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The Illinois State Medical Disciplinary Board convened an open session meeting via WebEx at 9:02 a.m. on Wednesday, October 6, 2021. It was not practical or prudent to meet in-person due to the COVID-19 disaster.

The following members were present for the meeting:

Sreenivas G. Reddy, MD, Chairperson
Peter Hofmann, MD, Vice-Chairperson
Darren D. Hancock, DC, Member
Karen O'Mara, DO, Member
Umang S. Patel MD, Member
Caroline Moellering, Public Member

The members present constituted a quorum.

The following Department staff were present for 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
Greg Marion, Chief of Medical Investigations
Jessica Pantoja, Patient Advocate Liaison
Brandon Thom, Chief of Business Prosecutions
Munaza Aman, Associate General Counsel
Todd Robertson, Board Liaison

OPENING STATEMENT

Dr. Reddy read the following opening statement: *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

A motion was made and seconded (Ms. Moellering / Dr. Patel) to approve the open session minutes for the Disciplinary Board meeting held on September 15, 2021. Roll call vote - Ayes: Dr. Reddy, Dr. Hofmann, Dr. Hancock, Dr. Patel, Ms. Moellering. Abstained: Dr. O'Mara Nays: None. The motion passed.

RECOMMENDATIONS made by the Complaint Committee in closed session on October 6, 2021

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

Close 18 complaints; Refer 20 complaints for prosecution; Defer 1 complaint for additional information; Approve 72 miscellaneous closures; and Approve closed session minutes from September 15, 2021.

A motion was made and seconded (Dr. Hofmann/Dr. Hancock) to accept the recommendations made by the Complaint Committee during its closed session meeting on October 6, 2021. Roll call vote - Ayes: Dr. Reddy, Dr. Hofmann, Dr. Hancock, Dr. O'Mara, Dr. Patel, Ms. Moellering. Abstained: None. Nays: None. The motion passed.

RECOMMENDATIONS made by the Disciplinary Board in closed session on October 6, 2021

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

Approve 6 Case Closure Memorandums; Approve 14 Consent Orders; Approve 6 Non-Disciplinary Orders; Recommend 1 Indefinite Suspension based on Order of Default; Approve 1 Agreement of Care, Counseling or Treatment; Approve 13 MDB Subpoenas, Deny 2 Department subpoena requests based on advice of counsel; Defer deliberation on 1 Administration Law Judge Report and Recommendation until next business meeting after complete record of case is provided to Board; and Approve closed session minutes from September 15, 2021.

A motion was made and seconded (Dr. Hofmann/Dr. Hancock) to accept the recommendations made by the Disciplinary Board during its closed session meeting on October 6, 2021. Roll call vote - Ayes: Dr. Reddy, Dr. Hofmann, Dr. Hancock, Dr. O'Mara, Dr. Patel, Ms. Moellering. Abstained: None. Nays: None. The motion passed.

CHIEF MEDICAL COORDINATOR REPORT:

Dr. Goyal reported that 224 cases are currently assigned to Medical Coordinators of which 48 are CCTs and 260 cases in Probations.

CHIEF OF MEDICAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT:

Mr. Marion reported that 138 complaints were received since the last meeting, 20 cases were referred to Medical Prosecutions, and 144 cases were closed. There are 1098 cases open in Medical Investigations with 224 case files assigned to Medical Coordinators. The average caseload for an investigator is 156 cases.

CHIEF OF MEDICAL PROSECUTIONS REPORT:

Brandon Thom reported that a total of 824 cases open in Medical Prosecutions.

GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further open session business to be brought before the Disciplinary Board, a motion was made and seconded (Dr. Hofmann/Dr. Patel) to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a voice vote - the open session meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.