

**Vermont Board of Medical Practice  
Minutes of the June 6, 2012 Board Meeting  
Gifford Medical Center, Randolph, VT**

**Approved**

**1. Call to Order; Call the Roll; Acknowledge Guests:**

Patricia King, MD, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:18.

**Members Present:**

Hon. David A. Jenkins; Harvey Reich, MD; Carol A. Diamond; Michael Drew, MD; Robert G. Hayward, MD; Sarah McClain; Joshua Plavin, MD; Robert Rinaldi, DPM; Janice Gallant, MD; Peter Thomashow, MD; Florence Young; William Stouch, MD; Toby Sadkin, MD; Eileen Illuzzi.

**Others in Attendance:**

David Herlihy, Executive Director; Paula Nenninger, Investigator; Philip Ciotti, Investigator; Jennifer Gagnon, Administrative Assistant; Karen LaFond, Licensing Administrator; Jennifer Gagnon, Administrative Assistant; Kurt Kuehl, AAG; Margaret Vincent, AAG; Robert McDougal, AAG, Madeleine Mongan, Vice President, Vermont Medical Society.

**2. Public Comment:**

None

**3. Approval of Minutes of the May 2 and May 16, 2012 Board Meetings:**

Dr. Drew moved to accept the minutes of the May 2, 2012 meeting. Dr. Reich seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: none.

Dr. Drew made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 16, 2012 meeting. Dr. Hayward seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: none.

**4. Board Issues (Dr. King):**

Dr. King welcomed Jennifer Gagnon, the new Administrative Assistant for the Board.

**5. Administrative Update (Mr. Herlihy):**

Mr. Herlihy also welcomed Ms. Gagnon to the Board and asked the board members to please notify her when they are unable to attend a meeting or if they have any other support related issues. He stated he would send out an official e-mail to the members with her contact information.

Mr. Herlihy also noted that Ms. LaFond and Tracy Hayes were both recognized at the annual Public Service Recognition Day for their work on CAVU. He requested that the board members who use CAVU to please send us feedback as they get acquainted with the system.

**6. Presentation of Applications (12:30 p.m. – 12:45p.m.):**

Applications for physician licensure and physician assistant certification were presented and acted upon as detailed in Appendix A, incorporated by reference into these minutes.

**7. Presentation to the Board (12:45p.m. – 1:45 p.m.):**

None

**8. Recess; Convene Hearing to discuss any stipulations or disciplinary matters that are before the Board (1:45 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.): (Mr. Simpson)**

- **In re: Alexandra H.L.F. Barstow, MD – MPC 10-0111 – Stipulation and Consent Order**

Dr. King made a motion to accept the Stipulation and Consent Order. Dr. Reich seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; recused: Central Investigative Committee; abstained: none.

- **In re: Pierre A. Delfausse, PA-C – MPC 35-0311 – Stipulation and Consent Order**

Dr. Reich made a motion to accept the Stipulation and Consent Order. Dr. Hayward seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; recused: North Investigative Committee and Ms. McClain; abstained: none.

- **In re: C. Frederick Lord, MD – MPN 36-0493, MPN 59-0897, MPN 02, 0198, MPN 14-0398 – Request for Relief from Conditions**

Dr. Hayward made a motion to approve the Request for Relief from Conditions. Ms. McClain seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; recused: North Investigative Committee; abstained: Dr. Reich.

**9. Reconvene Meeting; Executive Session to Discuss:**  
**a. Investigative cases recommended for closure**  
**b. Other matters that are confidential by law, if any**

Dr. Plavin made a motion at 12:28 p.m. to go into Executive Session to discuss confidential matters related to investigations. Dr. Reich seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: none. Dr. Hayward made a motion to return to Executive Session at 1:45. Hon. Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: none.

**10. Return to Open Session; Board Actions on Matters Discussed in Executive Session:**

Dr. Hayward made a motion at 1:12 to return to Open Session. Dr. Reich seconded the motion. Dr. Stouch made a motion at 2:55 to return to Open Session. Dr. Reich seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: none.

**11. Board Actions on Committee Recommendations with Regard to any Non-confidential Matters:**

**Dr. Reich, South Investigative Committee, asked to close:**

MPS 90-0711 – Special Letter #1: Dr. Drew recused.  
MPS 31-0312 – Special Letter #1  
MPS 19-0212 – Letter #1  
MPS 9-0112 – Special Letter #1  
MPS 4-0112 – Letter #1  
MPS 53-0312 – Letter #1: Dr. Thomashow recused.  
MPS 3-0112 – Letter #1  
MPS 13-0212 – Special Letter #1  
MPS 14-0212 – Special Letter #1

Dr. Hayward made a motion to close the cases presented. Dr. Plavin seconded the motion. The motion passed, opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: 2.

**Hon. Jenkins, Central Investigative Committee, asked to close:**

MPC 35-0312 – Letter #1  
MPC 34-0312 – Letter #1

Dr. Reich made a motion to close the cases presented. Dr. Plavin seconded the motion. The motion passed, opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: none.

**Dr. King, North Investigative Committee, asked to close:**

MPN 156-1210 – Special Letter #3  
MPN 46-0312 – Letter #1 Signed by Dr. King  
MPN 20-0212 – Special Letter #1  
MPN 47-0312 – Special Letter #1 Signed by Dr. King  
MPN 145-1211 – Stan Burns Letter  
MPN 131-1011 – Letter #1  
MPN 142-1111 – Special Letter #1: Dr. Reich recused.  
MPN 25-0212 – Letter #1: Dt. Thomashow recused.  
MPN 66-0710 – Special Letter #2 – Dr. Thomashow recused.  
MPN 137-1111 – Special Letter #1

Dr. Hayward made a motion to close the cases presented. Dr. Drew seconded the motion. The motion passed, opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: 3.

**12. Other Business:** Mr. Herlihy informed Board members that he had been contacted by the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) regarding the expected introduction of a bill in the United States Senate that would provide for national licensure of physicians. There has been discussion for some time that this might happen and FSMB's governmental affairs staff believes it will be in the very near future. In response, FSMB has contacted Boards in those states that have Senators on the committees of jurisdiction, with a request for each of those Boards to send a letter to their Senator urging opposition to the bill. They provided a proposed draft letter. The Vermont Board was included because Senator Sanders is on one of the committees of jurisdiction, Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. National licensure has been widely discussed in recent years and it is believed that entities with commercial interest in cross-border practice are backing this. An example of an entity with such an interest would be a telecommunications company with an interest in providing the technology for telemedicine. Proponents of national licensure have touted the perceived advantages of allowing physicians to practice without seeking state-by-state licensure, but to date there has been no explanation of how disciplinary issues would be handled in a system of national licensure. Mr. Herlihy proposed that the Board could consider a motion now that would authorize him to send a letter to Senator Sanders on behalf of the Board, or wait to see if a bill is introduced and, if so, what it looks like. After general discussion of the concept, the Board opted to wait rather than considering a motion immediately, with the understanding that the matter may need to be taken up quickly, perhaps at a mid-month meeting, if the bill is introduced.

**13. Upcoming Board meetings, committee meetings, hearings, etc.: (*Locations are subject to change, you will be notified if a changes takes place.*)**

- **June 14, 2012, North Investigative Committee Meeting, 12 p.m., Vermont Department of Health, 108 Cherry Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Conference Room 2C, Burlington, VT**
- **June 15, 2012, Central Investigative Committee Meeting, 12 p.m., Liquor Control Conference Room, Basement Floor, 13 Green Mountain Drive, Montpelier, VT**
- **June 20, 2012, Board meeting on pending applications, 12:10 p.m., Board of Medical Practice office, 108 Cherry Street, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Floor Burlington, VT (and via telephone)**
- **June 20, 2012, South Investigative Committee Meeting, 12:00 p.m., Asa Bloomer State Office Building, 4th Floor, Room #492, Rutland, VT**
- **July 11, 2012, Licensing Committee Meeting, 10:30 a.m., Gifford Medical Center, Red Clover Conference Room, Randolph**

- **July 11, 2012, Board Meeting, 12 p.m., Gifford Medical Center, Red Clover Conference Room, Randolph**

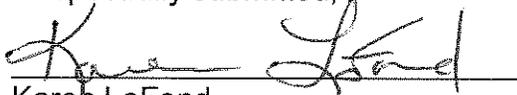
**14. Adjournment:**

Dr. Hayward made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Plavin seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: none.

Meeting adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

**Attachments: Appendix A**

Respectfully submitted,



Karen LaFond  
Licensing Administrator

## Appendix A

### Presentation of Applications

#### Dr. King moved for the issuance of licenses for:

Sharatchandra Bidari, MD	Joseph Coyne, MD	Charles Cresanti-Daknie, MD
Jeniane Daniels, PA-C	Gerald Doherty, PA-C	Martha Fountain, MD
Ellen Garvey, MD	Deborah Huber, MD	Zakir Hussain, MD
Karen Krigman, MD	Alison Landrey, MD	George Lee, MD
Sarah Mooney, MD	Erin Morris, MD	Joe Parkey, MD
Robert Raggi, MD	Sukit Ringwala, MD	Michelle Roach, MD
Joseph Smith, MD	Stacey Strouse, MD	Kenneth Strumpf, MD
Liberty Taylor, MD	Dagmar Tobits, MD	Maryam Zenali, MD

Recommended by Dr. Plavin for licensure. Seconded by Dr. Reich. The motion passed; opposed: none; recused: none; abstained.

#### Dr. King moved for the issuance of limited temporary licenses for:

Zubin Agarwal, MD-LTL	Timothy Arling, MD-LTL	Jamen Bartlett, MD-LTL
Khaldoun Bekdache, MD-LTL	Maria Burnett, MD-LTL	Sarah Fink, MD-LTL
Amelia Fisher, MD-LTL	Christopher Ford, MD-LTL	Aaron Glenney, MD-LTL
Tatiana Keck, MD-LTL	Benjamin Keveson, MD-LTL	Brian Koenen, MD-LTL
Maria Michael, MD-LTL	Alastair Moore, MD-LTL	Peter Nelson, MD-LTL
Timothy Partridge, MD-LTL	Palak Patel, MD-LTL	David Slottje, MD-LTL
Jessica Wood, MD-LTL		

Recommended by Dr. Stouch for limited temporary physician licensure. Seconded by Ms. McClain. The motion passed; opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: none.