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The Illinois State Medical Board convened an open session meeting via WebEx at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 6, 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 Hancock, D.C., Member
Peter M. Hofmann, M.D., Member
Caroline Moellering, Public Member
Karen O'Mara, D.O., 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
Lauren Craig, Associate General Counsel
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. Hofmann/Ms. Moellering) to approve the open session minutes for the Medical Board meeting on June 15, 2022. Roll call vote - Yes: Dr. Reddy, Dr. Laporta, Dr. Hofmann, Ms. Moellering, Dr. O'Mara; Abstain: Dr. Hancock; No: None. The motion passed.

RECOMMENDATIONS made by the Complaint Committee in closed session on July 6, 2022

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

Close 19 complaints - 8 with letter of concern; Refer 1 complaint for prosecution; Close 4 mandatory reports - 1 with letter of concern; Refer 3 mandatory reports for prosecution; Defer 1 mandatory report for additional information and Approve closed minutes from the June 15, 2022 Complaint Committee meeting.

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

RECOMMENDATIONS made by the Medical Board in closed session on July 6, 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 7 Board subpoenas; Recommend Indefinite Suspension of 3 physician and surgeon licenses based on Respondents' default; Approve 12 consent orders, Approve 2 non-disciplinary orders; Approve 2 Administrative Law Judge Reports and Recommendations; and Approve closed minutes from the June 15, 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. Hancock, Dr. Hofmann, Ms. Moellering, Dr. O'Mara; No: None. The motion passed.

CHIEF MEDICAL COORDINATOR REPORT:

Dr. Goyal reported that as of June 30, 2022: there are 184 cases assigned to Medical Coordinators of which 47 are CCTs and there are 311 cases in Probation monitoring.

CHIEF OF MEDICAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT:

Mr. Marion reported that from June 1st through June 30th: 75 complaints were received, 13 cases were referred to Medical Prosecutions, and 165 cases were closed. Also, there are currently 779 cases open in Medical Investigations with 184 cases assigned to Medical Coordinators. The average caseload per investigator is 97 cases.

CHIEF OF MEDICAL PROSECUTIONS REPORT:

Mr. Thom reported that as of July 5th there are a total of 664 cases open in Medical Prosecutions - 7 of which are tax liability cases. Also, 1 new staff attorney has been hired for Medical Prosecutions.

GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT:

No report.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further open session business to be brought before the Medical Board, a motion was made and seconded (Dr. Laporta/Dr. Hofmann) to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a voice vote - the open session meeting adjourned at 9:09 a.m.