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**The Illinois State Medical Board** convened an open session meeting via WebEx at 9:23 a.m. on Wednesday, March 2, 2022. 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, Chair  
Maria Laporta, MD, Vice Chair  
Philip Dray, MD, Member  
Darren D. Hancock, DC, Member  
Peter Hofmann, MD, Member  
Douglas G. Matzner, DC, Member  
Caroline Moellering, Public Member  
Karen O'Mara, DO, Member  
Umang S. Patel, MD, Member

The members present constituted a quorum.

The following Department staff were present for the meeting:

Shami Goyal, MD, Chief Medical Coordinator  
John Zander, MD, Deputy Medical Coordinator  
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 - Medical Board**

A motion was made and seconded (Dr. Hofmann/Dr. Patel) to approve the open session minutes for the Medical Board meeting on February 16, 2022. Roll call vote - Ayes: Dr. Reddy, Dr. Laporta, Dr. Dray, Dr. Hancock, Dr. Hofmann, Ms. Moellering, Dr. O'Mara, Dr. Patel; Nays: None; Abstain: Dr. Matzner. The motion passed.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS made by the Complaint Committee in closed session on March 2, 2022**

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

Defer 1 complaint pending additional information, Close 20 complaints - 4 with Letter of Concern; Refer 16 complaints for prosecution; and Approve closed minutes from the February 16, 2022 Complaint Committee meeting

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

## **RECOMMENDATIONS made by the Medical Board in closed session on March 2, 2022**

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

Approve termination of 2 CCT agreements; Approve 4 Consent Orders, and 1 Non-Disciplinary Order; Approve 10 Board Subpoenas; Recommend Revocation of 2 Physician and Surgeon Licenses based on Default; and Approve closed minutes from the February 16, 2022 Medical Board meeting.

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

## **CHIEF MEDICAL COORDINATOR REPORT:**

Dr. Goyal reported that 188 cases are currently assigned to Medical Coordinators of which 49 are CCTs and 287 cases in Probation monitoring.

## **CHIEF OF MEDICAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT:**

Mr. Marion reported that from February 1 through February 14th: 107 complaints were received, 24 cases were referred to Medical Prosecutions, and 137 cases were closed. There are 897 cases open in Medical Investigations with 188 cases assigned to Medical Coordinators. The average caseload per investigator is 112 cases.

## **CHIEF OF MEDICAL PROSECUTIONS REPORT:**

Mr. Thom reported that as of March 1<sup>st</sup> there are a total of 668 cases open in Medical Prosecutions.

## **GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT:**

Mr. Bentley provided a response concerning questions raised by the Board at the last meeting: 1) Will board meetings be held remotely without the declaration of a public emergency?; and 2) If in-person meetings are required, could meetings be held once per month rather than twice per month? The response to the first question was that it is not possible for the Department to hold meetings remotely without the declaration of a public emergency based on the requirements in the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/). Section 2.01 of the Act requires all meetings to be public with a quorum of members physically present at the location of the open meeting. The response to the 2<sup>nd</sup> question is that the request is being considered by the administration. Also, as a follow-up to an email sent last month, Mr. Bentley kindly requested that Board members contact the assigned prosecuting attorney as needed concerning receipt of informal conference materials and any discussions needed to be held prior to the informal conference.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further open session business to be brought before the Medical Board, a motion was made and seconded (Dr. Patel/Ms. Moellering) to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a voice vote -the open session meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.