



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



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Washington, DC 20002
October 25, 2017
8:30 am – 4:45 pm

BOARD OF MEDICINE

OPEN SESSION AGENDA

Mission Statement:

“To **protect** and enhance the health, safety, and well-being of District of Columbia residents by **promoting** evidence-based best practices in health regulation, high standards of quality care and implementing policies that **prevent** adverse events.”

BOARD MEETING PARTICIPANTS:

BOARD MEMBERS:	
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¹ The order in which the following agenda items are listed does not necessarily reflect the order in which the items will be discussed during the meeting.

OPEN SESSION

CALL TO ORDER	
OS-17-10-01 ALL	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>CALL TO ORDER</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">A. INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">B. INTRODUCTION OF BOARD STAFF</p>
APPROVAL OF MINUTES, CONSENT AGENDA AND STAFF REPORTS	
OS-17-10-02 ALL	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>BOARD/DEPARTMENT REPORT</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">A. BOARD CHAIR’S REPORT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">a. NBOME Visitation Day Staff recently attended the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME) Visitation Day to learn more about the NBOME examination process.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">b. FSMB Call for Committee Nominations Previously FSMB sent out a call for nominations for elected offices. However, in addition to elected offices FSMB is also asking for nominations for its various committees.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">c. Future Meetings/Holiday Events With the holidays quickly approaching, the Board needs to decide how to proceed with the meetings for the month of November (11/29) and December (12/27).</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">d. Upcoming Legislative Hearings Two (2) pieces of legislation that may be of interest to the Board have been set for hearing before the DC City Council. They are:</p> <p style="margin-left: 80px;">i. <i>Removing Barriers to Occupational Licenses Amendment Act of 2017</i> (hearing scheduled November 28, 2017); and</p> <p style="margin-left: 80px;">ii. <i>Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Approval Act of 2017</i> (hearing scheduled December 6, 2017).</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">e. BOM Newsletter Staff is working on putting together a newsletter for the Board. Ms. Nancy Kofie with HRLA will provide a brief outline of the type of information needed from Board members to facilitate this newsletter.</p>

	<p style="text-align: center;">f. Licensure Census The Executive Director will provide an update on the current licensure census in the District.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">C. BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">a. Update on Publication of Regulations The Board Attorney will provide an update on the status of the publication of various regulations related to the Board.</p>	
OS-17-10-03 ALL	<p><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u></p> <p>Board Action: Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the September 27, 2017 meeting.</p> <p>Background: The Open Session Minutes are a record of the Board’s past meeting(s), describing the events, list of attendees, a statement of the issues considered and related responses or decisions of the Board.</p>	
OS-17-10-04 ALL	<p><u>OPEN CONSENT AGENDA</u></p> <p>Board Action: Consideration of the current October 25, 2017 Open Consent Agenda items for purposes of review and/or ratification of Board actions taken since the last Board meeting.</p> <p>Background: The Open Consent Agenda is a record of the decisions and/or actions taken by the Board or its staff since the last meeting of the Board.</p>	

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MISC. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

OS-17-10-05 ALL	<u>JOINT LETTER RE: BUPRENORPHINE PRESCRIBING</u> Board Action: To review the letter from the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM), the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP), and the American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA) regarding the prescribing of buprenorphine for the treatment of addiction. Background: The ASAM, AANP, and the AAPA have issued a joint letter regarding the authority of nurse practitioners and physician assistants to prescribe buprenorphine for the treatment of addiction. This letter is being sent in response to the enactment of the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) that was signed into law under the Obama administration.	
OS-17-10-06 ALL	<u>DEATH WITH DIGNITY UPDATE</u> Board Action: To review information on recent attempts by Congress to halt the Districts Death with Dignity program. Background: The Board previously discussed the status of the Death with Dignity Program at its September 2017 meeting, following which questions were raised as to how the federal government could impede the execution of the program. As it stands, the House passed a spending bill in September that included an amendment to repeal the Death with Dignity law. If the Senate passes the amendment and the President signs the spending bill into law, the Death with Dignity Act would no longer be valid. The spending package to fund the government must be passed by December 8, 2017, when the temporary funding measure expires.	
OS-17-10-07 ALL	<u>EMINENCE VS. FOREIGN TRAINED LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS</u> Board Action: To review a presentation from staff on the licensure requirements for eminence and for a normal foreign trained physician. Background: Recently changes to existing regulations were made that modifies the post-graduate training requirements for foreign trained physician applicants. In light of this change, and recent examination of eminence requirements by staff, the Board expressed a desire for clarification on this issue. As such, staff has put together a presentation for the Board members on the differences between licensure by eminence and those applying by examination.	

<p>OS-17-10-08 ALL</p>	<p><u>POST-GRADUATE TRAINING REQUIREMENTS</u></p> <p>Board Action: To review existing post-graduate training requirements for US/Canadian trained physicians to determine whether changes are needed.</p> <p>Background: Currently all applicants for licensure as a physician must complete at least one (1) year of post-graduate training. Specifically, D.C. Official Code § 3-1205.4(e), states:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(e) An individual applying for a license to practice medicine under this chapter shall establish to the satisfaction of the Board of Medicine that the individual is a graduate of an accredited school of medicine and has completed at least 1 year of residency in a hospital or other health-care facility licensed by the District or by any state.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p> <p>Recently the Board has mentioned the idea of increasing this requirement. This item is for discussion on whether further discussion and/or research is necessary at this time.</p>	
<p>OS-17-10-09 ALL</p>	<p><u>REQUEST FOR LGBTQ COURSE APPROVAL</u></p> <p>Board Action: To review the request for continuing education (CE) course approval, and supplemental documents, submitted by Institute Health Consulting.</p> <p>Background: Ms. Bianca Palmisano with Institute Health Consulting has submitted a request for approval of two (2) courses they've developed in the area of LGBTQ Cultural Competency. Those courses are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction to LGBTQ Competency in Medicine (4.25 hours); and 2. Transgender 101: Why Sex and Gender Matter for Better Healthcare. 	
<p>OS-17-10-10 ALL</p>	<p><u>DC ASSOCIATION OF NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIANS</u></p> <p>Board Action: To listen to the presentation from Dr. Charlene Kannankeril, with the DC Association of Naturopathic Physicians.</p> <p>Background: The DC Association of Naturopathic Physicians has requested to appear before the Board to discuss the expansion of the formulary for</p>	

	Naturopathic Physicians in the District. This request came from Dr. Charlene Kannankeril, ND, chair of the Naturopathic Advisory Committee to the Board.	
OS-17-10-11 ALL	<p><u>HEPRA PRESENTATION</u></p> <p>Board Action: To listen to the presentation from the Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Administration (HEPRA) regarding the DC Medical Reserve Corp (MRC).</p> <p>Background: HEPRA is the agency within the DC Department of Health that is tasked with operating the MRC. The purpose of the MRC is to establish a network of local volunteers who are willing to donate their time and expertise to supplement existing public health and medical resources during emergencies and other times of community need. HEPRA has requested to meet with the Board to discuss the role of the MRC and seek assistance in obtaining volunteers.</p>	

End of Open Session.

TO BE READ BY BOARD CHAIR:

This concludes the Public Open Session of the meeting and pursuant to DC Official Code § 2-575(b), the Board will now move into the Closed Executive Session portion of the meeting to discuss the following:

- 1. To consult with an attorney to obtain legal advice and to preserve the attorney-client privilege between an attorney and a public body, or to approve settlement agreements pursuant to § 2-575(b)(4)(a);**
- 2. Preparation, administration, or grading of scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examinations pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(6);**
- 3. To discuss disciplinary matters pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(9);**
- 4. To plan, discuss, or hear reports concerning ongoing or planned investigation of alleged criminal or civil misconduct or violations of law or regulations, if disclosure to the public would harm the investigation pursuant to section § 2-575(b) (14).**

Based on the forgoing, is there a motion to go into Closed Executive Session?