

BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE

FULL BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING

8 OCTOBER 2008

Open Session

Minutes

Board Members in Attendance:

David R. Gifford, MD, MPH, Chair

Patrick Barry, Esq.

Thomas Breslin, MD

Charles Cronin, DO

Margaret Coughlin

Robert Dinwoodie, DO

Joseph DiPietro, Esq.

Richard P. Iacobucci, MD

Noubar Kessimian MD

Shelagh McGowan

Board Members Absent:

Norm Chapman

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

Guests:

Lisa Robin, FSMB Sr. Vice President-Member Services

Dr. Stacy Lankford, FSMB Immediate Past Chair

1. A quorum was established at 8:40 AM.

2. On a motion by Ms. McGowan seconded by Mr. DiPietro it was voted to approve the minutes of the 2 October 2008 Licensing Committee meeting with one addition, Joyce Chang, MD.

3. On a motion by Mrs. Coughlin seconded by Dr. Kessimian it was voted to approve the minutes of the Open Session of the 10 September 2008 meeting.

4. Chief Administrative Officer's Report

A. Federation of State Medical Board's visit to the RI Board: Lisa Robin, Sr. Vice President for Member Services and Dr. Stacy Lankford, FSMB Immediate Past Chair gave a PowerPoint Presentation to the Full Board. The topics discussed included:

1. The USMLE and need for periodic reconfiguration to reflect changing licensure requirements.

2. Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS) - 14 states currently accept/require the FCVS. There will be a number of

improvements in the next 12-15 months that will allow the FCVS to be more flexible. Board members suggested that area hospitals should also require the FCVS in order to be consistent with State requirements and make hospital licensure simpler for physicians.

3. The Common License Application Form (CLAF), part of the license portability project, will be changing title to Universal State Medical License Application (USMLA).

4. Assessment Center Collaborators

5. The FSMB will be offering a free on-line portal for CME's.

6. FSMB publications

7. Policy development/Advocacy - the chain of events for Policy Development was outlined for the Board: A resolution from a state Board goes to the House of Delegates. The House votes on the resolution and if adopted a Committee or Workgroup is formed to evaluate it and this may take several years. Once complete it is produced then vetted by the Committee/Workgroup. The resolution is then sent to the Board of Directors who in turn sends it back to the individual Boards for comments. It is then sent back to the House for vote to adopt or reject. If adopted the resolution is forwarded back to the Boards for institution of policy.

8. FSMB provides assistance to State Boards in Legislative matters.

9. Maintenance of Certification and Competency Assuredness - ABMS required as part of initial/renewal licensure or similar requirement was discussed. Identification of core competencies prior to setting requirements was also discussed in addition to the need for value-based testing. Hospital based practice vs. outlying practice

and competencies were discussed.

10. FSMB Board of Directors approval of funding to operationalize and establish grant-making programs available for state medical boards and others to improve medical regulation

5. Old Business:

6. New Business:

None presented at this time.

7. At 8:40 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 11:40 AM the Board reconvened to Open Session pursuant to Sections 46-42-4 and 42-46-5 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

Chief Administrative Officer's Report Cont'd:

D. FCVS and Endorsement Licensure: Mr. McIntyre spoke to the Board regarding the Endorsement Model, which waives the FCVS for Endorsement Licensure from New England states that are original source verification requiring FCVS for licensure. Mr. McIntyre offered the opinion that the Board may do this under the new regulations. Currently there are 3 New England States that accept the FCVS but do not require it - MA, VT, and CT. It is appropriate to adopt this Model.

Regulations will possibly require modification as new data is compiled.

9. At 11:50 AM the Board adjourned pursuant to Sections 46-42-4 and 42-46-5 of the Rhode Island General Laws.