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The Illinois State Medical Disciplinary Board (MDB) met via WebEx on Wednesday, June 16, 2021 for the purpose of conducting a regular business meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Amy Derick at 9:00 a.m.

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

Sreenivas Reddy, M.D., Member, Vice Chair
Darren D. Hancock, D.C., Member
Peter Hofmann, M.D., Member
Karen O'Mara, D.O., Member
Caroline Moellering, Public Member
Aja Carr-Favors, J.D., Public Member
Umang Patel, M.D., Member

The members present constituted a quorum.

Also present for all or part of the meeting were the following:

Shami Goyal, M.D., Chief Medical Coordinator, John Zander, M.D., Deputy Medical Coordinator, Joseph Fojtik, M.D., Deputy Medical Coordinator, Frank Lamas, Chief of Medical Prosecutions Unit, Robert Mosley, M.D., Deputy Medical Coordinator, Kathleen Walsh, Board Liaison, Greg Marion, Chief of Medical Investigations, Munaza Aman, Associate General Counsel, Ted Adams, Chief of Investigations, and Jessica Pantoja, Patient Advocate Liaison.

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT:

Kathleen Walsh reported that the Complaint Committee met on June 16, 2021 for the purpose of reviewing 21 investigative files.

A motion was made by Caroline Moellering and seconded by Dr. Darren Hancock to move to accept the Complaint Committee report for June 16, 2021. The motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Dr. Darren Hancock and seconded by Dr. Sreenivas Reddy to move to accept the open minutes of the June 2, 2021 meeting. Roll call: All in favor; Amy Derick, M.D., Darren D. Hancock, D.C., Peter Hofmann, M.D., Sreenivas G. Reddy, M.D., Aja Carr-Favors, J.D., Karen O'Mara, D.O., and Caroline Moellering. All opposed; None. Abstained; Umang Patel, M.D. The motion passed.

CHIEF MEDICAL COORDINATOR’S REPORT:

Dr. Shami Goyal reported 253 Probation Cases, 54 CCTs, and 210 Complaints assigned to Medical Coordinators.

CHIEF OF MEDICAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT:

Greg Marion reported 46 Complaints received, 8 cases referred to Medical Prosecutions unit, and 140 complaints were closed.

CHIEF OF MEDICAL PROSECUTIONS REPORT: Frank Lamas reported 690 cases pending in Prosecutions Unit.

GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT: Ms. Aman reported the Medical Practice Act Sunset Bill was passed by the General Assembly. It was sent to Governor Pritzker’s office, and he has 60 days to sign it.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

CLOSED SESSION:

A Motion was made by Dr. Karen O’Mara and seconded by Dr. Sreenivas Reddy 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.

Amy Derick, M.D., requested roll call as follows: Darren D. Hancock, D.C., Sreenivas Reddy, M.D., Peter Hofmann, M.D., Karen O’Mara, D.O., Aja Carr-Favors, J.D., Umang Patel, M.D., and Caroline Moellering.

After discussion of deliberations, a motion was made by Dr. Amy Derick and seconded by Dr. Darren Hancock that the MDB closed meeting be adjourned and the Board reconvene open business meeting, as permitted by the portion of the Open Meetings Act, Sections 2c (15). The Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATIONS

A motion was made by Dr. Karen O’Mara and seconded by Dr. Sreenivas Reddy to move to accept the following Consent Orders:

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| 1. Ahmad A. Shaher, MD | CO | 2018-05378 |
| 2. Adeb Alshahrour, MD | CO | 2018-02558 |

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| 3. Michael Farhi, MD | CO | 2013-08631-2 |
| 4. Leopoldo Jurado, MD | CO | 2019-10665 |
| 5. Mark E. Mullendore, MD | CO | 2017-08846 |
| 6. Michael Szarmach, DC | CO | 2018-08153 |
| 7. Burton Herbstman, MD | CO | 2019-09669 |
| 8. Evelyn Chen, MD | CO | 2015-10875 |
| 9. Robert J. Wolf, MD | CO | 2017-04107 |

Roll call: All in favor; Amy Derick, M.D., Darren D. Hancock, D.C., Peter Hofmann, M.D., Sreenivas G. Reddy, M.D., Karen O'Mara, D.O., Aja Carr-Favors, J.D., Umang Patel, M.D., and Caroline Moellering. All opposed; None. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Dr. Karen O'Mara and seconded by Dr. Darren Hancock to move to accept the following ALJ Report and Findings of Fact:

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| 1. Federico Aliaga, MD | 2013-08185 |
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Roll call: All in favor; Amy Derick, M.D., Darren D. Hancock, D.C., Peter Hofmann, M.D., Sreenivas G. Reddy, M.D., Karen O'Mara, D.O., Caroline Moellering, Umang Patel, M.D., and Aja Carr-Favors, J.D. All opposed; None. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Dr. Karen O'Mara and seconded by Dr. Sreenivas Reddy to move to accept the following ALJ Report and Findings of Fact:

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| 1. Jeffrey Frank, MD | 2014-04753 |
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Roll call: All in favor; Amy Derick, M.D., Darren D. Hancock, D.C., Peter Hofmann, M.D., Sreenivas G. Reddy, M.D., Karen O'Mara, D.O., Caroline Moellering, Umang Patel, M.D., and Aja Carr-Favors, J.D. All opposed; None. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Dr. Amy Derick and seconded by Caroline Moellering to move to accept the following ALJ Report and Findings of Fact:

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| 1. Pavan Bejgum, MD | 2018-11061 |
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Roll call: All in favor; Amy Derick, M.D., Darren D. Hancock, D.C., Peter Hofmann, M.D., Sreenivas G. Reddy, M.D., Karen O'Mara, D.O., Caroline Moellering, Umang Patel, M.D., and Aja Carr-Favors, J.D. All opposed; None. The motion passed.

In closed session, the MDB made the following recommendation on the respective cases:

- 0 Non-Disciplinary Orders presented and accepted.
- 0 Agreement of Care, Counseling and Treatment Orders presented.
- 1 Default Judgment presented and accepted.
- 0 Petition to Compel Examination and Order to Compel Examination Order presented.

0 Recommendation to the Director on Dismissal of Petition presented.
3 Administrative Law Judge Reports presented and accepted.
15 Subpoenas presented and accepted.
9 Consent Orders presented and accepted.
4 Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Recommendation to the Director presented and accepted.

A motion was made by Caroline Moellering and seconded by Dr. Darren Hancock to move to accept the above closed minutes recommendations. Roll call: All in favor; Amy Derick, M.D., Darren D. Hancock, D.C., Peter Hofmann, M.D., Sreenivas G. Reddy, M.D., Karen O'Mara, D.O., Aja Carr-Favors, J.D., Umang Patel, M.D., and Caroline Moellering. All opposed; None. The motion passed.

A Motion was made by Dr. Sreenivas Reddy and seconded by Aja Carr-Favors that the MDB open meeting be adjourned. The motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to be brought before the Medical Disciplinary Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.