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The Illinois State Medical Board convened an open session meeting via WebEx at 9:24 a.m. on Wednesday, September 7, 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. Matzner/Dr. Hofmann) to approve the open session minutes for the Medical Board meeting on August 17, 2022. Roll call vote - Yes: 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 Complaint Committee in closed session

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

Close 6 complaints - 1 with letter of concern; Refer 16 complaints for prosecution; Close 5 mandatory reports - 2 with letter of concern; Refer 21 mandatory reports for prosecution; and Approve closed minutes from the August 17, 2022 Complaint Committee meeting.

A motion was made and seconded (Dr. Matzner/Dr. Dray) 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:

Defer 1 physician license application for additional information; Defer 1 physician license application for additional information and internal review concerning PH disclosure; Approve 4 Variances from USMLE time limit requirement in 68 Ill. Adm. Code 1285.60; Approve 1 Variance from core clerkship requirement in 68 Ill. Adm. Code 1285.20; Approve 9 Board subpoenas; Approve 8 consent orders, Approve 1 agreement of care, counseling or treatment, and Approve 5 non-disciplinary orders; , Approve 1 Administrative Law Judge Report and Recommendation Indefinitely Suspend Physician and Surgeon license for 5 years; Approve termination of 2 agreements of care, counseling or treatment, and Approve closed minutes from the August 17, 2022 Medical Board meeting.

A motion was made and seconded (Dr. Hofmann/Dr. Matzner) 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 September 7, 2022: there are 180 cases assigned to Medical Coordinators of which 47 are agreements of care, counseling or treatment. Also, there are 312 cases in Probation monitoring.

MEDICAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT:

Dr. Goyal reported that from August 1st through August 31st: 148 new complaints were received, 22 cases were referred to Medical Prosecutions, and 199 cases were closed. There are currently 668 open cases including 180 cases assigned to Medical Coordinators of which 47 are CCTs. The average caseload per investigator is 84 cases.

CHIEF OF MEDICAL PROSECUTIONS REPORT:

Mr. Thom reported that as of September 6th there were a total of 663 open cases of which 17 are tax liability cases.

ASSOCIATE GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT:

Ms. Craig reported that the Department will be receiving additional information from the Governor's Office about board member appointments and will relay that information to the board members. She also stated that today's business meeting would be the last meeting to discuss the proposed rules that were shared with the Board.

PROPOSED RULES:

Discussion was held related to a proposed rules draft for the Medical Practice Act (68 Ill. Adm. Code 1285) that was shared with board members on July 19, 2022. It was noted that following the meeting, any additional comments or questions would need to be emailed to General Counsel by Friday, September 9.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further open session business to be brought before the Medical Board, a motion was made and seconded (Ms. Moellering/Dr. Laporta) to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a voice vote - the open session meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.