

BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE

FULL BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING

14 JUNE 2006

Open Session

Minutes

Board Members in Attendance:

David R. Gifford, MD, MPH, Chair

Patrick Barry, Esq.

Thomas Breslin, MD

Norm Chapman

Margaret Coughlin

Charles Cronin, DO

Robert Dinwoodie, DO

Noubar Kessimian MD

Henry Litchman, MD

Board Members Absent:

Joseph DiPietro, Esq.

Richard P. Iacobucci, MD

Shelagh McGowan

Staff Members in Attendance:

Linda Julian, Investigator

Mary Salerno, Administrative Officer

Erica Ferdinandi, Legal Intern

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

2. On a motion by Dr. Kessimian seconded by Mr. Chapman it was voted to approve the minutes of the 1 June 2006 Licensing Committee Meeting while tabling the application for Reema Husain pending further information. Discussion continued regarding the Board's authority to individually license applicants on a case-by-case basis who have failed to pass the USMLE in the mandated 3 attempts.

3. On a motion by Mr. Chapman seconded by Mrs. Coughlin it was voted to approve the minutes of the Open Session of the 10 May, 2006 meeting.

4. Chief Administrative Officer's Report

A. Board Member Margaret Coughlin presented the Board with a review of the FSMB Annual Meeting in Boston in April of 2006. Mrs. Coughlin presented an overview of three of the meetings she attended for:

1) Disaster Management Planning: The meeting covered a 10 point key disaster plan with physicians involved in the Katrina hurricane relief program providing key suggestions.

2) Leadership Management: The heated discussion centered around the topic of physicians performing procedures they are not qualified to perform such as an OBGYN performing facelifts and BoTox injections.

3) The National Committee for Rules and Regulations: There was discussion regarding possible changes in the regulations and license portability.

Mrs. Coughlin also attended a session on aging and technology and the Board viewed a DVD from this session that presented a futuristic technological alternative to record keeping, monitoring and care of the elderly.

B. The articles from the Providence Journal regarding Dr. Sherman and Mr. Curran were discussed. The Board reviewed its procedure for monitoring and identifying physicians who require intervention.

C. The Board's rating in the FSMB report of State disciplinary actions was reviewed and it was suggested that a flow-chart for the complaint process be generated.

4. Old Business:

Telemedicine - The "Draft Model Act to Regulate the Practice of

Telemedicine Across State Lines” will be redistributed and subcommittee members Norm Chapman and Dr. Dinwoodie will meet to review the draft and report back at the next Board Meeting.

5. New business: None at this time

6. At 9:55 AM the Board adjourned to Executive Session.

7. At 11:15 the Board reconvened The Open Session for New Business.

Dr. Gifford updated the Board on the physician license renewal process and the delay in implementing the on-line renewal due to the State Biding procedure for companies handling the fee. There will be an \$18 fee attached to the on-line license renewal process.

Dr. Gifford informed the Board of the New Chief of the Nursing Board, Pamela McCue, and welcomed her to the position.

Dr. Gifford also spoke briefly about the MedMal caps in California and their possible future for the RI Legislature. He also congratulated the State of RI for being the Number one State in the country for E-Prescribing. Ninety percent of all pharmacies and one quarter of all physicians in RI are E-prescribing capable. The goal is that by the year 2007 70% of all physicians will actually be using E-prescribing.

8. Adjournment at 11:25 AM.