

**BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE**

**FULL BOARD**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**10 October 2007**

**Open Session**

**Minutes**

**Board Members in Attendance:**

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

**John Audett, MD**

**Thomas Breslin, MD**

**Patrick Barry, Esq.**

**Margaret Coughlin**

**Charles Cronin, DO**

**Robert Dinwoodie, DO**

**Richard P. Iacobucci, MD**

**Shelagh McGowan**

**Board Members Absent:**

**Norm Chapman**

**Joseph DiPietro, Esq.**

**Noubar Kessimian MD**

**Staff Members in Attendance:**

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

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

**Linda Julian, Board Investigator**

**Shaun Najarian, Legal Intern**

**Matthew Andolfo, Pharmacy Intern**

**Guests:**

**Donald Williams, Associate Director, RI DOH**

**James Carney, PA-C, Chair, Board of Physician Assistants**

**Herbert Rakatansky, MD - RI Medical Society/PHC**

**Rosemary Maher, ACSW, LICSW - RI Medical Society/PHC**

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

**2. On a motion by seconded by Mr. Barry seconded by Ms. McGowan it was voted to approve the minutes of the 4 October 2007 Licensing Committee the provision that Megan McNamara be removed and discussed at Executive Session.**

**3. On a motion by Mrs. Coughlin seconded by Dr. Audett it was voted to approve the minutes of the Open Session of the 12 September 2007 meeting.**

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

**A. There was a discussion of the combined Draft Letter from the BMLD and Physician Assistants Board to Dr. Gifford. Mr. Donald Williams, Associate Director of Health with oversight over**

**Professional Services Regulations including Facilities, was invited to participate in the discussion. The Board's concerns regarding the credentialing and supervision of advanced practice clinicians was discussed. Mr. Williams agreed to review the matter and report back to the Board at the November meeting. Mr. Williams was provided with copies of the Draft letters. Dr. Crausman noted that the Nursing Board was composing a letter with similar focus regarding Nurse Practitioners.**

**5. At 9:00 AM the Board adjourned to Executive Session pursuant to Sections 46-42-4 and 42-46-5 of the Rhode Island General Laws.**

**6. At 9:15 AM the Board reconvened to Open Session.**

**Chief Administrative Officer's Report Continued:**

**B. Dr. Herbert Rakatansky and Rosemary Maher were present from the Physicians Health Committee (PHC) for their yearly visit with the Board. Dr. Rakatansky reviewed the history of the PHC. Mrs. Maher provided an update regarding client tracking and monitoring, the use of the new ETG test to monitor abstinence from alcohol use, and the total number of physicians currently being monitored through the PHC. Dr. Rakatansky then reviewed the PHC's activities with medical students and the Student Health Committee at the medical school. He then reviewed the PHC's policy/procedures regarding confidentiality and types of cases the PHC is willing to take in**

referral.

**C. There was a review of the RI Hospital response to the RI Department of Health's inquiry regarding procedural competency and documentation for the training programs at Lifespan. This material was reviewed and accepted.**

**D. The FDA's Electronic Tools Update was reviewed.**

**E. A discussion regarding the need to plan around possible pandemic flu and a suspension of USMLE testing was begun. Attorney McIntyre will follow up with FSMB to see if there are any guidelines to help the Board in this discussion.**

**F. The recent lawsuit involving the USMLE and a candidate requesting special consideration for breast-feeding was reviewed.**

**G. Note was made regarding Board Member Agnes Lapointe's resignation from the Board.**

**H. Recent administrative approvals for corporate ownership of a medical services corporation were reviewed.**

**I. Board members in attendance were given a confidentiality agreement to sign to allow them to review material through the Federal ACTS System.**

**7. Old Business:**

**Proposed physical exam requirement for Emeritus physicians**

**8. New business:**

**None presented.**

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