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The Illinois State Medical Board convened an open session meeting via WebEx at 9:14 a.m. on Wednesday, April 6, 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
Douglas G. Matzner, DC, Member
Caroline Moellering, Public Member
Karen O'Mara, DO, 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
Iris Freeman, 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. Dray/Dr. Hancock) to approve the open session minutes for the Medical Board meeting on March 16, 2022. Roll call vote - Yes: Dr. Reddy, Dr. Laporta, Dr. Dray, Dr. Hancock, Dr. Matzner, Ms. Moellering, Dr. O'Mara; No: None. The motion passed.

RECOMMENDATIONS made by the Complaint Committee in closed session on April 6, 2022

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

Close 25 complaints - 3 with Letter of Concern; Refer 13 complaints for prosecution; and Approve closed minutes from the March 16, 2022 Complaint Committee meeting.

A motion was made and seconded (Dr. Laporta/Dr. Matzner) to accept the recommendations made by the Complaint Committee during its closed session meeting. Roll call vote - Yes: Dr. Reddy, Dr. Laporta, Dr. Dray, Dr. Hancock, Dr. Matzner, Ms. Moellering, Dr. O'Mara; No: None. The motion passed.

RECOMMENDATIONS made by the Medical Board in closed session on April 6, 2022

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

Approve termination of 1 Agreement of Care, Counseling and Treatment (CCT); Approve 15 Consent Orders, and 6 Non-Disciplinary Order; Approve 9 Board Subpoenas; Indefinitely Suspend 1 Physician and Surgeon License and 1 Controlled Substances license based on Default; Approve 1 Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Report and Recommendation and Defer recommendation on 1 ALJ Report and Recommendation until the next meeting; and Approve closed minutes from the March 16, 2022 Medical Board meeting.

A motion was made and seconded (Dr. Matzner/Dr. Dray) to accept the recommendations made by the Medical Board during its closed session meeting. Roll call vote - Yes: Dr. Reddy, Dr. Laporta, Dr. Dray, Dr. Hancock, Dr. Matzner, Ms. Moellering, Dr. O'Mara; No: None. The motion passed.

CHIEF MEDICAL COORDINATOR REPORT:

Dr. Goyal reported that 202 cases are currently assigned to Medical Coordinators of which 48 are CCTs and 284 cases in Probation monitoring.

CHIEF OF MEDICAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT:

Mr. Marion reported that from March 1 through March 31: 150 complaints were received, 29 cases were referred to Medical Prosecutions, and 172 cases were closed. There are 861 cases open in Medical Investigations with 202 cases assigned to Medical Coordinators. The average caseload per investigator is 107 cases.

CHIEF OF MEDICAL PROSECUTIONS REPORT:

Mr. Thom reported that as of April 5th there are a total of 682 open cases in Medical Prosecutions of which 6 are tax liability cases.

GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT:

Mr. Bentley provided general information about the disciplinary process, conflicts of interest and the Open Meetings Act.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Bentley provided background information about various reports and resolutions received by the Board that will be considered by the FSMB Reference Committee and the 2022 House of Delegates at the 2022 FSMB Annual Meeting in April.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further open session business to be brought before the Medical Board, a motion was made and seconded (Dr. Laporta/Dr. Hofmann) to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a voice vote - the open session meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m.