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The Illinois State Medical Board convened an open meeting at **9:05 a.m. on Wednesday, August 16, 2023**, in Conference Room 4S Springfield in the Department's Chicago office located at 555 W. Monroe Street in Chicago, Illinois, and in Conference Room 258 in the Department's Springfield office located at 320 West Washington Street in Springfield, Illinois. Both locations were connected by WebEx video conferencing.

The following board members were physically present for the meeting:

Maria Laporta, M.D., Board Chair
Thomas Boyle, D.O., Member
Donald Diemer, DHSc, PA-C, Member
Mary Huffman, D.C., Member
Mohammed Jameel, M.D., Member
Ratna Kanumury, P.A., Member
James MacKenzie, D.O., Member
Caroline Moellering, Public Member
Bartlomiej Nierzwicki, M.D., Member
Dana Ray, M.D., Member
Pedro Rodriguez, M.D., Member

The members physically present constituted a quorum.

The following Department staff were physically present for the meeting:

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

The following Department staff attended the meeting via WebEx:

Theodore Adams, J.D., Chief of Statewide Investigations
John Zander, M.D., Deputy Medical Coordinator
Jessica Pantoja, Patient Advocate Liaison

Open Minutes

A motion was made and seconded (MacKenzie/Jameel) to approve the open session minutes for the Medical Board meeting on July 19, 2023. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Jameel abstained.

Recommendations made by the Complaint Committee in closed session

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

Close 19 complaints - 1 with a letter of concern, Refer 5 complaints for prosecution, Close 11 mandatory reports - 3 with a letter of concern, and Refer 5 mandatory reports for prosecution.

A motion was made and seconded (Jameel/Rodriguez) to accept the recommendations made during the closed session meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

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 the July 19, 2023 Medical Board meeting; Approve termination of 1 agreement of care, counseling, or treatment; Approve 10 subpoenas; Approve 7 consent orders; Approve 2 non-disciplinary orders, Indefinitely Suspend 1 Physician and Surgeon license for a minimum of 1 year based on default; Accept 2 Administrative Law Judge Reports and Recommendations denying petition to restore 2 Physician and Surgeon licenses and 2 Physician Controlled Substance licenses, Approve 2 Visiting Professor license applications for issuance; and Approve 2 variances from the USMLE 7-year requirement in 68 Ill. Adm. Code Section 1285.60 (a)(7) for 2 Physician and Surgeon license applications.

A motion was made and seconded (Jameel/Rodriguez) to accept the recommendations made during the closed session meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Reports

Greg Marion, Chief of Medical Investigations reported that for the period of 8/1/23 to 8/10/23: 39 complaints were received, 9 cases were referred to prosecutions, and 35 cases were closed. Also, there were 476 open investigations with an average caseload of 60 cases per investigator.

Shami Goyal, M.D., Chief Medical Coordinator reported there were 209 cases assigned to the medical coordinators with 39 agreements of care, counseling, or treatment (CCT) and 267 cases monitored by the probation unit.

Brandon Thom, J.D., Chief of Medical Prosecutions reported that as of 8/15/23, there were 802 cases open with Medical Prosecutions - 14 cases are related to tax liability.

Federation of State Medical Boards - Medical Regulation Update
Hank J. Chaudhry, DO, President and CEO
Jeffrey D. Carter, MD, Chair, Board of Directors

Dr. Chaudry and Dr. Carter presented information on the background, policies, and procedures of the FSMB. They discussed current FSMB priorities and activities, the 2022 FSMB Census of actively licensed physicians published in the Journal of Medical Regulation, recent changes to the USMLE exams, the interstate licensing compacts for physicians and for physician assistants, current proposed legislation that may impact the profession and state medical boards in the U.S., and the FSMB grant program to support state medical boards. They discussed current guidelines on medical misinformation and disinformation, particularly about COVID-19. They discussed the report of the FSMB Workgroup on Telemedicine adopted by the FSMB House of Delegates in April 2022 Telemedicine, the purpose of the FSMB Workgroup on Opioid and Addiction Treatment, and the Opioid Regulatory Collaborative.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the Medical Board, a motion was made and seconded (Diemer/Laporta) to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.