

**BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE**

**FULL BOARD**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**13 June 2007**

**Open Session**

**Minutes**

**Board Members in Attendance:**

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

**Patrick Barry, Esq.**

**Thomas Breslin, MD**

**Norm Chapman**

**Charles Cronin, DO**

**Robert Dinwoodie, DO**

**Joseph DiPietro, Esq.**

**Richard P. Iacobucci, MD**

**Noubar Kessimian MD**

**Agnes R. Lapointe**

**Shelagh McGowan**

**Board Members Absent:**

**Margaret Coughlin**

**Henry Litchman, MD**

**Staff Members in Attendance:**

**Robert S. Crausman, MD, Chief Administrative Officer**

**Bruce W. McIntyre, Board General Counsel**

**Linda Julian, Board Investigator**

**Mary Salerno, Administrative Officer**

**1. A quorum was established at 8:30 AM.**

**2. On a motion by Ms. Lapointe seconded by Dr. Iacobucci it was voted to approve the minutes of the 7 June 2007 Licensing Committee.**

**3. On a motion by Mr. DiPietro seconded by Ms. Lapointe it was voted to approve the minutes of the Open Session of the 9 May 2007 meeting.**

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

**A. Board Member Joseph DiPietro presented the Board with a summarization of the proceedings of the Federation of State Medical Boards' 2007 Annual Meeting in May of 2007. Mr. DiPietro centered his talk on the theme, focus, objectives and the ranking of the RI Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline as compared to other State Boards. A Subjective Gap Analysis was completed by Mr. DiPietro that shows the RI BMLD as either ahead of or meeting the curve in**

monitoring areas such as patient-centered care, assuring compliance of licensed physicians, and improving license portability.

Mr. DiPietro concluded his talk with the suggestion and the RI BMLD work towards creating 1) a best practice model for evaluating the effectiveness of State Boards and 2) a “Performance Dashboard” to include a balanced set of performance metrics that will assist in educating our legislators and reporting to the public. In addition it was suggested that the RI BMLD consider creating a Mission, Vision and set of Values to serve as guiding principles for the Board’s work. Mr. DiPietro presented a Draft Model for Board Members to consider.

B. The letters administratively approving the physicians operatory were reviewed. There was discussion regarding the requirements of a physicians operatory vs. a hospital in regards to personnel, equipment, and environment.

C. The article regarding fraudulent credentials obtained by a Pennsylvania physician was discussed in terms of the RI BMLD’s credentialing practices and fail-safes. The RI BMLD requires that all physicians provide the FCVS (Federal Credential Verification Service) packet, which contains and validates all physician educational and exam credentials. In addition, the RI BMLD also requires multiple letters of reference and previous license verifications.

5. Old Business:

**The Telemedicine Physician/Patient Relationship Draft will be presented in July.**

**6. New business:**

**Suggested topic for future discussion: Resident supervision of procedures.**

**7. At 9:10 AM the Board adjourned to Executive Session pursuant to Sections 46-42-4 and 42-46-5 of the Rhode Island General Laws.**

**8. At 11:45 AM the Open Session reconvened to discuss the following topics:**

**Dr. Gifford asked the Board for volunteers for the Committee for Tertiary Care. Mr. Tom Drew will provide details for the meeting, which will be e-mailed to Board Members when received.**

**In addition, Dr. Gifford distributed and discussed a spreadsheet detailing the Dish/IME Payments distributed to hospitals.**

**Ms. McGowan will represent the Board at the NH Regional Meeting in June of 2007.**

**9. Adjournment.**