

VERMONT BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE
Minutes of the May 1, 2024, Board Meeting
1311 US Route 302, Boardroom 200, Barre, VT 05641
Remote via Teams

Unapproved

- **Call to Order; Call the Roll; Acknowledge Guests:**

Dr. Rick Hildebrant, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:10 PM

Members Present:

Rob Ciappenelli; David Coddair, MD; Evan Eyler, MD; Gail Falk; Rachel Gaidys, MD; Matthew Greenberg, MD; Rick Hildebrant, MD; Suzanne Jones, PA-C; Stephanie Lorentz; Ian Odigie, DPM; Dawn Philibert; Judy Scott; Margaret Tandoh, MD; Robert E. Tortolani, MD; Scott Tucker.

Others in Attendance:

Megan Campbell, AAG; Scott Frennier, Investigator; David Herlihy, Executive Director; Kurt Kuehl, AAG; Jane Malago, Operations Administrator; Paula Nenninger, Investigator; Justin Sheng, AAG; George Belcher, Esq.; Jessa Barnard, Vermont Medical Society.

- **Approval of the Minutes of the April 3, 2024, Board Meeting:**

R. Ciappenelli moved to accept the minutes of the April 3, 2024, meeting. Dr. Tortolani seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: none.

- **Administrative Updates (David Herlihy):**

- D. Herlihy provided several administrative updates sharing that J. Malago will be ending their time with the Board of Medical Practice, interviews have been ongoing for the vacant Administrative Services Technician III position, the Board staff is continuing to work on the bid process for the vendor selection of the Board's new IT system, and two new members, Dr. Odigie and Dr. Gaidys, completed orientation after being appointed to the Board.

- D. Herlihy reminded the Board members that one more physician member position on the Central Committee needs to be filled. Members were advised that the Senate is processing confirmations for appointed and reappointed Board members; members may be contacted by Senators or legislative staff about reappointments. D. Herlihy also advised that he will email members to see if there is interest in having an online session about navigating the the HSIN (Homeland Security Information Network) document sharing site.

- **Other Business:**

- Dr. Hildebrant, D. Herlihy, Dr. Tortolani, S. Lorentz, and D. Philibert all shared their experiences and thoughts about the FSMB (Federation of State Medical Boards) conference they attended last month. Dr. Hildebrant recommended that a subcommittee be formed to follow up on the guidance provided by FSMB about the use of AI (Artificial Intelligence) in the practice of medicine.

- **Convene hearing to discuss any stipulations or disciplinary matters that are before the Board (12:46 PM):**

In re: Steven Powell, MD – Cessation of Practice Agreement – Matter MPN 184-0823

Judge Belcher inquired if the Respondent or counsel would attend; AAG Campbell stated AAG Bill Reynolds contacted them and the Respondent and counsel indicated they would not. Judge Belcher invited AAG Campbell to present the matter. AAG Campbell addressed the Board, summarizing the facts leading up to the Cessation of Practice Agreement. S. Tucker made a motion to approve the Cessation of Practice Agreement. Dr. Greenberg seconded the motion.

J. Malago recorded the roll-call vote: The motion passed; Yeas: R. Ciappenelli, Dr. Coddair, G. Falk, Dr. Greenberg, Dr. Gaidys, Dr. Hildebrant, PA Jones, Dr. Odigie, S. Lorentz, Dr. Tortolani, S. Tucker; Opposed: none; Abstained: none; Recused: North Investigative Committee

- **Hearing Concluded at 12:56 PM**

- **Other Business (Continued):**

- **Legislative Update (David Herlihy):** D. Herlihy provided members updates on the status of bills of interest to the Board.
 - **H.606** – This bill would prohibit consideration of immigration status in determining eligibility for a professional license and would also require licensing authorities to accept Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers in lieu of Social Security Numbers in the application process. The Board does not ask any questions related to immigration status and already accepts ITINs, so it will not impact the licensing process if it passes, which is likely.
 - **H.572** – The PA Compact bill has not been taken up in committee and will not be passed.
 - **S.233** – The bill regarding optometry scope of practice did not pass out of the Senate Health and Welfare Committee and will not pass.
 - **S.263** – The bill on alternative pathways for international medical trainees did not pass out of Senate Health and Welfare and will not pass. D.Herlihy shared that FSMB is convening a meeting on this subject in June that will bring representatives of state medical boards and experts in international medical education and training together in an attempt to establish recommendations on this topic. Several members commented on the need to establish new pathways to licensure for physicians trained overseas.
 - **H.870** – This is the OPR bill. Of interest to the Board was the portion of the bill proposing to add naturopaths to the providers authorized to complete death certificates. The version passed by the House includes that change and it is likely that change will be made. Other changes regarding the authority of naturopaths in medical/legal matters, such as COLST/DNR (Clinician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment/Do Not Resuscitate) have been discussed but the current version being discussed in the Senate would create a group to be convened by the Health Commissioner to make recommendations on any other changes regarding naturopath authority.
- **CRNA Opt-Out** – D. Herlihy shared that in Vermont, CRNAs (Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists) work under the supervision of a physician pursuant to CMS (Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services) regulations. In 2001, CMS regulations

were amended to allow states to “opt-out” of the regulation that requires CRNAs to work under physician supervision. The regulation specifies a process for a state to opt-out; that process requires the Governor to consult with the state’s medical and nursing boards before submitting a request to opt-out. The Board was asked to provide guidance on this issue in 2013. At that time the Board took the position that Vermont should not opt-out. The Board was not asked to take a position on this matter at this meeting. The discussion was limited to an introduction to the issue in anticipation that it may be on the agenda in the coming months.

- **APRN Subcommittee** – D. Herlihy shared that Vermont law provides that a physician be designated by the Board of Medical Practice for the APRN (Advanced Practice Registered Nurses) subcommittee that advises the BoN (Board of Nursing) on APRN practice matters (26 V.S.A. § 1615a). The role is currently vacant. D. Herlihy will follow up with an email for more information and action on designating a physician for this role.
- **Joint Statement on IV Therapy Clinics** – D. Herlihy provided an update. The Board previously approved a statement at the March 6, 2024 Board meeting. The BoN did not approve the statement and asked for revisions to one of the paragraphs. Since the revision, the BoN has not formally approved the version but is anticipated to at their meeting on May 13, 2024. D. Herlihy added that an email update will be provided to the Board’s licensees once a formal statement has been approved by the Board of Nursing, Office of Professional Regulations, and the Board of Medical Practice.

G. Falk made a motion to approve the newly presented Joint Statement on IV Therapy Clinics. Dr. Coddair seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: none.

- **E-Blast** – D. Herlihy shared that an E-Blast (email blast) was sent out to all licensees, Board members, and additional individuals. The email included several updates from the Board covering matters such as new telehealth license and registration options and the revision to the Board’s Administrative Rules effective May 1, 2024.
- **Convene meeting; Executive Session to Discuss:**
 - Investigative cases recommended for closure
 - Other matters that are confidential by law, if any

PA Jones made a motion at 1:42 PM to enter into Executive Session to discuss confidential matters related to investigations. Dr. Greenberg seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: none.

- **Return to Open Session 2:37 PM; Board Actions on matters discussed in Executive Session:**

D. Philibert, North Investigative Committee, asked to close:

MPN 006-0124 – Special #1

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

G. Falk, Central Investigative Committee, asked to close:

MPC 008-0124 – Special #1

D. Philibert made a motion to close the cases presented. S. Lorentz seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: Central Investigative Committee.

PA Jones, South Investigative Committee, asked to close:

MPS 237-1223 – Special #1

Dr. Coddair made a motion to close the cases presented. Dr. Tandoh seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: South Investigative Committee.

- **Upcoming Board meetings, committee meetings, hearings, etc.:** [Locations are subject to change. A notification will be provided if a change takes place.](#)
 - **May 9, 2024, North Investigative Committee Meeting, 9:00 AM,** [Remote via Teams and 280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT 05671](#)

- **May 10, 2024, Central Investigative Committee Meeting, 9:00 AM., 1311 US Route 302, Board Room, Berlin, VT and remote via Teams**
- **May 15, 2024, South Investigative Committee Meeting, 12:15 PM, Remote via Teams and 280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT 05671**
- **June 5, 2024, Licensing Committee Meeting, 10:30 AM, Remote via Teams and 280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT 05671**
- **June 5, 2024, Board Meeting, 12:00 PM, Remote via Teams and 280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT 05671**

- **Open Forum:**
 - D. Herlihy offered a formal welcome and thank you to the newly appointed committee chairs, Central Committee – Gail Falk, South Committee – PA Suzanne Jones.
 - D. Herlihy offered thanks again to J. Malago for their time with the Board. Malago shared their gratitude and thanked everyone for the opportunity.

- **Adjourn:**

Dr. Hildebrant declared the meeting adjourned at 2:37 PM.

Licenses Issued April 2024

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