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The Illinois State Medical Disciplinary Board convened via WebEx on Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at 9:02 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, MD, Chairperson
Sreenivas G. Reddy, MD, Vice-Chairperson
Darren D. Hancock, DC, Member
Peter Hofmann, MD, Member
Karen O'Mara, DO, Member
Umang S. Patel, MD, Member
Aja Carr-Favors, JD, Public Member
Caroline Moellering, Public Member

The members present constituted a quorum.

The following Department staff were present for all or part of the meeting:

Shami Goyal, MD, Chief Medical Coordinator
John Zander, MD, Deputy Medical Coordinator
Joseph Fojtik, MD, Deputy Medical Coordinator
Robert Mosley, MD, Deputy Medical Coordinator
Ted Adams, Chief of Medical Investigations
Greg Marion, Chief of Medical Investigations
Frank Lamas, Chief of Medical Prosecutions
Brandon Thom, Chief of Business Prosecutions
Munaza Aman, Associate General Counsel
Todd Robertson, Board Liaison
Philip Dray, MD, Member, Medical Licensing Board

OPENING STATEMENT

Dr. Derick read the following statement before the meeting started: *This meeting is being conducted by audio or video conference without the physical presence of a quorum of the members 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 because of the disaster described in that declaration. This meeting is further being conducted by audio or videoconference because the Secretary of the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation has determined pursuant to the provisions of 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 each member's vote on each issue can be identified and recorded.*

OPEN MINUTES - Disciplinary Board

Upon review, a motion was made by Dr. Patel and seconded by Ms. Moellering to approve the open minutes of the July 21, 2021 Complaint Committee meeting. Roll call vote - All in favor: Dr. Derick, Dr. Reddy, Dr. Hancock, Dr. Hofmann, Dr. O'Mara, Dr. Patel, Ms. Carr-Favors, Ms. Moellering. All opposed: None. Abstained: None. The motion passed.

RECOMMENDATIONS made by the Complaint Committee in closed session on August 4, 2021

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

Close 19 complaints - 2 with letter of concern; Refer 12 complaints for prosecution; Defer 2 complaints for additional information; Close 1 mandatory report; Refer 2 mandatory reports for prosecution; Approve 56 miscellaneous closures; Defer 1 miscellaneous closure for additional information.

A motion was made by Dr. Patel and seconded by Dr. Reddy to accept the recommendations made by the Complaint Committee during its closed session meeting on August 4, 2021. Roll call vote - All in favor: Dr. Derick, Dr. Reddy, Dr. Hancock, Dr. Hofmann, Dr. O'Mara, Ms. Carr-Favors, Ms. Moellering. All opposed: None. Abstained: None. The motion passed.

RECOMMENDATIONS made by the Complaint Committee in closed session on August 18, 2021

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

Close 9 complaints - 4 with letter of concern; Refer 4 complaints for prosecution; Defer 1 complaint for additional information; Close 2 mandatory reports; Refer 9 mandatory reports for prosecution; Approve 56 miscellaneous closures.

A motion was made by Dr. Hofmann and seconded by Dr. Patel to accept the recommendations made by the Complaint Committee during its closed session meeting on August 18, 2021. Roll call vote - All in favor: Dr. Derick, Dr. Reddy, Dr. Hancock, Dr. Hofmann, Dr. O'Mara, Ms. Carr-Favors, Ms. Moellering. All opposed: None. Abstained: None. The motion passed.

RECOMMENDATIONS made by the Disciplinary Board in closed session on August 18, 2021

Mr. Robertson reported that the Disciplinary Board made the following recommendations:

Approve 1 Agreement of Care, Counseling or Treatment (CCT); Approve termination for 1 CCT; Approve 6 Consent Orders; Approve 5 Non-Disciplinary Orders; 2 Default case recommendations for Indefinite Suspension; Approve 1 Administration Law Judge Report and Recommendation; and Approve 21 Subpoenas.

A motion was made by Dr. Hoffman and seconded by Ms. Carr-Favors to accept the recommendations made by the Disciplinary Board during its closed session meeting on August 18, 2021. Roll call vote - All in favor: Dr. Derick, Dr. Reddy, Dr. Hancock, Dr. Hofmann, Dr. O'Mara, Ms. Carr-Favors, Ms. Moellering. All opposed: None. Abstained: None. The motion passed.

CHIEF MEDICAL COORDINATOR REPORT:

Dr. Goyal reported that 267 cases are currently assigned to Medical Coordinators of which 51 are CCTs and 255 cases in Probations.

CHIEF OF MEDICAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT:

Mr. Marion reported that 31 complaints were received since the last meeting, 3 cases were referred to Medical Prosecutions, and 1 case was closed. There are a total of 1111 cases pending in Medical Investigations. The average caseload for an investigator is 158 cases.

CHIEF OF MEDICAL PROSECUTIONS REPORT:

Frank Lamas reported that a total of 759 cases are pending in Medical Prosecutions. The unit is down 1 staff attorney at this time.

GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to be brought before the Medical Disciplinary Board, a motion was made by Dr. Derick and seconded by Dr. Hofmann to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 9:13 a.m.