

VERMONT BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE
Minutes of the July 5, 2017 Board Meeting
Gifford Medical Center, Randolph, Vermont

Approved

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

William K. Hoser, PA-C, called the meeting to order at 12:22

Members Present:

Richard Bernstein, MD; Richard Clattenburg, MD; Michael Drew, MD; Robert G. Hayward, MD; Patricia Hunter; David A. Jenkins; Leo LeCours; MD; Harvey Reich, MD; Ryan Sexton, MD; Marga Sproul, MD.

Others in Attendance:

David Herlihy, Executive Director; Paula Nenninger, Investigator; Scottie Frennier, Board Investigator; Karen LaFond, Operations Administrator; Margaret Vincent, AAG.

2. Public Comment:

None

3. Approval of the Minutes of the June 7 and June 21, 2017 Board Meetings:

Dr. Hayward moved to accept the minutes of the June 7, 2017 meeting. Mr. LeCours seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: none.

Mr. Jenkins moved to accept the minutes of the June 21, 2017 meeting. Dr. Sexton seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: none.

4. Board Issues (Mr. Hoser):

None

5. Administrative Update (Mr. Herlihy):

Mr. Herlihy advised members that he and Tracy Hayes, Licensing Administrator, are in the process of reviewing the remaining documents from the second round of the CME Audit, and he will have more information in August.

Mr. Herlihy spoke with members about the recent article in the Seven Days newspaper, "Just What the Doctor Ordered", in which the Board was mentioned several times. The story focused on access to VPMS data and proposed that greater access, especially for the Board, might help reduce the use of opioids. Mr. Herlihy noted that the Board has not advocated for greater access to VPMS

data, and that members are free to reconsider that position. Members asked how other states have handled the issue of access to their Prescription Monitoring Programs, especially the states that have data sharing arrangements with Vermont. Mr. Herlihy advised that he will look into the practices in other states and report back at a later date.

Mr. Herlihy noted that a guest may attend the August meeting to speak during Public Comments. He explained that she wants to explain her perspective as a patient to the Board and reminded the Board that discussion of any particular Board investigation would be inappropriate.

Mr. Herlihy congratulated Ms. LaFond on completing the two-year Vermont Certified Public Manager Program.

Mr. Herlihy stated that he and Ms. LaFond are working on the annual newsletter, which he hopes will be distributed by the end of the month.

6. Presentation of Applications:

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

7. Presentations to the Board:

None

8. Recess; Convene hearing to discuss any stipulations or disciplinary matters that are before the Board:

None

9. Reconvene meeting; Executive Session to Discuss:

- **Investigative cases recommended for closure**
- **Other matters that are confidential by law, if any**

Dr. Drew made a motion at 12:44 p.m. to enter into Executive Session to discuss confidential matters related to investigations. Ms. Hunter seconded the motion. The motion passed: opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: none

10. Return to Open Session; Board Actions on matters discussed in Executive Session:

Dr. Sproul made a motion at 1:38 p.m. to return to Open Session. Dr. Bernstein seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: none.

11. Board Actions on Committee recommendations with regard to any non-confidential matters:

Mr. LeCours, North Investigative Committee, asked to close:

MPN 185-1216 – Special Letter #2
MPN 048-0417 – Letter #1; Mr. Hoser recused
MPN 042-0417 – Special Letter #1
MPN 040-0417 – Special Letter #1
MPN 053-0417 – Letter #1; Dr. Reich recused
MPN 049-0417 – Letter #1; Dr. Reich recused
MPN 050-0417 – Special Letter #1; Dr. Reich recused
MPN 051-0417 – Letter #1; Dr. Reich recused
MPN 052-0417 – Letter #1; Dr. Reich recused

Mr. Jenkins made a motion to close the cases presented. Dr. Sexton seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: 2 and North Investigative Committee.

Mr. Jenkins, Central Investigative Committee, asked to close:

MPC 039-0417 – Special Letter #1
MPC 015-0116 – Special Letter #1

Dr. Hayward made a motion to close the cases presented. Dr. Reich seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: Central Investigative Committee.

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

MPS 036-0417 – Letter #1; Dr. Sproul recused
MPS 044-0417 – Special Letter #1
MPS 045-0417 – Special Letter #1; Dr. Clattenburg recused

Mr. LeCours made a motion to close the cases presented. Dr. Hayward seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: 2 and South Investigative Committee.

12. Other Business:

None

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

- **July 13, 2017, North Investigative Committee Meeting, 12 p.m., Vermont Department of Health, 108 Cherry Street, 3rd Floor, Conference Room 2C,**

Burlington, VT

- **July 14, 2017, Central Investigative Committee Meeting, 9 a.m., Central Vermont Medical Center, Conf. Rm. 2, Berlin, VT**
- **July 19, 2017, Board meeting on pending applications, 12:10 p.m., Board of Medical Practice office, 108 Cherry Street, 2nd, Floor Burlington, VT (and via telephone)**
- **July 19, 2017, South Investigative Committee Meeting, 12:00 p.m., Asa Bloomer State Office Building, 4th Floor, Room #492, Rutland, VT**
- **August 2, 2017, Licensing Committee Meeting, 10:30 a.m., Gifford Medical Center, Red Clover Conference Room, Randolph**
- **August 2, 2017, Board Meeting, 12 p.m., Gifford Medical Center, Red Clover Conference Room, Randolph**

14. Open Forum:

15. Adjourn:

Mr. Hoser declared the meeting adjourned at 1:41 p.m.

Attachments: Appendix A

APPENDIX A

Presentation of Applications

Mr. Hoser moved for the issuance of physician licenses and physician assistant licenses for:

Katherine Anderson, MD	Katherins Areson, MD	Richard Deblasi, MD
Ethan Evankow, PA-C	Emily Feinberg, PA-C	Adam Gavise, MD
Amy Gumprecht, PA-C	Alan Hagstrom, MD	Sai Haranath, MD
Sunil Kamat, MD	Mark Kircher, MD	Douglas Kirkpatrick, MD
Irene Koplinka-Loehr, MD	Jock Lawrason, MD	Alan Lemerande, Jr., MD
Maria Christine Michael, MD	Hans Michell, MD	Sara Roberts, MD
Mrinal Shukla, MD	Samuel Smith, Jr., MD	Aravindhan Sriharan, MD
Kimberlea Staton, MD	Vincent Trent, MD	Ezinnaya Ubagharaji, MD

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

Mr. Hoser moved for the issuance of Limited Temporary Physician licenses for:

Alexander Fiorentino, MD	Calvin Gilkey, MD	Andrew Lambour, MD
Alex Bronson Laventure, MD	Caroline Schulmeister, MD	

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