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The Illinois State Medical Board convened an open session meeting via WebEx at 9:20 a.m. on Wednesday, January 19, 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
Aja Carr-Favors, JD, Public Member
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. Laporta) to approve the open session minutes for the Medical Board meeting held on January 5, 2022. Roll call vote - Ayes: Dr. Reddy, Dr. Laporta, Ms. Carr-Favors, Dr. Dray, Dr. Hancock, Dr. Hofmann, Dr. Matzner, Ms. Moellering, Dr. O'Mara, Dr. Patel; Nays: None. The motion passed.

INTRODUCTIONS

Due to the combining of the disciplinary and licensing boards, members of the new Medical Board introduced themselves and provided details about their professional background and experience.

CHIEF MEDICAL COORDINATOR REPORT:

Dr. Goyal reported that 170 cases are currently assigned to Medical Coordinators of which 51 are CCTs and 275 cases in Probations.

RECOMMENDATIONS made by the Complaint Committee in closed session on January 19, 2022

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

Close 9 complaints - 4 with Letters of Concern; Refer 6 complaints for prosecution; Close 6 mandatory report; Refer 7 mandatory reports for prosecution; and Approve closed minutes from the January 5, 2022 Complaint Committee meeting.

A motion was made and seconded (Dr. Laporta/Dr. Patel) to accept the recommendations made by the Complaint Committee during its closed session meeting on January 5, 2022. Roll call vote - Ayes: Dr. Reddy, Dr. Laporta, Ms. Carr-Favors, Dr. Dray, Dr. Hancock, Dr. Matzner, Ms. Moellering, Dr. Patel; Nays: None. The motion passed.

RECOMMENDATIONS made by the Medical Board in closed session on January 19, 2022

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

Approve termination of 1 Agreement of Care, Counseling or Treatment, Approve 10 Consent Orders, and 5 Non-Disciplinary Orders, 1 Cease and Desist Order, an 1 Agreement of Care Counseling or Treatment; Approve 5 Board Subpoenas; Approve 1 Administrative Law Judge Report and Recommendation; and Approve closed minutes from the January 5, 2022 Medical Board meeting.

A motion was made and seconded (Dr. Laporta/Dr. Hancock) to accept the recommendations made by the Disciplinary Board during its closed session meeting on January 5, 2022. Roll call vote - Ayes: Dr. Reddy, Dr. Laporta, Ms. Carr-Favors, Dr. Dray, Dr. Hancock, Dr. Matzner, Ms. Moellering, Dr. Patel; Nays: None. The motion passed.

CHIEF OF MEDICAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT:

Mr. Marion reported that for first part of January: 62 complaints were received, 10 cases were referred to Medical Prosecutions, and 118 cases were closed. There are 938 cases open in Medical Investigations with 170 case files assigned to Medical Coordinators. The average caseload per investigator is 117 cases.

CHIEF OF MEDICAL PROSECUTIONS REPORT:

Mr. Thom reported that a total of 719 cases are open in Medical Prosecutions - 16 cases are tax cases.

GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT:

Mr. Bentley offered a reminder to board members about the Open Meetings Act. He asked that members refrain from discussing board business, outside of board meetings. However, he noted there may be a few instances where communication with other members about board business is necessary. In those instances, it is necessary to limit the number of members to avoid creating an open meeting. Mr. Bentley further stated that the Freedom of Information Act is relevant as this act applies to all board member communications.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further open session business to be brought before the Disciplinary Board, a motion was made and seconded (Dr. Reddy/ Dr. Laporta) to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a voice vote - the open session meeting adjourned at 9:38 a.m.