



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



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Washington, DC 20002  
November 29, 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:**

<b>BOARD MEMBERS:</b>	
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**The agenda begins on the next page with the ‘Call to Order’.<sup>1</sup>**

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<sup>1</sup> 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

<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>		
OS-17-11-001 ALL	<p><b><u>INTRODUCTIONS</u></b></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><b>A. BOARD MEMBERS</b></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><b>B. BOARD STAFF</b></p>	
<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES, CONSENT AGENDA AND STAFF REPORTS</b>		
OS-17-11-002 ALL	<p><b><u>BOARD/DEPARTMENT REPORT</u></b></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><b>A. BOARD CHAIR’S REPORT</b></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><b>B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</b></p> <p style="margin-left: 80px;"><b>i. Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Update</b> The Executive Director will provide an update on the status of the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (Compact) in Maryland and Virginia.</p> <p style="margin-left: 80px;"><b>ii. Licensure Census</b> The Executive Director will provide an update on the current licensure census in the District.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><b>C. BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT</b></p>	
OS-17-11-003 ALL	<p><b><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the October 25, 2017 meeting.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> 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-17-11-004 ALL	<p><b><u>OPEN CONSENT AGENDA</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> Consideration of the current November 29, 2017, Open Consent Agenda items for purposes of review and/or ratification of Board actions taken since the last Board meeting.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> 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>	

**MISC. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

<p>OS-17-11-005 ALL</p>	<p><b><u>HEPRA PRESENTATION</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To listen to the presentation from the Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Administration (HEPRA) regarding the DC Medical Reserve Corp (MRC).</p> <p><b>Background:</b> 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>	
<p>OS-17-11-006 ALL</p>	<p><b><u>VETERINARY SHADOW DAY PRESENTATION</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To listen to the presentation from the DC Veterinary Medical Association (DCVMA) regarding a proposed Veterinary Shadow Day.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> DCVMA is proposing a partnership between medicine and veterinary medicine in the District to provide shadowing opportunities for each profession on an annual basis.</p>	
<p>OS-17-11-007 ALL</p>	<p><b><u>DC DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE FINANCE PRESENTATION</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To listen to the presentation from the DC Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF).</p> <p><b>Background:</b> DHCF will be presenting on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. an overview of DHCF and its role as State Health IT Coordinator;</li><li>ii. provide an overview of the HIE Policy Board;</li><li>iii. share recent DC HIE investments and ongoing initiatives; and</li><li>iv. provide an opening for ongoing conversation about health information exchange capacity and initiatives in the District.</li></ul>	

OS-17-11-008	<p><b><u>2017 ANNUAL REPORT ON THE UNITED STATES MEDICAL LICENSING EXAMINATION (USMLE)</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To review the 2017 Annual Report on the USMLE to Medical Licensing Authorities in the United States, as submitted by the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB).</p> <p><b>Background:</b> The USMLE is a joint program of the FSMB and the National Board of Medical Examiners (NBOME), and is an examination accepted by all stated medical boards for determining competency to practice medicine for purposes of licensure. The annual report provides an overview of the USMLE and updates on topics of specific interest to boards including program news, enhancements to the USMLE, performance data, an overview of the standards setting process, and a summary of state medical boards' interactions with the USMLE program.</p>	
OS-17-11-009 ALL	<p><b><u>PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM (PDMP) PRESCRIBER REPORT</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To review and provide feedback on the the draft PDMP Prescriber Report.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> The Pharmaceutical Control Division, which oversees the District's PDMP, is capable of issuing Prescriber Reports that are designed to provide an easy to follow report on a specific practitioner's prescribing habits and practices. A sample report is being provided to the Board for feedback.</p>	
OS-17-11-010 ALL	<p><b><u>MEDICAL MARIJUANA PROGRAM UPDATE</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To review recent changes to the regulations governing the Medical Marijuana Program (MMP).</p> <p><b>Background:</b> New regulations have been issued, effective November 17, 2017, that make various changes to the Districts MMP. These changes include, amongst others, the ability to solely treat a patient for purposes of recommending medical marijuana if the evaluation is based upon a referral from the patient's current primary care physician.</p>	

<p>OS-17-11-011 ALL</p>	<p><b><u>OPIOID ABUSE PREVENTION ACT OF 2017</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To review the Opioid Abuse Prevention Amendment Act of 2017, which is currently under review by the City Council.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> The Opioid Abuse Prevention Amendment Act of 2017 was introduced by Chairman Mendelson on November 7, 2017, and seeks to make various changes to existing laws in the District regarding the prescribing of controlled substances. Most notably, this legislation would limit the amount of opiates that can be prescribed for acute pain to a seven-day supply with no refill.</p>	
<p>OS-17-10-012 ALL</p>	<p><b><u>REQUEST FOR LGBTQ COURSE APPROVAL</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To review the request for continuing education (CE) course approval, and supplemental documents, submitted by Institute Health Consulting.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> 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"> <li>1. Introduction to LGBTQ Competency in Medicine (4.25 hours); and</li> <li>2. Transgender 101: Why Sex and Gender Matter for Better Healthcare.</li> </ol> <p>The Board initially reviewed this matter at their October 25, 2017 meeting, and presented questions as to their authority to approve such CME courses, as well as whether they should be approving such courses in general. The Board requested the Executive Director and legal research this issue, and provide clarification at the next meeting, which has now been completed.</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?**