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**The Illinois State Medical Board** convened an open session meeting via WebEx at 9:25 a.m. on Wednesday, June 1, 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 M. Hofmann, M.D., 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. Laporta/Dr. Dray) to approve the open session minutes for the Medical Board meeting on May 18, 2022. Roll call vote - Yes: Dr. Reddy, Dr. Laporta, Dr. Hancock, Dr. Patel, No: None; Abstain: Dr. Dray, Dr. Hofmann, Dr. O'Mara. The motion passed.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS made by the Complaint Committee in closed session on June 1, 2022**

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

Close 19 complaints - 4 with Letter of Concern; Defer 3 complaints for additional information; Refer 13 complaints for prosecution; and Approve closed minutes from the May 18, 2022 Complaint Committee meeting.

A motion was made and seconded (Dr. Laporta/Dr. Hofmann) 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. Hofmann, Dr. O'Mara, Dr. Patel; No: None. The motion passed.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS made by the Medical Board in closed session on June 1, 2022**

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

Approve 2 Variances from USMLE time limit requirement in Section 1285.60(a)(7) of the Rules; Approve 2 Variances from the 4-week core rotation requirement in Section 1285.20 of the Rules; Approve 8 consent orders, Approve 1 non-disciplinary order, and Approve 1 agreement of care, counseling or treatment; Approve 7 Board Subpoenas; Recommend indefinite suspension of 1 Physician and Surgeon license based on default; Approve 1 Administrative Law Judge report and recommendation to deny petition for termination of suspension of physician and surgeon license; and Approve closed minutes from the May 18, 2022 Medical Board meeting.

A motion was made and seconded (Dr. Laporta/Dr. Hofmann) 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. Hofmann, Dr. O'Mara, Dr. Patel; No: None. The motion passed.

## **CHIEF MEDICAL COORDINATOR REPORT:**

Dr. Goyal reported that as of May 25, 2022: there are 175 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 25<sup>th</sup>: 109 complaints were received, 25 cases were referred to Medical Prosecutions, and 118 cases were closed. Also, there are currently 859 cases open in Medical Investigations with 175 cases assigned to Medical Coordinators. The average caseload per investigator is 107 cases.

## **CHIEF OF MEDICAL PROSECUTIONS REPORT:**

Mr. Thom reported that as of May 31st there are a total of 635 cases open in Medical Prosecutions - 7 of which are tax liability cases.

## **GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT:**

Mr. Bentley announced that today was his last meeting as general counsel attorney for the Board. He has been asked to serve as Deputy Director for the Department's Adult Use Cannabis Program. Mr. Bentley stated that he is very proud of how well, everyone on the Board works together and thanked the Board members for their expertise and insight which made his job much easier to perform. He stated that a replacement had not been decided yet but he is confident things would continue working well going forward.

## **BOARD MEMBER / PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No report.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further open session business to be brought before the Medical Board, a motion was made and seconded (Dr. Patel/Dr. Laporta) to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a voice vote - the open session meeting adjourned at 9:33 a.m.