

VERMONT BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE

February 3, 2021

Dial: (802) 391-9319 Conference ID: 413 541 414#

11:00 a.m. Licensing Committee

11:50 – 12:00 South Investigative Committee

A meeting of the South Investigative Committee will be held to review investigative matters that are confidential by law.

11:40 – 11:50 North Investigative Committee

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12:00 p.m. Vermont Board of Medical Practice

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

2. Public Comment:

3. Approval of Minutes of the January 6 and January 20, 2021 Board Meetings:

4. Board Issues (Dr. Bernstein):

5. Administrative Update (Mr. Herlihy):

6. Presentation of Applications:

7. Other Business:

- **CME Audit** – At the January meeting the Board asked to delay the audit of licensee-reported CME compliance as reported on the 2020 renewal. In accordance with the audit plan, and has been the practice for renewals since establishment of the CME requirement, the audit will begin with asking 59 licensees to submit documentation of CME activities. Additional licensees will be asked to submit documentation only if more than 10 percent of licensees selected for audit are unable to document completion of CME as claimed on the renewal.
- **Legislative Update** – brief overview of items of interest and discussion of issues relating to transition from the declared state of emergency when the time comes. At present the emergency authorities passed that created flexibility for medical licensing are scheduled to expire on March 31. Discussions are taking place regarding the end of the current emergency, extension of the March 31 date and, also, about enactment of permanent emergency provisions that create a process for emergency authorities that may continue through the end of a state of emergency. Some stakeholders are proposing additional periods of time beyond the end of a declared emergency for the current emergency, and possible for the permanent emergency provisions. Members will be asked for input regarding the benefits of allowing time after an emergency ends to allow for transition back

to normal licensing requirements and the risks of extending more permissive licensing practices.

8. **Pet Extravaganza** – members will participate in a brief team-building activity
9. **Convene hearing to discuss any stipulations or disciplinary matters that are before the Board (1:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.) - TBD**
10. **Reconvene meeting; Executive Session to Discuss:**
 - Investigative cases recommended for closure
 - Other matters that are confidential by law, if any
11. **Return to Open Session; Board Actions on matters discussed in Executive Session:**
12. **Board Actions on Committee recommendations regarding any non-confidential matters:**
13. **Upcoming Board meetings, committee meetings, hearings, etc.: (Locations are subject to change. You will be notified if a change takes place.)**
 - February 11, 2021, Central Investigative Committee Meeting, 9 AM *(Remote)*
 - February 12, 2021, North Investigative Committee Meeting, 9 AM *(Remote)*
 - February 17, 2021, Board Meeting on pending applications, 12:10 PM *(Remote)*
 - February 17, 2021, South Investigative Committee Meeting, 12:15 PM *(Remote)*
 - March 3, 2021, Licensing Committee Meeting, 11:00 AM *(Remote)*
 - March 3, 2021, Board Meeting, 12:00 PM *(Remote)*
14. **Open Forum:**
15. **Adjourn:**

NON-BOARD MEMBERS/GENERAL PUBLIC PLEASE NOTE:

*******REMOTE PARTICIPATION*******

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If you join the meeting during the time the Board is in Executive Session, the line will be open and monitored by staff. You are welcome to remain on the line until the Board returns to Open Session.

If you have any questions about this meeting, you may contact: 802-657-4220 or email:

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