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The Illinois State Medical Disciplinary Board convened an open session meeting via WebEx at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 15, 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
Aja Carr-Favors JD, Public 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
Diane Casas, Director's Office - Division of Professional Regulation
Joseph Fojtik, MD, Deputy Medical Coordinator
Robert Mosley, MD, Deputy Medical Coordinator
Ted Adams, Chief of Investigations
Greg Marion, Chief of Medical Investigations
Jessica Pantoja, Patient Advocate Liaison
Brandon Thom, Chief of Business Prosecutions
Vaughn Bentley, 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 (Dr. Hofmann/Dr. Patel) to approve the open session minutes for the Disciplinary Board meeting held on December 1, 2021. Roll call vote - Ayes: Dr. Reddy, Dr. Hofmann, Dr. Hancock, O'Mara, Dr. Patel, Ms. Favors, Ms. Moellering; Nays: None. The motion passed.

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

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

Close 18 complaints - 3 with Letters of Concern; Refer 7 complaints for prosecution; Close 9 mandatory reports, Refer 2 mandatory reports for prosecution, Approve 82 miscellaneous closures; and Approve closed minutes from the December 1, 2021 Complaint Committee meeting.

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

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

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

Approve 5 Consent Orders and 3 Non-Disciplinary Orders; Approve 4 Case Closure Memorandums; Reject 1 Case Closure Memorandum, Approve 6 MDB Subpoenas; Accept 1 ALJ Report and Recommendation in part and add to the recommendation that the license be restored to indefinite probation for a minimum of 5 years with conditions; and Approve closed session minutes from December 1, 2021.

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

CHIEF MEDICAL COORDINATOR REPORT:

Dr. Goyal reported that 186 cases are currently assigned to Medical Coordinators of which 52 are CCTs and 263 cases in Probations.

CHIEF OF MEDICAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT:

Mr. Marion reported that for the first part of December: 46 complaints were received, 12 cases were referred to Medical Prosecutions, and 93 cases were closed. There are 999 cases open in Medical Investigations with 186 case files assigned to Medical Coordinators. The average caseload per investigator is 142 cases.

CHIEF OF MEDICAL PROSECUTIONS REPORT:

Mr. Thom reported that a total of 748 cases are open in Medical Prosecutions - 22 cases are tax cases.

GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT:

Mr. Bentley announced that as of January 1st board members would continue serving as members of the new Illinois State Medical Board based on the current appointments that extend through the end of February. However, anyone interested in serving a new term on the Medical Board would need to apply for the position by completing an application on the Governor's website. Mr. Bentley stated that information about the application process would be emailed to the board members. Mr. Bentley asked to be informed whether any board member did not plan to continue with the new Board to assist the Department with its targeted outreach for members' areas of expertise. He further noted that the application process is available and may be shared with anyone interested in serving on the board as a physician, physician assistant, or member of the general public.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further open session business to be brought before the Disciplinary Board, a motion was made and seconded (Dr. Reddy/ Dr. Hofmann) to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a voice vote - the open session meeting adjourned at 9:16 a.m.