The Illinois State Medical Disciplinary Board (MDB) met in the Chicago office of the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, 100 West Randolph Street on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 for the purpose of conducting a regular business meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Darren D. Hancock at 9:00 a.m.

The following members were present for all or portions of the meeting:

Amy Derick, M.D., Member, Vice Chair
Peter M.C., Hofmann, M.D., Member
Karen O’Mara, D.O., Member
Grace Allen Newton, J.D., Public Member
James S. Montana Jr., J.D., Public Member
Umang Patel, M.D., Member
Sreenivas, M.D., Member
Shami Goyal, M.D., Member

The members present constituted a quorum.

Also present for all or part of the meeting were the following:
Brian Zachariah, M.D., Frank Lamas, Kathleen Walsh, Joseph Fojtik, M.D., John Zander, M.D., Munaza Aman, and Jessica Pantoja.

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT:
Kathleen Walsh reported that the Complaint Committee met on February 19, 2020 for the purpose of reviewing 68 investigative files. The Committee recommended that 49 files be closed, and 19 files be referred to the Prosecutions Unit. A Motion was made and seconded to move to accept the Complaint Committee Report. The Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

MINUTES: The minutes of the February 5, 2020 meeting were approved by all board members present except Dr. Goyal. She abstained.

MEDICAL COORDINATOR’S REPORT:
Dr. Brian Zachariah reported there are 64 CCTs, 283 Probation cases, and 672 cases assigned to the Medical Coordinators.
CHIEF OF INVESTIGATIONS REPORT:
Jessica Pantoja reported 107 complaints were received, 11 cases were referred to Medical Prosecutions and 69 complaints were closed.

CHIEF OF PROSECUTIONS REPORT:
Frank Lamas reported there are 532 cases assigned to the Medical Prosecutions Unit.

GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT: No report.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT: No report.

OLD BUSINESS: No report.

NEW BUSINESS: Acting Director Cecilia Abundis met with the Medical Disciplinary Board in Open Session. The board discussed the proposed Medical Practice Act legislation and conveyed their concerns to Acting Director Abundis. The board has questions about the transition of the Medical Licensing and Medical Disciplinary Boards to one board, including board member appointments. The board has concerns regarding the changes pertaining to medical complaint closures.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No report.

CLOSED SESSION:
A Motion was made and seconded that the MDB open meeting be adjourned and the Board go into closed session, as permitted by the portion of the Open Meetings Act, Sections 2c (15). The Motion passed unanimously.

Darren D. Hancock, D.C., requested roll call as follows: James S. Montana Jr., J.D., Karen O’Mara, D.O., Peter M.C. Hofmann, M.D., Amy Derick, M.D., Grace Allen Newton, J.D., Umang Patel, M.D., and Sreenivas Reddy, M.D., and Shami Goyal, M.D.

RECONVENED OPEN BUSINESS MEETING:
The MDB made the following recommendation on the respective cases:

0 Consent Orders presented and accepted.
2 Non-Disciplinary Orders presented and accepted.
0 Agreement of Care, Counseling and Treatment Order presented and accepted.
1 Default Judgment presented and accepted.
1 Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Recommendation to the Director presented and accepted.
0 Petition to Compel Examination and Order to Compel Examination Order presented and accepted.
0 Recommendation to the Director on Dismissal of Petition presented and accepted.
2 Administrative Law Judge Reports presented and accepted.
0 Administrative Law Judge Report was rejected as presented.
4 Subpoenas presented and accepted.

A Motion was made/seconded to ratify discussions in closed session. Motion passed unanimously.
ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to be brought before the Medical Disciplinary Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:57 a.m.