



899 North Capitol St. NE – 2nd Floor
Washington, DC 20002
November 29, 2017
9:10 am – 10:30 am

BOARD OF MEDICINE

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

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:	
Andrea Anderson, MD (AA)	ABSENT
Preetha Iyengar, MD (PI)	
Lawrence Manning, MD (LM)	
Thomas Dawson, Esq. (TD)	
Jeffrey Smith, MD (JS)	ABSENT
Kelly Ann Colden, MD (KC)	
Terrence Straub (TS)	
Archie Rich (AR)	
Vikisha Fripp, MD (VF)	
David Wessel, MD (DW)	
Thomas Smith (TS2)	ABSENT
Joshua Wind, MD (JW)	
BOARD STAFF:	
Frank Meyers, JD – Executive Director	
Lisa Robinson – Health Licensing Specialist	
Mary Harris – Health Licensing Specialist	
Aisha Nixon – Health Licensing Specialist	ABSENT
Angela Braxton – Health Licensing Specialist	
Emilia Moran – Investigator	
Diane Moorer – IT Support	
LEGAL STAFF:	
Suzanne Fenzel, Esq. – Board Attorney Advisor	
Ajay Gohil, Esq. – Board Attorney Advisor	

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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 were discussed during the meeting.

OPEN SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

OS-17-11-001
ALL

INTRODUCTIONS

A. BOARD MEMBERS

B. BOARD STAFF

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, CONSENT AGENDA AND STAFF REPORTS

OS-17-11-002
ALL

BOARD/DEPARTMENT REPORT

A. BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT

The Board Chair had nothing to report.

B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

i. Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Update

The Executive Director provided an update on the status of the efforts to join the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (Compact) in Maryland and Virginia.

ii. Licensure Census

The Executive Director provided an update on the current licensure census in the District, as follows:

- a. Acupuncturist – 181
- b. Anesthesiologist Assistant – 77
- c. Medical Training License I(A) – 1,061
- d. Medical Training License I(B) – 386
- e. Medical Training License II – 17
- f. MTR – 193
- g. Medicine and Surgery – 10,434
- h. Naturopath Physician – 55
- i. Osteopathy and Surgery – 335
- j. Physician Assistant – 744
- k. Polysom. Technician – 2
- l. Polysom. Technologist – 73
- m. Polysom. Trainee – 8
- n. Surgical Assistant – 130
- o. Trauma Technologist – 5

iii. DC Medical Marijuana Program (MMP) Update

The Executive Director provided an update on current enrollment numbers for physician assistants and naturopathic physician in the DC MMP.

iv. Removing Barriers to Occupational Licensing Hearing Update

	<p>The Executive Director provided an update to the Board on the recent hearing held before the City Council regarding B22-523, the “Removing Barriers to Occupational Licenses Amendment Act of 2017”.</p> <p>C. BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT The Board Attorney had nothing to report.</p>	
<p>OS-17-11-003 ALL</p>	<p><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u></p> <p>Board Action: Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the October 25, 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> <p>Motion: Motion made by Mr. Straub to approve the minutes. Seconded by Dr. Wind.</p> <p>Dr. Wessel, Dr. Wind, Dr. Iyengar, Mr. Straub and Mr. Dawson voted in favor of the motion. Dr. Fripp and Dr. Colden abstained. Dr. Manning and Mr. Rich were absent. The motion passed.</p>	
<p>OS-17-11-004 ALL</p>	<p><u>OPEN CONSENT AGENDA</u></p> <p>Board Action: 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>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> <p>Motion: Motion made by Mr. Straub to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Dr. Wind.</p> <p>Dr. Wessel, Dr. Wind, Dr. Colden, Dr. Iyenger, Mr. Straub and Mr. Dawson voted in favor of the motion. Dr. Manning and Mr. Rich were absent. Dr. Fripp abstained. The motion passed.</p>	

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MISC. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

<p>OS-17-11-005 ALL</p>	<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> <p>Motion: This matter was tabled, as staff from HEPRA was not present.</p>	
<p>OS-17-11-006 ALL</p>	<p><u>VETERINARY SHADOW DAY PRESENTATION</u></p> <p>Board Action: To listen to the presentation from the DC Veterinary Medical Association (DCVMA) regarding a proposed Veterinary Shadow Day.</p> <p>Background: 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>Motion: Motion made by Mr. Dawson to direct staff to work with the Board of Veterinary Medicine, as well as Dr. Sander, to draft a joint letter to licensees regarding a proposed Veterinary Shadow Day. Seconded by Dr. Iyengar.</p> <p>Dr. Wessel, Dr. Colden, Dr. Wind, Dr. Manning, Dr. Iyengar, Mr. Straub and Dr. Fripp voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Rich was absent. The motion passed.</p>	
<p>OS-17-11-007 ALL</p>	<p><u>DC DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE FINANCE PRESENTATION</u></p> <p>Board Action: To listen to the presentation from the DC Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF).</p> <p>Background: DHCF will be presenting on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. an overview of DHCF and its role as State Health IT Coordinator;ii. provide an overview of the HIE Policy Board;	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> iii. share recent DC HIE investments and ongoing initiatives; and iv. provide an opening for ongoing conversation about health information exchange capacity and initiatives in the District. <p>Motion: This item was for informational purposes only, and so no formal action was taken at this time.</p>	
OS-17-11-008	<p><u>2017 ANNUAL REPORT ON THE UNITED STATES MEDICAL LICENSING EXAMINATION (USMLE)</u></p> <p>Board Action: 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>Background: 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> <p>Motion: This item was for informational purposes only, and so no formal action was taken at this time.</p>	
OS-17-11-009 ALL	<p><u>PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM (PDMP) PRESCRIBER REPORT</u></p> <p>Board Action: To review and provide feedback on the the draft PDMP Prescriber Report.</p> <p>Background: 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> <p>Motion: This item was for informational purposes only, and so no formal action was taken at this time.</p>	

<p>OS-17-11-010 ALL</p>	<p><u>MEDICAL MARIJUANA PROGRAM UPDATE</u></p> <p>Board Action: To review recent changes to the regulations governing the Medical Marijuana Program (MMP).</p> <p>Background: 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>Motion: This item was for informational purposes only, and so no formal action was taken at this time.</p>	
<p>OS-17-11-011 ALL</p>	<p><u>OPIOID ABUSE PREVENTION ACT OF 2017</u></p> <p>Board Action: To review the Opioid Abuse Prevention Amendment Act of 2017, which is currently under review by the City Council.</p> <p>Background: 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>Motion: Motion made by Dr. Wind to establish a sub-committee to review this legislation in greater detail and provide guidance back to the Board to assist in determining the Board's position. Seconded by Dr. Iyengar.</p> <p>Dr. Wessel, Dr. Colden, Dr. Wind, Dr. Manning, Mr. Rich, Dr. Iyengar, Mr. Straub and Dr. Fripp voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
<p>OS-17-10-012 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.

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.

Motion:

Motion made by Dr. Wind to send this course to the Office of Human Rights to get their input on whether it meets the spirit of the new law, and if so to bring back to the Board for approval. Seconded by Mr. Rich.

Dr. Wessel, Dr. Colden, Dr. Wind, Dr. Manning, Mr. Rich, Dr. Iyengar, Mr. Straub and Dr. Fripp voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION TO CLOSE

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Motion:

Motion made by Mr. Rich to go into closed session pursuant to DC Official Code 2-575(b) for discussion of 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).

Seconded by Dr. Iyengar.

Dr. Wessel, Dr. Colden, Dr. Wind, Dr. Manning, Mr. Rich, Dr. Iyengar, Mr. Straub and Dr. Fripp voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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APPROVED APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE

National Board Applicants:

The following applicants were approved based on successful completion of the examination administered by the National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME) or the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME).

NBME:

Wise, Thomas
Williams, Kevin
Gonzalez, Jesus
Kelly, Anna
Kirsch, Thomas

NBOME:

N/A

FLEX Examination:

The following applicants were licensed based on successful completion of the FLEX examination.

Farrag, Hussien M.
Rathbun, Katherine
Egelman, Glenn
Weintraub, William

USMLE APPLICANTS:

The following applicants were licensed based on successful completion of the USMLE examination given in DC or outside of DC.

Took USMLE in D.C

N/A

Took USMLE Outside of D.C.

Cyr, Kyle L.
Raatjes, Benjamin W.
Forbes, Angela S.
Burgut, Fadimee T.
Hammer, Andrew P
Tanrikut Cigdem
Harrar, Dana B.
Dua, Renne
Whang, Jeong Yeon
Nimret K. Dev
Chen Jimmy B.
Becker, Nils

Aje, Oluwakemi
Bayram, Jamil
Weiner, Scott
Wurapa, Eyako
Basak, Tina
Chandrasekhar, Mahhesh
Ahluwalia, Tania
Biderman Waberski, Marta
Levey, Eric
Webb, Shalanda
Shah, Ankit
Long, Geoffrey
Auh, David
Lu, Jessica
Wesley, Alexis
Thomas, John
Sances, Tatiana
Datta, Tanuka
Osorio, Kourtney

Endorsement:

N/A

Step 3:

N/A

Took Combo:

N/A

LMCC:

McArthur, Karen

COMLEX:

The following applicants were approved based on successful completion of the COMLEX examination:

Maru, Poonam
Farahani, Farimah
Olele, Ifeanyi

SPEX:

N/A

State Constructed:

N/A

MD/DO Reinstatement Applicants:

Srivastara, Anjuli
Sainusi, Saida
Shah, Nirali U.
Husain, Mohsin A.

MD/DO Reactivation Applicants:

Adjei, Bettina
Shah, Neelofur

Acupuncturist (NCCAOM):

Bejarano, Maria M.
Dwertman, Hannah R

Acupuncturist Reinstatement:

Denny, Michelle A.

Physician Assistants (NCCPA):

Chedalavada, Sasha
Akor, Kevin

PA Reinstatements:

Milling, Tania

Surgical Asst. / NSAA:

Hankerson, Noah

Surgical Asst. / ABSA:

Hajjou, Sabrina

Surgical Asst. / NBSTSA:

N/A

Surgical Asst. Reinstatements

N/A

Anesthesiology Assistants:

N/A

Trauma Technologist:

N/A

Naturopathic Physician:

The following applicant was approved for a naturopathic physician license (NPLEX).

Ijeh, Ann O.

Naturopathic Physician Reinstatement:

N/A

Eminence:

N/A

Polysomnographers:

N/A

Polysomnographer Trainee:

N/A

Alternative Pathway:

N/A

LICENSURE EXEMPTION (formerly 'Affiliated With'):

N/A

MEDICAL TRAINING REGISTRANT

Alsharhan, Hind
Setton, Tedhar
Emma-Ebere, Uloma
Rouzi, Musidapa
Roher, Rebecca J
Carter, Elizabeth L.
Aroro, Subodh
Blanchard, Jeremy
Emma-Ebere, Uloma
Rohrer, Rebecca. J
Rouzi, Musidapa
McCarragher, Brent
Zachary A. Taylor
Perkins, Jonathan N.
Richards, John T.
Patterson, Paul. C
Nguyen, Nguyen D.
Ford, Gavin W.
Guggenbiller, Mathew R.
Hosseinzadeh Zaribaf, Maryam Naz
Kamilaris, Crystal Dawn Chrysavgi
Liu Scott
Mordehai, Eveline
Murphy, Anne M.
Pleyer, Christopher
Hoverson, Kara
Quimet, Sean
Karamyan, Nune
Mora, Natalie
Wetzel, Rebecca
Roff, Erick
Mian, Idress
Nelson, Sarah
Harner, William
Peter, Alex
Leim, Andre
Mattingly, Cameron
Baez Sosa, Valentina

MEDICAL TRAINING LICENSE IA

N/A

MEDICAL TRAINING LICENSE IB

	Farooq, Umer <u>MEDICAL TRAINING LICENSE II</u> N/A	
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Approved:

Andrea Anderson, MD, FAAFP

DATE

[Drafted by Frank B. Meyers, JD]

This ends the Open Session Meeting Minutes.

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