

**Vermont Board of Medical Practice
Minutes of the January 22, 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 12:10 p.m.

Members Present via phone:

Brent Burgee, MD; Leo LeCours; David Liebow, DPM; Sarah McClain; Rick A. Hildebrant, MD; William K. Hoser, PA-C; Patricia Hunter; Richard Clattenburg, MD; Ryan Sexton, MD; Judy Rosenstreich; Robert E. Tortolani, MD

Others in Attendance via phone:

David Herlihy, Executive Director; Paula Nenninger, Investigator; Scott Frennier, Investigator; Megan Campbell, AAG; Kassandra Diederich, AAG; Karen LaFond, Medical Licensing & Operations Administrator

2. Public Comments: None

3. Presentation of Applications: None

4. Other Business:

Consideration of the report from an ad hoc committee formed by the Board to review S.128, a bill concerning Physician Assistant licensure.

Prior to the meeting, Mr. Herlihy provided members with a summary of the ad hoc committee's discussion regarding S.128 and proposed amendments to the legal standards for PA supervision for the members to consider. Mr. Herlihy noted that the ad hoc committee was made up of Will Hoser, PA-C, Patricia Hunter, Public Member; Judy Rosenstreich, Public Member, Ryan Sexton, MD, and Bob Tortolani, MD, and Mr. Hoser was designated as Chair to lead the meeting. The committee met by telephone on January 14, 2020. To arrive at a recommendation for the full Board, the committee worked through a series of questions targeted at the policy interest associated with each substantive change proposed.

Dr. Bernstein briefly reviewed the memo provided by Mr. Herlihy and then turned the meeting over to Mr. Hoser to lead the discussion of the committee's recommendations.

Mr. Hoser asked members if there were any comments before he began discussing questions (a) through (g) and, hearing no comments, he proceeded with the review of each question and committee proposal. During the discussion, Dr. Bernstein clarified in question (d) that PAs will be required to carry their own malpractice insurance. Members also discussed concerns about the requirements for posting a notice regarding use of PAs and agreed the legislation was not the appropriate mechanism to address any confusion by patients when being treated by a PA. Overall, members did not raise concerns or questions about the committee's proposals.

Dr. Bernstein asked if members were prepared to make a motion.

Dr. Tortolani made a motion to accept the committee's report to the Board. Dr. Clattenburg seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed – none; recused: none; abstained: none

January 22, 2020

Page 2 of 2

Mr. LeCours made a motion for the Board to support the committee's report as the Board's position to submit to the Senate Health and Welfare Committee. Ms. Rosenstreich seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed – none; recused: none; abstained: none

5. Next Regular Board meeting: February 5, 2020, 12 p.m., Gifford Medical Center, Randolph, Vermont.

6. Adjournment

Dr. Bernstein adjourned the meeting at 12:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen LaFond

DRAFT