non-disciplinary orders, Recommend Indefinite Suspension for a minimum of 3 years for 1 Chiropractic Physician license based on default, Approve Administrative Law Judge's (ALJ) Report and ALJ's recommendation to Indefinitely Suspend 1 Physician and Surgeon license for a minimum of 2 years, and Approve 2 Variances from the provision of 68 Ill. Adm. Code 1285.60 (a)(7) that requires completion of the USMLE examinations within 7 years.

A motion was made and seconded (Reddy/Moellering) to accept the recommendations made during the closed session meeting. Roll call vote - Yes: Laporta, Reddy, Boyle, Diemer, Huffman, Kanumury, MacKenzie, Matzner, Moellering, Nierzwicki, Ray; No: None. The motion passed.

## **REPORTS**

Greg Marion, Chief of Medical Investigations reported that for the period of 3/1/23 to 3/29/23: 137 complaints were received, 17 cases were referred to prosecutions, and 204 cases were closed. Also, as of 3/29/23 there were 508 open investigations with an average caseload of 64 cases per investigator.

Shami Goyal, M.D., Chief Medical Coordinator reported there are 240 cases assigned to the medical coordinators of which 41 are agreements of care, counseling or treatment (CCT). Also, that there are 316 cases being monitored by the probations unit.

Frank Lamas, J.D., Chief of General Prosecutions reported that as of 4/5/23, there are 750 cases open with the medical prosecutions unit.

Lauren Craig, J.D., Associate General Counsel reported that the Division has been creating a schedule for in-person attendance at board meetings. Beginning May 17<sup>th</sup>, 8 board members must be physically present at either the IDFPR Springfield office or the IDFPR Chicago office for a quorum. Both locations will be connected via videoconference. The schedule would ensure there are a quorum of members attending the meetings in-person and on a rotating basis allow members to attend some meetings remotely. Ms. Craig thanked the board members for providing their availability to attend in-person meetings for the next 4 months. At this point, the schedule shows that there would be a physical quorum for the business meetings between May 17<sup>th</sup> and August 16<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Craig explained that going forward we will use the team assignments (with Team A members attending the first meeting of the month and Team B members attending the second meeting of the month). However, all members are welcomed and encouraged to attend the meetings in-person.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be brought before the Medical Board, a motion was made and seconded (Reddy/Matzner) to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 9:21 a.m.