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The Illinois State Medical Disciplinary Board convened via WebEx on Wednesday, September 15, 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:

Sreenivas G. Reddy, MD, Vice-Chairperson
Darren D. Hancock, DC, Member
Peter Hofmann, MD, Member
Umang S. Patel MD, Member
Aja Carr-Favors, 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
Robert Mosley, MD, Deputy Medical Coordinator
Ted Adams, Chief of Medical Investigations
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. 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/seconded (Dr. Hofmann/Ms. Moellering) to approve the open minutes of the August 18, 2021 Disciplinary Board meeting. Roll call vote - Ayes: Dr. Reddy, Dr. Hancock, Dr. Hofmann, Dr. Patel, Ms. Carr-Favors, Ms. Moellering, Nays: None. Abstained: None. The motion passed.

Election of Officers

Dr. Reddy assumed the position as Chairperson following Dr. Redick's resignation from the Medical Disciplinary Board.

A motion was made/seconded (Dr. Hancock/Ms. Moellering) to nominate Dr. Hofmann as Vice-Chairperson for the Medical Disciplinary Board for the duration of its existence. Dr. Hofmann accepted the nomination. No other nominations were made. Roll call vote - Ayes: Dr. Reddy, Dr. Hancock, Dr. Patel, Ms. Carr-Favors, Ms. Moellering, Nays: None. Abstained: Dr. Hofmann. The motion passed.

RECOMMENDATIONS made by the Complaint Committee in closed session on September 1, 2021

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

Close 20 complaints - 3 with letter of concern; Refer 9 complaints for prosecution; Defer 1 complaint for additional information; Close 2 mandatory reports; Refer 4 mandatory reports for prosecution; Approve 56 miscellaneous closures.

A motion was made/seconded (Dr. Hofmann/Ms. Carr-Favors) to accept the recommendations made by the Complaint Committee during its closed session meeting on September 1, 2021. Roll call vote - Ayes: Dr. Reddy, Dr. Hancock, Dr. Hofmann, Dr. Patel, Ms. Carr-Favors, Ms. Moellering, Nays: None. Abstained: None. The motion passed.

RECOMMENDATIONS made by the Complaint Committee in closed session on September 15, 2021

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

Close 29 complaints - 5 with letter of concern; Refer 9 complaints for prosecution; Defer 1 complaint for additional information; Close 6 mandatory reports; Refer 4 mandatory reports for prosecution; Approve 22 miscellaneous closures.

A motion was made/seconded (Dr. Hofmann/Ms. Moellering) to accept the recommendations made by the Complaint Committee during its closed session meeting on September 15, 2021. Roll call vote - Ayes: Dr. Reddy, Dr. Hancock, Dr. Hofmann, Dr. Patel, Ms. Carr-Favors, Ms. Moellering, Nays: None. Abstained: None. The motion passed.

RECOMMENDATIONS made by the Disciplinary Board in closed session on September 15, 2021

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

Approve termination for 2 CCTs; Approve 9 Consent Orders; Approve 6 Non-Disciplinary Orders; Approve 1 Administration Law Judge Report and Recommendation; and Approve 16 Subpoenas.

A motion was made/seconded (Dr. Hofmann/Ms. Patel) to accept the recommendations made by the Disciplinary Board during its closed session meeting on September 15, 2021. Roll call vote - Ayes: Dr. Reddy, Dr. Hancock, Dr. Hofmann, Dr. Patel, Ms. Carr-Favors, Ms. Moellering, Nays: None. Abstained: None. The motion passed.

CHIEF MEDICAL COORDINATOR REPORT:

Dr. Goyal reported that 251 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 41 complaints were received since the last meeting, 0 cases were referred to Medical Prosecutions, and 35 cases were closed. There are a total of 1093 cases pending in Medical Investigations. The average caseload for an investigator is 156 cases.

CHIEF OF MEDICAL PROSECUTIONS REPORT:

Frank Lamas reported that a total of 769 cases are pending in Medical Prosecutions.

GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

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