

**BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE**

**FULL BOARD**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**13 MAY 2009**

**Open Session**

**Minutes**

**Board Members in Attendance:**

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

**Patrick Barry, Esq.**

**Thomas Breslin, MD**

**Norm Chapman**

**Joan Crawley**

**Charles Cronin, DO**

**Robert Dinwoodie, DO**

**Joseph DiPietro, Esq.**

**Richard P. Iacobucci, MD**

**Noubar Kessimian MD**

**Board Members Absent:**

**Margaret Coughlin**

**Shelagh McGowan**

**Staff Members in Attendance:**

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

**Mary Salerno, Administrative Officer**

**Guests:**

**Mary Reich Cooper, MD, JD**

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

**2. On a motion by Ms. Crawley seconded by Mr. Chapman it was voted to approve the minutes of the 7 May 2009 Licensing Committee meeting listed below. Full Board Discussion of Dr. Traber resulted in recommendation to apply with requirement of demonstrated 40 hours of Continuing Medical Education Credits for the last 2 years. With all in favor the motion passed.**

**RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE  
ALLOPATHIC-OSTEOPATHIC LICENSING COMMITTEE**

**7 MAY 2009**

**The Open Session of the Allopathic-Osteopathic Licensing Committee of the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline took place at 8:30 a.m. on the above date, in Room 205, Rhode Island Department of Health, Three Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island.**

**Committee members present were:**

**Charles Cronin DO**

**Noubar Kessimian MD**

**Committee members absent:**

**Margaret Coughlin**

**Staff members present were:**

**None**

**Appearances:**

**None**

**Dr. Nanjukaiah Kumar – The Committee reviewed his request for eligibility and approve.**

**Dr. Karen Traber – The Committee requests 40 hours of Continuing Medical Education Credits for the past two years. They also want to discuss with the Full board the fact that Dr. Traber has not practiced operative anesthesia since 2002.**

**Dr. Scott White – The Committee reviewed Dr White's FCVS Application and they recommend approval.**

**Dr. Christine Stoskopf – The Committee reviewed her Malpractice case and they recommend approval.**

**Dr. Edgar Pollak – The Committee reviewed Dr Pollak's evaluation from the Physicians Health Committee and they recommend approval.**

**The Licensing Committee reviewed the application materials of the candidates listed below and directed the Director to issue licenses to practice Allopathic-Osteopathic Medicine pending approval by the Full Board on May 13, 2009 and receipt of the license form and fee.**

**Name**

**Earle Assanah MD**

**Kyle Brownback MD**

**Megan Calmus MD**

**Raymundo Forcada Lowrie MD**

**Ana Garnecho MD**

**The Licensing Committee reviewed the application materials of the candidates listed below and directed the Director to issue licenses to practice Allopathic-Osteopathic Medicine pending approval by the Full Board on May 13, 2009 and receipt of the license form and fee.**

**Name**

**Laura Gravelin MD**

**Gaurav Gupta MD**

**Yamini Howe MD**

**Shabana Majeed MD**

**Megan O'Hara MD**

**Christopher O'Neill MD**

**Beth Plante MD**

**Deepak Pradhan MD**

**Jason Salter MD**

**Mariya Spasova MD**

**Umeko Takeshige MD**

**The Committee reviewed the application materials of the endorsement candidates listed below whose applications are outstanding the FCVS materials. The Licensing Committee directed the Director to issue licenses to practice Allopathic-Osteopathic Medicine to the physicians listed below pending approval of the Full Board on May 13, 2009 and receipt of the license form and fee. The physicians are required to provide the FCVS materials within 90 days of the issuance of their license.**

**Name**

**Joshua Beirne MD**

**Arnaldo Berges MD**

**Benjamin Bergman MD**

**Elaine Campbell MD**

**Sonya Daria MD**

**Gabriel Delgado MD**

**Sandra Duarte Sckell MD**

**Elizabeth Dufort MD**

**Louis Irwin MD**

**Steven Katz MD**

**Naveh Levy MD**

**Laura McPeake MD**  
**Mitul Patel MD**  
**Lyudmila Ryaboy MD**  
**Lisa Schweigler MD**  
**Todd Seigel MD**  
**Wendy Vitek MD**

<b>Reactivations/Reinstatement</b>	<b>Specialty</b>	<b>License Number</b>
<b>Georges Damaa MD</b>	<b>Internal Medicine</b>	<b>MD12134</b>

**The Licensing Committee Pre-Reviewed the following physicians who have finished training and are pending FCVS:**

**Name**

**Amir Bernaba MD**  
**Pamela Bochiechio MD**  
**Nirali Bora MD**  
**Nicholas Butler MD**  
**Sonia Cuellar Mejia MD**  
**Christopher Hayes MD**  
**Asma Latif MD**  
**Kristine Mortel MD**  
**Katharine Morton MD**  
**Sonali Pandya MD**

**Gretchen Paranya MD**

**The Licensing Committee Pre-Reviewed the physicians who will be finishing training 6-30-2009:**

**Name**

**Saba Asad MD**

**Ma Simonette Zephora Soler MD**

**Ujwal Thapa MD**

**New Academic Faculty applicant(s): None**

**3. On a motion by Dr. Iacobucci seconded by Mr. Chapman it was voted to approve the minutes of the Open Session of the 8 April 2009 meeting.**

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

**A. Board Member Joseph DiPietro, Esq. attended the FSMB's 9th Annual Meeting in Arlington, VA April 30-May 2nd titled, "20/20 Vision: The Future of Medical Regulation." Mr. DiPietro presented the Board with a handout, which highlighted the main topics of the meeting. In regards to the status of the RI Board in relation to the Nation, the RI Board is beyond the curve in five out of eight markers. These markers include Measuring Board Performance, Physicians**

**Health Programs, Remediation for Physicians, Board Professional Development, and Licensure Portability. The Board is at the curve for the remaining three markers: Telemedicine, Physician Competence, and Board Websites.**

**Mr. DiPietro reported that there was lively discussion regarding the Resolution presented by the RI Board, Use of the “Doctor” title in the Clinical Setting.**

**Mr. DiPietro, and the Board, gave congratulations to Mr. Bruce McIntyre, JD, Board General Counsel, who is now appointed to the FSMB, which is well deserved for his passion and commitment to the work of the Federation of State Medical Boards.**

**Mr. DiPietro has fulfilled his Commitment as Board Member. This was his last meeting and Board Members and staff sincerely thanked him for all of the dedication and hard work he has devoted to the mission of the Board. He will be greatly missed.**

**B. Dr. Gifford gave an update of the influenza A (H1N1). Daily updates may be obtained on the Department of Health Website at [www.health.ri.gov](http://www.health.ri.gov).**

### **C. License Eligibility Requests:**

**1. Richard Thomas, MD - After reviewing additional supporting**

materials from Dr. Thomas the Board unanimously voted to recommend that he apply for licensure.

2. Jacqueline Jayne, MD - After reviewing the physician's credentials it was determined that she does not possess the required post-graduate clinical training. It was unanimously voted to recommend that she not apply for licensure.

D. Investigating Committee Members: Due to illness and expiration of terms served the Board is experiencing a shortage of Committee Members. Volunteers were requested and Ms. Crawley agreed to temporarily serve on Committee II for 6 months while Mr. Chapman tentatively agreed to be a permanent member of Committee II. It was requested that the day of the Committee II meeting be reconsidered.

E. FSMB State Board Disciplinary Action Rankings were discussed. The Rhode Island Board maintains its median status in areas of serious disciplinary actions over the last 3 years.

5. Old Business:

None presented

6. New Business:

None presented

7. At 9:35 AM the Board adjourned to Executive Session pursuant to

**Sections 46-42-4 and 42-46-5 of the Rhode Island General Laws.**