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**The Illinois State Medical Board** convened an open session meeting via WebEx at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 1, 2023. It was not practical or prudent to meet in-person due to the COVID-19 disaster.

The following board members were present for the meeting:

Maria Laporta, M.D., Board Chair  
Sreenivas G. Reddy, M.D., Vice Chair  
Thomas Boyle, D.O. Member  
Donald Diemer, DHSc, PA-C, Member  
Mohammed Jameel, M.D., Member  
Ratna Kanumury, PA-C, Member  
James G. MacKenzie, D.O., Member  
Douglas Matzner, D.C., Member  
Caroline Moellering, Public Member  
Bartlomiej Nierzwicki, M.D., Member  
Dana Ray, M.D., Member  
Pedro Rodriguez, M.D., Member

The members present constituted a quorum.

The following Department staff were present for the meeting:

Brandon Thom, J.D., Chief of Medical Prosecutions  
Lauren Craig, J.D., Associate General Counsel  
Shami Goyal, M.D., Chief Medical Coordinator  
Greg Marion, Chief of Medical Investigations  
John Zander, M.D., Deputy Medical Coordinator  
Robert Mosley, M.D., Deputy Medical Coordinator  
Joseph Fojtik, M.D., Deputy Medical Coordinator  
Theodore Adams, J.D. Chief of Investigations  
Jessica Pantoja, Patient Advocate Liaison  
Iris Freeman, Administrative Assistant  
Todd Robertson, Board Liaison

### **OPENING STATEMENT**

Dr. Laporta read the following opening statement: This meeting is being conducted by audio / video conference without a quorum of members physically present 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 based on the disaster described in the declaration. Furthermore, the Secretary of the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation has determined pursuant to 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 that each member's vote on each issue can be identified and recorded.

## **OPEN MINUTES**

A motion was made and seconded (Reddy/Diemer) to approve the open session minutes for the Medical Board meeting on February 15, 2023. Roll call vote - Yes: Laporta, Reddy, Boyle, Diemer, Jameel, MacKenzie, Matzner, Moellering, Nierzwicki, Ray, Rodriguez; No: None. The motion passed.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS made by the Complaint Committee in closed session**

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

Approve closed minutes from February 15, 2023 Complaint Committee meeting, Close 26 complaints - 8 with a letter of concern and Refer 14 complaints for prosecution.

A motion was made and seconded (Moellering/Reddy) to accept the recommendations made during the closed session meeting. Roll call vote - Yes: Laporta, Reddy, Boyle, Diemer, Jameel, MacKenzie, Matzner, Moellering, Nierzwicki, Ray, Rodriguez; No: None. The motion passed.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS made by the Medical Board in closed session**

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

Approve closed minutes from February 15, 2023 Medical Board meetings, Approve termination of 1 agreement of care, counseling or treatment, Approve 6 subpoenas, Approve 4 consent orders and 1 non-disciplinary order and Approve 1 Variance from provision of 68 Ill. Adm. Code 1285.60 (a)(7).

A motion was made and seconded (Laporta/Reddy) to accept the recommendations made during the closed session meeting. Roll call vote - Yes: Laporta, Reddy, Boyle, Diemer, Jameel, MacKenzie, Matzner, Moellering, Nierzwicki, Ray, Rodriguez; No: None. The motion passed.

## **REPORTS**

Greg Marion, Chief of Medical Investigations reported that for the period of 2/1/23 to 2/23/23: 103 complaints were received, 26 cases were referred to prosecutions, and 159 cases were closed. Also, as of 2/23/23 there were 512 open investigations with an average caseload of 64 cases per investigator.

Shami Goyal, M.D., Chief Medical Coordinator reported there are 241 cases assigned to the medical coordinators of which 42 are agreements of care, counseling or treatment (CCT). Also, that there are 317 cases being monitored by the probations unit. Dr. Goyal also mentioned that the board liaison has emailed the newest edition of the Medical Minute newsletter to all of the board members.

Brandon Thom, J.D., Chief of General Prosecutions reported that as of 2/28/23, there are 764 cases open with the medical prosecutions unit of which 10 cases are tax liability cases.

Lauren Craig, J.D., Associate General Counsel offered a reminder that the Medical Board will resume in-person meetings beginning on May 17, 2023. A quorum will require 7 Board members to attend the meetings at either the IDFPR Springfield office or the IDFPR Chicago office. Both locations will be connected via videoconference.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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