

BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE

FULL BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING

10 MAY 2006

Open Session

Minutes

Board Members in Attendance:

David R. Gifford, MD, MPH, Chair

Thomas Breslin, MD

Norm Chapman

Margaret Coughlin

Charles Cronin, DO

Robert Dinwoodie, DO

Joseph DiPietro, Esq.

Richard P. Iacobucci, MD

Noubar Kessimian MD

Henry Litchman, MD

Shelagh McGowan

Board Members Absent:

Patrick Barry, Esq.

Staff Members in Attendance:

Robert S. Crausman, MD, Chief Administrative Officer

Linda Julian, Investigator

Mary Salerno, Administrative Officer

Jane Ogg, Legal Intern

1. A quorum was established at 8:35 AM.

2. On a motion by Dr. Kessimian seconded by Mr. DiPietro it was voted to approve the minutes of the 4 May 2006 Licensing Committee Meeting.

3. On a motion by Mrs. Coughlin seconded by Dr. Kessimian it was voted to approve the minutes of the Open Session of the 12 April, 2006 meeting.

4. Chief Administrative Officer's Report

A. Dr. Litchman was congratulated on his receipt of the "Best Editorial of the Year" award while attending the Federation of State Medical Boards' Annual Meeting in Boston on April 21, 2006.

B. The FSMB State Board Rankings for Disciplinary Actions for 2005 were reviewed. Out of 50 states RI was ranked number 39 as opposed to number 45 in 2004. The goal is for RI to fall within the middle range.

C. On a motion by Mr. DiPietro seconded by Dr. Iacobucci it was

voted to continue to follow the recommendation of the 1999 USMLE Composite Committee Report that State Medical Boards adhere to the 7-year time limit for all steps of the USMLE except for MD/PHD applicants. Exceptions will be made on a case-by-case basis.

D. Board Member Joseph DiPietro, Esq. gave the CME presentation regarding accreditation for governing bodies and medical personnel for the provision of care and services to patients. Mr. DiPietro's presentation may be viewed on-line at <http://www.health.ri.gov/hsr/bmld/index.php> under "Highlights."

4. Old Business:

Telemedicine - The "Draft Model Act to Regulate the Practice of Telemedicine Across State Lines" was distributed and subcommittee members Norm Chapman and Dr. Dinwoodie agreed to meet to review the draft and report back at the next Board Meeting.

5. New business:

There was no new business at this time.

6. At 9:10 AM the Board adjourned to Executive Session.

7. At 9:40 AM the Board reconvened to Open Session to review the CME requirements for Radiologists. It was agreed to invite a member

from the RI ARA Chapter to give a presentation to the Board.

8. Adjournment at 10:15 AM.