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The Illinois State Medical Board convened an open session meeting via WebEx at 9:06 a.m. on Wednesday, May 18, 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
Darren D. Hancock, D.C., Member
Douglas G. Matzner, D.C., Member
Caroline Moellering, Public 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. Patel/Ms. Moellering) to approve the open session minutes for the Medical Board meeting on May 4, 2022. Roll call vote - Yes: Dr. Reddy, Dr. Laporta, Dr. Hancock, Dr. Matzner, Ms. Moellering, Dr. Patel; No: None. The motion passed.

RECOMMENDATIONS made by the Complaint Committee in closed session on May 18, 2022

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

Close 16 complaints - 6 with Letter of Concern; Refer 11 complaints for prosecution; and Approve closed minutes from the May 4, 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. Hancock, Dr. Matzner, Ms. Moellering, Dr. Patel; No: None. The motion passed.

RECOMMENDATIONS made by the Medical Board in closed session on May 18, 2022

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

Approve 12 Consent Orders; Approve 6 Non-Disciplinary Orders; Approve 8 Board Subpoenas; Revoke 1 Physician and Surgeon license based on Default; Indefinitely Suspend 1 Physician and Surgeon license based on Default; Approve 2 Variances from USMLE time limit requirement in Section 1285.60(a)(7) of the Rules; and Approve closed minutes from the May 4, 2022 Medical Board meeting.

A motion was made and seconded (Dr. Patel/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. Hancock, Dr. Matzner, Ms. Moellering, Dr. Patel; No: None. The motion passed.

CHIEF MEDICAL COORDINATOR REPORT:

Dr. Goyal reported that as of May 13th there are 191 cases assigned to Medical Coordinators of which 48 are CCTs and there are 295 cases in Probation monitoring.

CHIEF OF MEDICAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT:

Mr. Marion reported that from May 1st through May 13th: 68 complaints were received, 14 cases were referred to Medical Prosecutions, and 64 cases were closed. Also, there are currently 862 cases open in Medical Investigations with 191 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 18th there are a total of 628 cases open in Medical Prosecutions - 10 of which are tax liability cases.

GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT:

No updates.

BOARD MEMBER/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Matzner noted that he is not available to attend the next business meeting on June 1st.

ADJOURNMENT:

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