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The Illinois State Medical Board convened an open session meeting via WebEx at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 17, 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 Hancock, D.C., Member
Peter M. Hofmann, M.D., Member
Douglas G. Matzner, D.C., Member
Caroline Moellering, Public 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
Iris Freeman, Administrative Assistant
John Zander, M.D., Deputy Medical Coordinator
Robert Mosley, M.D., Deputy Medical Coordinator
Brandon Thom, Chief of Business Prosecutions
Lauren Craig, Associate General Counsel
Jessica Pantoja, Patient Advocate Liaison
Todd Robertson, Board Liaison

Guests present: Ryan Voyles, Health News Illinois

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/Dr. Matzner) to approve the open session minutes for the Medical Board meeting on August 3, 2022. Roll call vote - Yes: Dr. Laporta, Dr. Dray, Dr. Hancock, Dr. Hofmann, Ms. Moellering, Dr. O'Mara, Dr. Patel; Abstain: Dr. Matzner; No: None. The motion passed.

RECOMMENDATIONS made by the Complaint Committee in closed session

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

Close 22 complaints - 7 with letter of concern; Refer 9 complaints for prosecution (with 2 complaints merged with a third for same respondent); Close 3 mandatory reports - 1 with letter of concern; Refer 4 mandatory reports for prosecution; and Approve closed minutes from the August 3, 2022 Complaint Committee meeting.

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

RECOMMENDATIONS made by the Medical Board in closed session

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

Disapprove 1 request for out-of-state continuing education approval; Approve 9 Board subpoenas; Approve 3 consent orders, Approve 1 non-disciplinary order, and Approve 1 agreement of care, counseling or treatment; Approve 1 Administrative Law Judge Report and Recommendation and Recommend to the Director that the Petition for removal of 1 Chiropractic Physician license from Suspended status be Denied; and Approve closed minutes from the August 3, 2022 Medical Board meeting.

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

CHIEF MEDICAL COORDINATOR REPORT:

Dr. Goyal reported that as of August 11, 2022: there are 169 cases assigned to Medical Coordinators of which 47 are agreements of care, counseling or treatment. Also, there are 314 cases in Probation monitoring.

MEDICAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT:

Dr. Goyal reported that from August 1st through August 11th: 66 new complaints were received, 13 cases were referred to Medical Prosecutions, and 56 cases were closed. Also, there are currently 741 cases open in Medical Investigations with 69 cases assigned to Medical Coordinators. The average caseload per investigator is 93 cases.

CHIEF OF MEDICAL PROSECUTIONS REPORT:

Mr. Thom reported that as of August 16th there were a total of 692 cases open in Medical Prosecutions - 14 are tax cases.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further open session business to be brought before the Medical Board, a motion was made and seconded (Dr. Patel/Ms. Moellering) to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a voice vote - the open session meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.