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The Illinois State Medical Board convened an open session meeting via WebEx at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 15, 2023. 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:

Maria Laporta, M.D., Board Chair
Sreenivas G. Reddy, M.D., Vice Chair
Thomas Boyle, D.O. Member
Donald Diemer, DHSc, PA-C, Member
Mohammed Jameel, M.D., Member
Ratna Kanumury, PA-C, Member
James G. MacKenzie, D.O., Member
Douglas Matzner, D.C., Member
Caroline Moellering, Public Member
Bartlomiej Nierzwicki, M.D., Member
Alicia Leung Rauh, M.D., Member
Pedro Rodriguez, M.D., Member

The members present constituted a quorum.

The following Department staff were present for the meeting:

Brandon Thom, J.D., Chief of Medical Prosecutions
Lauren Craig, J.D., Associate General Counsel
Shami Goyal, M.D., Chief Medical Coordinator
Greg Marion, Chief of Medical Investigations
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
Jessica Pantoja, Patient Advocate Liaison
Iris Freeman, Administrative Assistant
Todd Robertson, Board Liaison

OPENING STATEMENT

Dr. Laporta 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 (Moellering/Matzner) to approve the open session minutes for the Medical Board meeting on February 1, 2023. Roll call vote - Yes: Laporta, Reddy, Boyle, Diemer, Jameel, MacKenzie, Matzner, Moellering, Nierzwicki, Rauh, Rodriguez; 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 February 1, 2023 Complaint Committee meeting, Close 27 complaints - 6 with letter of concern, Refer 12 complaints for prosecution, and Close 2 mandatory reports.

A motion was made and seconded (Matzner/Reddy) to accept the recommendations made during the closed session meeting. Roll call vote - Yes: Laporta, Reddy, Boyle, Diemer, Jameel, MacKenzie, Matzner, Moellering, Nierzwicki, Rauh, Rodriguez; 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 February 1, 2023 Medical Board meetings, Approve 9 subpoenas, Approve 5 consent orders and 2 non-disciplinary order, Approve 1 Administration Law Judge Report and Recommendation, and Approve 1 Variance from provision of 68 Ill. Adm. Code 1285.60 (a)(7).

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

REPORTS

Greg Marion, Chief of Medical Investigations reported that for the period of 2/1/23 to 2/9/23: 40 complaints were received, 14 cases were referred to prosecutions, and 34 cases were closed. Also, as of 2/9/23 there were 558 open investigations with an average caseload of 71 cases per investigator.

Shami Goyal, M.D., Chief Medical Coordinator reported there are 261 cases assigned to the medical coordinators of which 43 are agreements of care, counseling, or treatment (CCT). Also, that there are 314 cases being monitored by the probations unit.

Brandon Thom, J.D., Chief of General Prosecutions reported that as of 2/14/23, there are 754 cases open with the medical prosecutions unit of which 11 cases are tax liability cases.

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/Reddy) to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 9:21 a.m.