

VERMONT BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE
Minutes of the June 5, 2019 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 12:10 p.m.

Members Present:

Richard Bernstein, MD; Brent Burgee, MD; Richard Clattenburg, MD; Allen Evans; Francis J. Heald; Rick A. Hildebrant, MD; Patricia Hunter; Leo LeCours; David Liebow, DPM; Sarah McClain; Christine Payne, MD; Judy Rosenstreich; Ryan Sexton, MD; Marga Sproul, MD; Gillian L. Stearns-Parr, MD; Robert E. Tortolani, MD.

Others in Attendance:

David Herlihy, Executive Director; Paula Nenninger, Investigator; Scottie Frennier, Board Investigator; Karen LaFond, Operations Administrator; Margaret Vincent, AAG; Kassandra Diederich, AAG; Bill Reynolds, AAG; George Belcher, Esq., Stephen J. Phipps, MD; Lisa Phipps.

2. Public Comment:

None

3. Approval of the Minutes of the May 1, 2019 Board Meetings:

Dr. Hildebrant moved to accept the minutes of the May 1, 2019 meeting. Mr. LeCours seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: none.

4. Board Issues (Mr. Hoser):

Mr. Hoser stated his update will be included in the Other Business portion of the meeting during the discussion of the Federation of State Medical Board annual conference.

5. Administrative Update (Mr. Herlihy):

Mr. Herlihy recognized Tracy Hayes, Licensing Specialist, for her efforts to complete the applications for the Limited Temporary Licenses, both the renewal and new applications.

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

- **In re: Stephen J. Phipps, MD – MPS 051-0518 – Proposed Order**

Mr. Belcher opened the hearing by acknowledging the Board members who would be participating in the motion and decision regarding the Proposed Order. He also recognized Dr. Phipps and his wife, who attended the hearing, and allowed them to make brief statements that did not introduce any new evidence on the matter. Ms. Diederich provided a brief statement to summarize the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and the State's Proposed Order. Mr. Belcher recognized the members of the Hearing Panel and summarized the Proposed Order for the Board to consider.

Ms. McClain made a motion for the Board to enter deliberative session. Dr. Stearns seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: none. The Board entered deliberations for approximately 20 minutes and the final Proposed Order was presented when the full Board reconvened.

Ms. McClain presented the motion to approve the Proposed Order, which was seconded by Dr. Stearns. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: Dr. Sexton; recused: Hearing Committee members and South Investigative Committee Members.

- **In re: John Andrew Dreslin, MD – MPS 135-1118 – Stipulation and Consent Order MPS 135-1118**

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

- **In re: Kristin J. Scott, PA-C – MPC 055-0618 & MPC 056-0419 – Cessation of Practice Agreement**

Mr. Reynolds addressed the Board, summarizing the facts leading up to the Cessation of Practice Agreement. Mr. Heald made a motion to approve the Cessation of Practice Agreement. Mr. LeCours 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**

The Board began discussion of this topic out of order, before the scheduled time for the beginning of the public hearing. Dr. Liebow made a motion at 12:27 p.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:**

Ms. Rosenstreich made a motion at 1:03 p.m. to return to Open Session. Dr. Tortonlani seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: none.

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

MPN 151-1218 – Special Letter #1

MPN 039-0219 – Letter #1

MPN 136-1118 – Special Letter #1; Mr. Hoser recused

MPN 093-0818 – Special Letter #2

Dr. Sexton made a motion to close the cases presented. Dr. Payne seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: 1 and North Investigative Committee.

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

MPS 050-0419 – Letter #1

MPS 007-0119 – Special Letter #1

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

- 10. Other Business:**

- **Summary of FSMB Meeting Topics – Mr. Hoser, Ms. Hunter, Mr. Herlihy.**

Mr. Herlihy, Mr. Hoser and Ms. Hunter presented highlights of the FSMB annual conference held in April 2019. Topics included: The keynote by Dr. Zubin Austin on concepts of competence; a panel discussion on sexual boundary violations and board responses to them, including the concept of “trauma-informed” investigations; a presentation on strategic planning for medical regulation in the future; a talk by Nic

Sheff, author and subject of the film Beautiful Boy, who spoke about addiction; an opioid panel with presentations by states and the FDA; a panel on the topic of aging physicians that touched on the aging of the physician workforce and questions of impairment associated with aging; and, an overview of “digital medicine” by Dr. Joseph Kvedar of Partners Health Care and Harvard.

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

- **June 13, 2019, North Investigative Committee Meeting, 9 a.m., Vermont Department of Health, 108 Cherry Street, Conference Room 2C, Burlington, VT**
- **June 14, 2019, Central Investigative Committee Meeting, 9 a.m., Central Vermont Medical Center, Conf. Rm. 2, Berlin, VT**
- **June 19, 2019, Board meeting on pending applications, 12:10 p.m., Board of Medical Practice office, 108 Cherry Street, 2nd, Floor Burlington, VT (and via telephone)**
- **June 19, 2019, South Investigative Committee Meeting, 12:00 p.m., Asa Bloomer State Office Building, 4th Floor, Room #492, Rutland, VT**
- **July 10, 2019, Licensing Committee Meeting, 10:30 a.m., Gifford Medical Center, Red Clover Conference Room, Randolph**
- **July 10, 2019, Board Meeting, 12 p.m., Gifford Medical Center, Red Clover Conference Room, Randolph**

12. Open Forum:

None

13. Adjourn:

Mr. Hoser declared the meeting adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

Attachments: Appendix A

APPENDIX A

Presentation of Applications

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

Matthew Alfano, MD	Catherine Ayers, MD	Ramasubramanian Baalachandran, MD
Philippe Bauer, MD	Jocelyn Beach, MD	Kristin Bresnan, MD
Daniel Brown, MD	Ana Camacho, MD	Cristina Carter, MD
Richard Cochran, MD	Thomas Comfere, MD	Howard Corwin, MD
Nicholas Cox, MD	Kevin Cranse, PA-C	Michael Curtis, MD
Daniel Diedrich, MD	Jessica Dillon, MD	Amy Dinitz, MD
Melanie Dumont, PA-C	Erin Duquette, MD	Philip Fear, MD
Joseph Frasca, MD	Christina Fredenberg, MD	Bhargavi Gali, MD
Megan Gething, MD	Scott Greenberg, MD	Judith Haran, MD
Joseph Hyder, MD	Jeffrey Jensen, MD	Jessica Johnson, MD
Emily Jones, MD	Mark Keegan, MD	William Kelley, MD
Shah Khan, MD	Marta Kokoszyska, MD	Rachel Long, MD
Hany Magharyous, MD	Tanner Mathias, MD	Nathan Mauser, MD
Kathryn McBride, PA-C	Franklin Mikell, MD	Sheilaja Mittal, MD
Richard Morse, MD	Mina Obbehat, MD	James Onigkeit, MD
Richard Patch, III, MD	Lauren Peiski, PA-C	Julia Powelson, MD
Tyler Price, MD	Misty Radosevich, MD	Lindsay Reardon, MD
Sheela Reddy, MD	Kate Riddell, MD	Fernando Riveron, MD
Jaron Ross, MD	Robert Rzepka, MD	Shauna Schwartz, MD
Shoshana Streiter, MD	Stuart Sutherland, PA-C	Christina Thurston, PA-C
Joseph Ungar, MD	William Vennart, MD	Brendan Wanta, MD
Fay West, MD	David Wetzel, MD	Hemang Yadav, MD
Edward Zane, MD		

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

Mr. Hoser moved for the issuance of limited temporary licenses to practice medicine for:

Taylor Abegg-Lawrence, MD	Sammy Abusrur, MD	Nathan Centybear, MD
Eunjung Choi, MD	Michael Danaher, MD	Jacob Donchez, MD
Krishna Gathani, DPM	Yu Ting He, MD	William Humphrey, MD
Hannah Johnke, MD	Timothy Kerrigan, MD	Cecile King, MD
Katherine Lantz, MD	Joshua Litchman, MD	Katrina Sexauer, MD
Sean Till, MD	Nathaniel White, MD	

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