

**BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE**

**FULL BOARD**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**12 JULY 2006**

**Open Session**

**Minutes**

**Board Members in Attendance:**

**David R. Gifford, MD, MPH, Chair**

**Patrick Barry, Esq.**

**Thomas Breslin, MD**

**Norm Chapman**

**Charles Cronin, DO**

**Joseph DiPietro, Esq.**

**Richard P. Iacobucci, MD**

**Board Members Absent:**

**Margaret Coughlin**

**Robert Dinwoodie, DO**

**Noubar Kessimian MD**

**Shelagh McGowan**

**Henry Litchman, MD**

**Staff Members in Attendance:**

**Linda Julian, Investigator**

**Mary Salerno, Administrative Officer**

**Erica Ferdinandi, Legal Intern**

**Nicole Tinkey, Legal Intern**

**Guests:**

**Stephanie Kissam, MPH, DOH, Chief Program Development**

**Donna Buonanno, Chief Compliance Regulations Sec, Pharmacy**

**Amy Zimmerman, Department of Administration**

**Kate Lapan, Associate Professor, Brown University**

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

**2. On a motion by Dr. Iacobucci seconded by Dr. Cronin it was voted to approve the minutes of the 6 July 2006 Licensing Committee Meeting. The following applications were discussed:**

**Marsha K. Smith, MD - On a motion by Mr. DiPietro seconded by Dr. Iacobucci it was voted to approve the request for reinstatement of licensure pending correct signature date for Dr. Gifford.**

**Reema Hussain, MD - On a motion by Dr. Iacobucci seconded by Dr. Dinwoodie it was voted to approve the license application. On a motion by Dr. Iacobucci seconded by Dr. Cronin it was voted to amend the approval with the addition of 50 hours of CME credits instead of 20 hour for each of the first 5 years.**

**Phillip Langer, MD - On a motion by Dr. Cronin seconded by Mr. Chapman it was voted to approve the license application with a Letter of Concern regarding failure to adequately initially answer questions on the full licensure application.**

**Paul Weinstein, MD - On a motion by Dr. Iacobucci seconded by Mr. DiPietro it was voted to approve the license application.**

**3. On a motion by Mr. Chapman seconded by Dr. Cronin it was voted to approve the minutes of the Open Session of the 14 June 2006 meeting with one correction. Mr. DiPietro was listed as approving the May minutes but was absent. Mr. Chapman approved the minutes.**

#### **4. Chief Administrative Officer's Report**

**A. Ms. Stephanie Kissam, MPH, DOH Chief, Program Development presented the Board with a Powerpoint presentation outlining the goals and status of Electronic Prescribing in Rhode Island. A draft policy statement was distributed and a subworking group was formed to edit this statement and present back to the Board in August. This group is composed of Mr. Norm Chapman, Dr. Richard Iacobucci and Dr. Charles Cronin.**

**B. Dr. Crausman presented the Board with a request from the American College of Phlebology to have their specialty (PHL) added to the RI list of specialties for new and renewing license applications.**

**The Board agreed by consensus to recognize only specialties that are ABMS specialties with certifying or recertifying exams acceptable to the Board.**

**C. The IME Draft Policy Statement was reviewed. On a motion by Dr. Cronin seconded by Mr. DiPietro it was voted to approve the IME Policy Statement with changes to the following sentence (underlined): The Board considers it generally inappropriate for a physician to perform and Independent Medical Evaluation (IME)/Independent Insurance Evaluation and to offer or serve as subsequent treating provider for a patient.**

**D. Corporation Formation Request - Dr. Crausman recused himself and left the room. On a motion by Mr. DiPietro seconded by Dr. Cronin it was voted to approve the multiple corporation formation request by Dianna R. Stallone, Esq. o.b.o. Dr. Fathalla M. Mashali.**

**E. The following articles were reviewed by the Board: FSMB RSA 632-A:2, I (relating to sexual misconduct); USMLE 2005 Step 3 Year End Report; TurnTo10 article regarding Dr. Terry Bennett from NH and his derogatory comments made to an obese patient.**

## **5. Old Business:**

**Telemedicine - The “Draft Model Act to Regulate the Practice of Telemedicine Across State Lines” was redistributed and**

**subcommittee members Norm Chapman and Dr. Dinwoodie will meet to review the draft and report back at the next Board Meeting.**

**6. New business: None**

**7. At 10:15 AM the Board adjourned to Executive Session.**