

**Vermont Board of Medical Practice
Minutes of the September 19, 2018 Board Meeting
Board of Medical Practice, Burlington, Vermont
Meeting Conducted via Phone**

Approved

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

Will Hoser, called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

Members Present via phone:

Leo LeCours; Harvey Reich, MD; David Liebow, DPM; David Jenkins; Sarah McClain; Allen Evans; Patricia Hunter; Mara Sproul, MD

Others in Attendance:

David Herlihy, Executive Director; Paula Nenninger, Investigator; Scott Frennier, Investigator
Kacie Diederich, AAG; Tracy Hayes, Medical Licensing Specialist – via phone

2. Public Comments: None

3. Presentation of Applications (Recommendations were in the form of motions by the member making the recommendation).

Mr. Hoser moved for the issuance of Physician and Physician Assistant Licenses for:

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| Graham Atkins MD | Maria Caparas PA-C | John Dutton MD |
| Kurt Eifling MD | Jennifer Gage MD | Adam Katchky MD |
| Kara Landry MD | Wallace McKinney MD | Guido Santacana Laffitte MD |
| Michaela Schneiderbauer MD | | Jennifer Todd MD |

Recommended by Ms. Hunter for Physician licensure. Seconded by Ms. McClain, passed, opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: none.

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

Christopher Navas MD

Recommended by Dr. Reich for Limited Temporary Physician licensure. Seconded by Mr. Liebow, passed, opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: none.

4. Other Business: Mr. Herlihy informed members that the Attorney General filed a lawsuit against Purdue Pharma on September 5, 2018. The lawsuit alleges violations of the Vermont Consumer Protection Act based upon misrepresentations, omissions or concealment of material facts, and failure to correct prior misrepresentations, all with regard to Purdue's marketing of opioids. The complaint includes allegations relating to the Federation of State Medical Board's issuance of a Model Policy on Use of Opioids and the support for and distribution of the book *Responsible Opioid Prescribing*. The Board relied on the FSMB Model

Policy in drafting its original policy and updates, and also distributed copies of *Responsible Opioid Prescribing* to licensees. He advised that information about the lawsuit was provided so that members would be aware of it in the event that they are asked for comment. He added that members are free to comment on such matters, but recommended being clear in stating that they are commenting as individuals and not for the Board. He also reminded members that they are not obligated to make public statements and are free to refer inquiries to him.

5. Next Regular Board meeting: October 3, 2018, 12 p.m., Gifford Medical Center, Randolph, Vermont.

6. Adjournment

Ms. Hoser adjourned the meeting at 12:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tracy Hayes
Medical Licensing Specialist