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The Illinois State Medical Board convened an open session meeting via WebEx at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 4, 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
Ted 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. Dray/Ms. Moellering) to approve the open session minutes for the Medical Board meeting on April 20, 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 May 4, 2022

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

Close 14 complaints - 5 with Letter of Concern; Refer 13 complaints for prosecution; Close 3 mandatory reports; Refer 5 mandatory reports for prosecution; and Approve closed minutes from the April 20, 2022 Complaint Committee meeting.

A motion was made and seconded (Dr. Matzner/Dr. Patel) 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 May 4, 2022

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

Approve 4 Consent Orders; Approve 5 Non-Disciplinary Orders; Approve 5 Board Subpoenas; Approve 1 Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Report and Recommendation to Deny the respondent's Petition for Restoration of physician license; Approve 1 ALJ Report but Reject the ALJ Recommendation and instead recommend that respondent's license be Indefinitely Suspended for a minimum of 1 year and require the respondent to take a pass all 5 parts of the EBAS examination and undergo an evaluation from a board-certified psychiatrist and prior to filing a petition for restoration and complete a remediation program; and Approve closed minutes from the April 20, 2022 Medical Board meeting.

A motion was made and seconded (Dr. O'Mara/Dr. Laporta) 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 29th there are 188 cases assigned to Medical Coordinators of which 48 are CCTs and there are 2295 cases in Probation monitoring.

CHIEF OF MEDICAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT:

Mr. Marion reported that from April 1st through April 29th: 128 complaints were received, 20 cases were referred to Medical Prosecutions, and 162 cases were closed. There are currently 867 cases open in Medical Investigations with 188 cases assigned to Medical Coordinators. The average caseload per investigator is 108 cases.

CHIEF OF MEDICAL PROSECUTIONS REPORT:

Mr. Thom reported that as of May 3rd there are a total of 670 cases open in Medical Prosecutions - 11 of which are tax liability cases. He also stated that he or other staff attorneys may reach out to Board members for input or review due to an increase of temporary applications received by the Department after the national residency match.

GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT:

Mr. Bentley reported that the Department is still working on Board member appointments and also setting up the multiple meeting locations as discussed at the last Board meeting. Also, moving forward the Department will include an agenda item for Board members to discuss any information that members would like to see included in the quarterly medical newsletter.

*It was noted that Dr. Dray is not available to attend the next business meeting on May 18th.

*It was noted that Dr. Hofmann is not available to attend the next business meeting on May 18th.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further open session business to be brought before the Medical Board, a motion was made and seconded (Dr. Dray / Ms. Moellering) to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a voice vote - the open session meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.