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The Illinois State Medical Board convened an open session meeting via WebEx at 9:01 a.m. on Wednesday, December 21, 2022. It was not practical or prudent to meet in-person due to the COVID-19 disaster.

The following board members were present for the meeting:

Sreenivas G. Reddy, M.D., Interim Board Chair
Maria Laporta, M.D., Interim Vice Chair
Thomas Boyle, D.O. Member
Mohammed Jameel, M.D., Member
Ratna Kanumury, PA-C, Member
Douglas Matzner, D.C., Member
Caroline Moellering, Public Member
Bartlomiej Nierzwicki, M.D., Member
Dana Ray, M.D., Member

Absent: Donald Diemer, DHSc, PA-C, Alicia Leung Rauh, M.D., Pedro Rodriguez, M.D.

The members present constituted a quorum.

The following Department staff were present for the meeting:

Lauren Craig, J.D., Associate General Counsel
Frank Lamas, J.D., Chief of General Prosecutions
Shami Goyal, M.D., Chief Medical Coordinator
John Zander, M.D., Deputy Medical Coordinator
Robert Mosley, M.D., Deputy Medical Coordinator
Joseph Fojtik, M.D., Deputy Medical Coordinator
Theodore Adams, J.D., Chief of Investigations
Greg Marion, Chief of Medical Investigations
Jessica Pantoja, Patient Advocate Liaison
Iris Freeman, Administrative Assistant
Todd Robertson, Board Liaison

OPENING STATEMENT

Dr. Reddy read the following opening statement: This meeting is being conducted by audio / video conference without a quorum of members physically present 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 based on the disaster described in the declaration. Furthermore, the Secretary of the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation has determined pursuant to 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 that each member's vote on each issue can be identified and recorded.

OPEN MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded (Laporta/Jameel) to approve the open session minutes for the Medical Board meeting on December 7, 2022. Roll call vote - Yes: Reddy, Laporta, Boyle, Jameel, Kanumury, Matzner, Moellering, Nierzwicki, Ray; No: None. The motion passed.

RECOMMENDATIONS made by the Complaint Committee in closed session

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

Approve closed minutes from December 7, 2022 Complaint Committee meeting, Close 13 complaints, Refer 16 complaints for prosecution, Close 4 mandatory reports - 2 with letter of concern, Refer 7 mandatory report for prosecution, and open 2 complaints based on information reviewed.

A motion was made and seconded (Matzner/Laporta) to accept the recommendations made during the closed session meeting. Roll call vote - Yes: Reddy, Laporta, Boyle, Jameel, Kanumury, Matzner, Moellering, Nierzwicki, Ray; Goyal, Lamas, Marion, No: None. The motion passed.

RECOMMENDATIONS made by the Medical Board in closed session

Mr. Robertson reported that Medical Board made the following recommendations in closed session:

Approve closed minutes from December 7, 2022 Medical Board meetings, Approve termination of 1 agreement of care, counseling or treatment, Approve 8 consent orders, Approve 3 non-disciplinary orders, Approve 14 board subpoenas, Approve 5 Variances from the USMLE time limit requirement in 68 Ill. Adm. Code 1285.60(a)(7), and recommend indefinite suspension for 2 physician and surgeon licenses based on default.

A motion was made and seconded (Moellering/Matzner) to accept the recommendations made during the closed session meeting. Roll call vote - Yes: Reddy, Laporta, Boyle, Jameel, Kanumury, Matzner, Moellering, Nierzwicki, Ray; Goyal, Lamas, Marion, No: None. The motion passed.

REPORTS

Greg Marion, Chief of Medical Investigations reported that for the period of 12/1/22 to 12/15/22: 40 complaints were received, 15 cases were referred to prosecutions, and 68 cases were closed. Also, as of 12/15/22 there are 562 open investigations, there are 290 cases assigned to the medical coordinators, and the average investigator caseload is 70 cases.

Shami Goyal, M.D., Chief Medical Coordinator reported that 290 cases are currently assigned to the 4 medical coordinators of which 47 cases are agreements of care, counseling, or treatment (CCT), and there are 307 cases being monitored by the probations unit.

Frank Lamas, J.D., Chief of General Prosecutions reported that as of December 20th, there are 695 total cases open with the medical prosecutions unit of which 14 cases are tax liability cases.

Lauren Craig, M.D., Associate General Counsel announced that Dr. Pedro Rodriguez was appointed to the Illinois State Medical Board (effective 12/19/2022) increasing the board member count to 12 members. 7 members are now required for a quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the Medical Board, a motion was made and seconded (Matzner/Moellering) to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 9:14 a.m.