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Director

**The Illinois State Medical Board** convened an open session meeting via WebEx at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 20, 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, M.D., Chair  
Maria Laporta, M.D., Vice Chair  
Philip Dray, M.D., Member  
Darren D. Hancock, D.C., Member  
Peter Hofmann, M.D., Member  
Douglas G. Matzner, D.C., Member  
Caroline Moellering, Public Member  
Karen O'Mara, D.O., Member  
Umang S. Patel, M.D., Member

The members present constituted a quorum.

The following Department staff were present for the meeting:

Shami Goyal, M.D., Chief Medical Coordinator  
Greg Marion, Chief of Medical Investigations  
Brandon Thom, Chief of Business Prosecutions  
Vaughn Bentley, Associate General Counsel  
Joseph Fojtik, M.D., Deputy Medical Coordinator  
Robert Mosley, M.D., Deputy Medical Coordinator  
John Zander, M.D., Deputy Medical Coordinator  
Theodore Adams, Chief of Investigations  
Jessica Pantoja, Patient Advocate Liaison  
Iris Freeman, Board Liaison  
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. Laporta/Dr. Matzner) to approve the open session minutes for the Medical Board meeting on April 6, 2022. Roll call vote - Yes: Dr. Reddy, Dr. Laporta, Dr. Dray, Dr. Hancock, Dr. Matzner, Ms. Moellering, Dr. O'Mara, Dr. Patel; No: None. The motion passed.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS made by the Complaint Committee in closed session on April 20, 2022**

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

Close 23 complaints - 1 with Letter of Concern; Refer 5 complaints for prosecution; Close 6 mandatory reports; Refer 3 mandatory reports for prosecution; and Approve closed minutes from the April 6, 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 - Yes: Dr. Reddy, Dr. Laporta, Dr. Dray, Dr. Hancock, Dr. Matzner, Ms. Moellering, Dr. O'Mara, Dr. Patel; No: None. The motion passed.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS made by the Medical Board in closed session on April 20, 2022**

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

Approve termination of 1 Agreement of Care, Counseling and Treatment (CCT); Approve 1 Variance from USMLE time limit requirement in Section 1285.60(a)(7) of the Rules; Approve 4 Consent Orders; Approve 1 CCT Agreement; Approve 3 Board Subpoenas; Indefinitely Suspend 1 Physician and Surgeon 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 April 6, 2022 Medical Board meeting.

A motion was made and seconded (Dr. Laporta/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, Dr. Patel; No: None. The motion passed.

## **CHIEF MEDICAL COORDINATOR REPORT:**

Dr. Goyal reported that as of April 15<sup>th</sup> there are 180 cases assigned to Medical Coordinators of which 46 are CCTs and there are 240 cases in Probation monitoring.

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

Mr. Marion reported that from April 1st through April 15th: 71 complaints were received, 14 cases were referred to Medical Prosecutions, and 92 cases were closed. There are currently 856 cases open in Medical Investigations with 180 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 19th there are a total of 692 cases open in Medical Prosecutions.

## **GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT:**

Mr. Bentley reported that a question had been raised about conference room space to accommodate the Medical Board when in person meetings resume. He stated that no timeline has been given for when in person meeting will resume. However, at that time there would be a possibility of holding in person meetings in the Springfield office and the Chicago office at the same time via videoconference. This would require a quorum of members to be physically present with members at both locations counting towards a quorum. Mr. Bentley explained that this would reduce the number of people in the same room and also reduce travel time for staff and board members attending the meetings in Springfield. It was also noted that informal conferences would continue to be held via Webex - that process has gone well for respondents, their attorneys, and the Department. Mr. Bentley further noted that board appointment interviews are still ongoing.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further open session business to be brought before the Medical Board, a motion was made and seconded (Ms. Moellering/Dr. Laporta) to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a voice vote - the open session meeting adjourned at 9:13 a.m.