

**VERMONT BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE**  
**Minutes of the September 5, 2018 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

**Members Present:**

Richard Bernstein, MD; Brent Burgee, MD; Richard Clattenburg, MD; Michael Drew, MD; Francis J. Heald; Robert G. Hayward, MD; Patricia Hunter; David A. Jenkins; Leo LeCours; David Liebow, DPM; Sarah McClain; Christine Payne, MD; Ryan Sexton, MD; Marga Sproul, MD.

**Others in Attendance:**

David Herlihy, Executive Director; Paula Nenner, Investigator; Scottie Frennier, Board Investigator; Karen LaFond, Operations Administrator; Margaret Vincent, AAG; Kassandra Diederich, AAG; Bill Reynolds, AAG; George Belcher, Esq.

**Guests for Retreat:**

Lisa Lambert, MD, Medical Director of the Vermont Practitioner Health Program (VPHP), John Valentine, Chairman of VPHP, Jessa Barnard, Executive Director and Colleen Magne, VPHP Program Administrator; Samara Anderson, Esq.

**2. Public Comment:**

None

**3. Approval of the Minutes of the August 1, 2018 Board Meetings:**

Ms. McClain moved to accept the minutes of the August 1, 2018 meeting. Dr. Sproul seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: none.

**4. Board Issues (Mr. Hoser):**

Mr. Hoser will participate in the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) BEST Workgroup, which will focus on promoting board member development.

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

Mr. Herlihy noted the physician license renewal period opened on August 30, 2018. He stated that when the mass email was sent to all physicians, there were a few who had unsubscribed to the email distribution system and Ms. LaFond

has reached out to encourage those physicians to re-subscribe so they will continue to receive information from the Board.

Mr. Herlihy shared with the members that Tracy Hayes, Licensing Specialist, had surgery on her thumb the same day the license renewal cycle started.

Mr. Herlihy reminded members that the SCOPE of Pain CME is later this month and encouraged them to attend, both medical and public members.

Mr. Herlihy shared that former Health Department Commissioner Harry Chen, MD has returned from a year with the Peace Corps in Uganda.

Mr. Herlihy reminded members to forward to him any names of public and medical professionals who may be interested in serving on the Board.

#### **6. Presentation of Applications:**

Applications for physician and physician assistant licensure, and certifications of radiologist and anesthesiologist assistants were presented and acted upon as detailed in Appendix A, incorporated by reference into these minutes.

#### **7. Convene hearing to discuss any stipulations or disciplinary matters that are before the Board:**

- **In re: Judith H. Tietz, MD – MPN 022-0217 – Stipulation and Consent Order**

Ms. Diederich addressed the Board, summarizing the facts leading up to the Stipulation and Consent Order. Dr. Drew made a motion to approve the Stipulation and Consent Order. Ms. Hunter seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: 1 and North Investigative Committee.

- **In re: Alan Bonesteel, MD – MPN 068-0718 – Order for Interim Suspension**

Ms. Diederich addressed the Board, summarizing the facts leading up to the Order for Interim Suspension. Mr. Heald made a motion to approve the Order for Interim Suspension. Dr. Sexton seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: North Investigative Committee.

#### **8. Reconvene meeting; Executive Session to Discuss:**

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

Ms. McClain made a motion at 11:46 a.m. to go into Executive Session to discuss confidential matters related to investigations. Dr. Sexton seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: none.

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

Dr. Hayward made a motion at 12:36 p.m. to return to Open Session. Dr. Bernstein seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: none.

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

MPN 037-0418 – Letter #1  
MPN 038-0418 – Letter #1

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

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

MPC 034-0417 – Special Letter #1  
MPC 067-0718 – Letter #1

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

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

MPS 065-0718 – Letter #1  
MPS 003-0118 – Special Letter #2; Dr. Sexton recused

Mr. LeCours made a motion to close the cases presented. Dr. Hayward seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: 1 and South Investigative Committee.

**10. Other Business: None**

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

- **September 14, 2018, Central Investigative Committee Meeting, 9 a.m., Central Vermont Medical Center, Conf. Rm. 2, Berlin, VT**
- **September 19, 2018, 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)**

- **September 19, 2018, South Investigative Committee Meeting, 12:00 p.m., Asa Bloomer State Office Building, 4th Floor, Room #492, Rutland, VT**
- **September 20, 2018, North Investigative Committee Meeting, 12 p.m., Vermont Department of Health, 108 Cherry Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Conference Room 2C, Burlington, VT**
- **October 3, 2018, Licensing Committee Meeting, 10:30 a.m., Gifford Medical Center, Red Clover Conference Room, Randolph**
- **October 3, 2018, Board Meeting, 12 p.m., Gifford Medical Center, Red Clover Conference Room, Randolph**

**12. Adjourn Board Meeting to enter into Retreat Session:**

Mr. Hoser declared the regular board meeting adjourned at 12:38 p.m.

**Attachments: Appendix A**

## APPENDIX A

### Presentation of Applications

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

Gabriel Barthlen, MD	Matthew Breckenridge, MD	Ingrid Brinkman, MD
Trisha Bullard, PA-C	Mary Campbell, AA-C	Evelyn Cantillo, MD
Sarah Carlstrom, PA-C	Jordan Carr, PA-C	Tiyonnoh Cash, MD
Benjamin Clements, MD	Christos Colovis, MD	Rachel Coombs, MD
Cameron Cunningham, MD	Erin Curtis, MD	Caleb Doyle-Burr, MD
Ivana Dzeletovic, MD	Luke Eaton, AA-C	Alyssa Fischer, MD
Kathleen Fisher, MD	Gary Gillen, MD	Rian Hasson, MD
Ross Hoffman, MD	Tracy Jackson, MD	Kenneth Johnson, MD
Rihan Khan, MD	Yelena Kogan, MD	Lorine LaGatta, MD
Timothy Lahey, MD	Anthony Lapinsky, MD	Siobhan McCarty Singleton, MD
Suzanne McGuire, DPM	James Metz, MD	Katie Noel, AA-C
Katie Noel, AA-C	Richard Page, MD	Bruno Passebon Soares, MD
Anoop Patel, MD	Sanjeev Patil, MD	Nicholas Phillips, MD
Vasthie Prudent, MD	Jeanette Rivera, MD	Saumya Saini, MD
Daniel Salmeron, MD	Eric Shah, MD	Matthew Siket, MD
Scott Soerries, MD	David Swift, MD	Elya Vasiliou, MD
Michael Wack, MD	Brian Waldschmidt, MD	William Weeks, MD
Andrew Suber, PA-C		

Recommended by Ms. Hunter for licensure. Seconded by Dr. Drew. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: none.

## **Retreat Minutes**

### Retreat Topic 1 – A Visit with the new VPHP Medical Director

The Board welcomed Lisa Lambert, MD, Medical Director of the Vermont Practitioner Health Program (VPHP), John Valentine, MD, Chair of the VPHP Board, Jessa Barnard, Executive Director and Colleen Magne, VPHP Program Administrator. They provided an overview of VPHP services, processes and membership, and talked about the addition of behavioral services starting in 2017. The Board members had a lengthy and informative discussion to better understand the case management process and ways to improve the relationship with VPHP.

### Retreat Topic 2 – Mindful Practices for Professionals Workshop

Samara D. Anderson, Esq., DoTERRA Wellness Advocate conducted a workshop on mindfulness. Ms. Anderson has worked extensively with attorneys and other professionals using mindfulness concepts to support wellness and effectiveness in practice. The presentation included a discussion of the concepts and allowed members to experience some of the techniques.