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The Illinois State Medical Board convened an open meeting at **9:04 a.m. on Wednesday, on Wednesday, September 20, 2023**, in Conference Room 10N Champaign in the Department's Chicago office located at 555 W. Monroe Street in Chicago, Illinois, and in Conference Room 258 in the Department's Springfield office located at 320 West Washington Street in Springfield, Illinois. Both locations were connected by WebEx video conferencing.

The following board members were physically present for the meeting:

Sreenivas Reddy, M.D., Board Vice-Chair
Thomas Boyle, D.O., Member
Mary Huffman, D.C., Member
Mohammed Jameel, M.D., Member
Radhika Lohia, Public Member
James MacKenzie, D.O., Member
Douglas Matzner, D.C., Member
Caroline Moellering, Public Member
Alicia Leung Rauh, M.D., Member
Dana Ray, M.D., Member
Pedro Rodriguez, M.D., Member

The members physically present constituted a quorum.

The following board members attended the meeting via WebEx:

Donald Diemer, DHSc, PA-C, Member
Ratna Kanumury, P.A., Member

The following Department staff were physically present for the meeting:

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

The following Department staff attended the meeting via WebEx:

Theodore Adams, J.D., Chief of Statewide Investigations
John Zander, M.D., Deputy Medical Coordinator
Joseph Fojtik, M.D., Deputy Medical Coordinator
Robert Mosley, M.D. Deputy Medical Coordinator
Jessica Pantoja, Patient Advocate Liaison

Open Minutes

A motion was made and seconded (Reddy/Moellering) to approve the open session minutes for the Medical Board meeting on August 16, 2023 and September 6, 2023. The motion passed by majority vote - Yes: Reddy, Boyle, Diemer, Huffman, Jameel, Kanumury, MacKenzie, Moellering, Rauh, Ray, Rodriguez; No: None; Abstain: Matzner, Lohia.

Recommendations made by the Complaint Committee in closed session

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

Approve closed session minutes for the Complaint Committee meetings on August 16, 2023 and September 6, 2023; Close 13 complaints - 5 with a letter of concern; Refer 7 complaints to prosecutions for review; Close 5 mandatory reports; and Refer 13 mandatory reports to prosecutions for review.

A motion was made and seconded (Matzner/Jameel) to accept the recommendations made during the closed session meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

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 the August 16, 2023 and September 6, 2023 Medical Board meetings; Approve termination of 1 agreement of care, counseling, or treatment; Approve 8 subpoenas; Approve 8 consent orders; Approve 1 non-disciplinary order; Approve 1 agreement of care, counseling, or treatment; and Approve 4 variances from the USMLE 7-year requirement in 68 Ill. Adm. Code Section 1285.60 (a)(7) for 4 Physician and Surgeon license applications.

A motion was made and seconded (Boyle/Huffman) to accept the recommendations made during the closed session meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Reports

Greg Marion, Chief of Medical Investigations reported that for the period of 9/1/23 to 9/14/23: 37 complaints were received, 14 cases were referred to prosecutions, and 69 cases were closed. Also, there were 417 open investigations with an average caseload of 52 cases per investigator.

Shami Goyal, M.D., Chief Medical Coordinator reported there were 198 cases assigned to the medical coordinators with 38 agreements of care, counseling, or treatment (CCT) and 267 cases monitored by the probation unit.

Brandon Thom, J.D., Chief of Medical Prosecutions reported that as of 9/19/23, there were 789 cases open with Medical Prosecutions - 5 were tax liability cases.

Lauren Craig, J.D., Associate General Counsel reported that Director Abundis has accepted another position and will be resigning from the Division, effective Friday September 22nd.

Public Comments

David Porter joined the open meeting via WebEx. Mr. Porter explained that he was observing the meeting on behalf of the Illinois Medical Society and that he planned to attend more meetings in the future.

Nicholas Dale joined the open meeting via WebEx. Mr. Dale spoke to the Board about (5 ILCS 120/) the Open Meetings Act.

Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the Medical Board, a motion was made and seconded (Jameel/Huffman) to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 9:18 a.m.