

**Vermont Board of Medical Practice
Minutes of the March 18, 2020 Board Meeting
Board of Medical Practice, Burlington, Vermont
Meeting Conducted via Phone**

Approved

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

Dr. Bernstein, called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

Members Present via phone:

Leo LeCours; David Liebow, DPM; Sarah McClain; Frank Heald; Richard Clattenburg, Judy Rosenstreich; Robert E. Tortolani, MD; Ryan Sexton, MD; Rick Hildebrant, MD; Allen Evans

Others in Attendance via phone:

David Herlihy, Executive Director; Paula Nenninger, Investigator; Scott Frennier, Investigator; Tracy Hayes Medical Licensing Specialist

2. Public Comments: None

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

Dr. Bernstein moved for the issuance of Physician and Physician Assistant Licenses for:

La Tania Akers-White MD
Paul DelGiudice MD
Kylene Halloran MD
Esther King MD
Ryan Wilson MD

Rita Beckford MD
Christin Foster MD
Kyon Hood MD
Kristen Miranda MD

Kristen Dall-Winther MD
Andrea Groft PA-C
Michael Kennedy MD
David Morley MD

Recommended by Dr. Tortolani for Physician licensure. Seconded by Ms. Rosentstreich, passed, opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: none.

4. Other Business:

Mr. Herlihy gave an update on the emergency bill, H.742. The sections that relate to the Board were summarized, including Sections 7,10, 11, 14-16, 19-21, and 28. He asked the Board for guidance on two issues. First, he informed members that after consultation with the Health Department he had requested for language to be added to Section 19, which would create authority similar to that in Section 19 as passed by the House that grants authority for the OPR Director to act for OPR's boards when they cannot. The Board supported that request to have similar language for the Board, granting the Executive Director authority to act in place of the Board in the event that it is not feasible for the Board to meet. Second, he explained to the Board that there are discussions taking place that would create exemptions to the requirement to have a Vermont license in order to practice via telemedicine to care for patients in Vermont during the declared emergency. The options are to create more limited, tailored exemptions, or to create broad exemptions. The Board directed him to seek broader exemptions; several members voiced the opinion that being able to provide care via telemedicine will be critical during this emergency and that the need for health care professionals will be great.

The scope of pain conference proposed for May will not happen. Work will continue toward having a fall 2020 event in late October or early November.

5. Next Regular Board meeting: April 12020, 12 p.m., via Skype, Vermont.

6. Adjournment

Dr. Bernstein adjourned the meeting at 12:47Dav p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tracy Hayes

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