

**BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE**

**FULL BOARD**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**13 February 2008**

**Open Session**

**Minutes**

**Board Members in Attendance:**

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

**John Audett, MD**

**Patrick Barry, Esq.**

**Charles Cronin, DO**

**Robert Dinwoodie, DO**

**Richard P. Iacobucci, MD**

**Shelagh McGowan**

**Board Members Absent:**

**Thomas Breslin, MD**

**Norm Chapman**

**Margaret Coughlin**

**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**

**Mary Salerno, Administrative Officer**

**Christine Tyce, Legal Intern**

**Danielle Gilbert, Legal Intern**

**Guests:**

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

**1. A quorum was established at 8:45 AM.**

**2. On a motion by Dr. Iacobucci seconded by Mr. Barry it was voted to approve the minutes of the 7 February 2008 Licensing Committee meeting.**

**3. On a motion by Dr. Cronin seconded by Mr. Barry it was voted to approve the minutes of the Open Session of the 9 January 2008 meeting.**

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

**A. Reciprocity in times of emergency was discussed. Discussion centered on changing the RI regulations to accept primary verification from other New England States to expedite licensure with the stipulation that candidates be completely blemish free. Mr. McIntyre gave the Board a brief update on the FSMB's License**

**Portability Project, which involves the scanning and holding of all physician licensure documentation by the FSMB to be easily disseminated as requested. On a motion by Dr. Iacobucci seconded by Mr. Barry it was voted to make changes to the RI regulations for physician licensure.**

**B. The RI Hospital January 18, 2008 letter to Dr. Gifford of update regarding DOH request of 7/18/07, which included the October/November 2007 Data and Report, was reviewed. The Board agreed to request follow-up data for the same parameters from RIH in two months and also have them look at this data monthly and in the future report to the DOH on a quarterly basis for the 2008 remediation.**

**C. The FCVS report to the RI BMLD for processing times of credentialing requests was briefly reviewed. It was generally agreed that although the processing times remain somewhat slower than would be desired, they have improved.**

**5. Old Business:**

**None presented.**

**6. New Business:**

**None presented at this time.**

**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 10:05 AM the Board reconvened to Open Session.**

**9. New Business:**

**Dr. Gifford distributed copies of “The Rhode Island Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act of 2008,” Chapter 23-17.18. This Act Amendment is a result of the recent wrong-site surgeries.**

**10. Adjournment at 10:20 AM**