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The Illinois State Medical Disciplinary Board convened via WebEx on Wednesday, July 7, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. It was unfeasible to meet in person due to the COVID-19 disaster.

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

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

The members present constituted a quorum.

The following Department staff were also present for all or portions of the open meeting:

Shami Goyal, M.D., Chief Medical Coordinator
John Zander, M.D., Deputy Medical Coordinator
Joseph Fojtik, M.D., Deputy Medical Coordinator
Robert Mosley, M.D., Deputy Medical Coordinator
Greg Marion, Chief of Medical Investigations
Ted Adams, Chief of Investigations
Frank Lamas, Chief of Medical Prosecutions
Munaza Aman, Associate General Counsel
Todd Robertson, Board Liaison

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

OPEN MINUTES – Disciplinary Board:

Upon review, a motion was made by Dr. Umang Patel and seconded by Dr. Sreenivas Reddy to approve the open minutes of the June 16, 2021 Medical Disciplinary Board meeting. Roll call vote - All in favor: Dr. Derick, Dr. Reddy, Dr. Hancock, Dr. Hofmann, Dr. O'Mara, Dr. Patel, Ms. Carr-Favors, Dr. Goyal, Mr. Lamas, Mr. Marion. All opposed: None. Abstained: None. The motion passed.

RECOMMENDATIONS made by Complaint Committee and Disciplinary Board in closed session meetings on July 7, 2021

Mr. Robertson reported that the Complaint Committee met on July 7, 2021 and reviewed the following: 39 complaints, 8 mandatory reports, and 64 miscellaneous closures.

Upon review, the Complaint Committee made the following recommendations:

22 complaints were recommended for closure with 7 to include a letter of concern; 17 complaints were recommended to be referred for prosecution; 5 mandatory reports were recommended for closure with 2 to include a letter of concern; 3 mandatory reports were recommended to be referred for prosecution; 62 miscellaneous closures were approved; 1 miscellaneous closure was deferred for review of additional information received by Medical Investigations; and 1 miscellaneous closure was referred to Health-Related prosecutions for further review.

Mr. Robertson reported that the Disciplinary Board met on July 7, 2021 and deliberated on the following cases: 2 Agreements of Care, Counseling or Treatment (CCT), 5 Consent Orders, 2 Findings of Facts for default cases, and 1 Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Report and Recommendation.

Upon review, the Disciplinary Board made the following recommendations:

2 CCTs were approved to be terminated; 5 Consent Orders were approved; 2 Findings of Fact were approved for default cases; and 1 ALJ Report and Recommendation was approved.

A motion was made by Dr. Umang Patel and seconded by Ms. Carr-Favors to accept the recommendations made by the Complaint Committee and the Disciplinary Board during closed session meetings on July 7, 2021. Roll call vote - All in favor: Dr. Derick, Dr. Reddy, Dr. Hancock, Dr. Hofmann, Dr. O'Mara, Dr. Patel, Ms. Carr-Favors, Dr. Goyal, Mr. Lamas, Mr. Marion. All opposed: None. Abstained: None. The motion passed.

CHIEF MEDICAL COORDINATOR REPORT:

Dr. Goyal reported that 215 cases are currently assigned to Medical Coordinators of which 54 are CCTs. Probation case information was not available for this month.

CHIEF OF MEDICAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT:

Mr. Marion reported that in the last month 90 complaints were received, 15 cases were referred to Medical Prosecutions, and 213 complaints were closed. There are a total of 1169 cases pending in Medical Investigations. The average caseload for an investigator is 167 cases.

CHIEF OF MEDICAL PROSECUTIONS REPORT:

Frank Lamas reported that a total of 679 cases are pending in Medical Prosecutions. A new attorney has joined the unit and Medical Prosecutions is now fully staffed with 5 attorneys and 3 law clerks.

GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT:

Munaza Aman reported that the Medical Practice Act sunset bill was signed by Governor Pritzker. This includes provisions to combine the Disciplinary Board and the Licensing Board into a single board.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to be brought before the Medical Disciplinary Board, a motion was made by Dr. Umang Patel and seconded by Dr. Karen O'Mara to adjourn the open session meeting. The motion passed by a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.