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**MICHIGAN BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC
MEDICINE & SURGERY
AUGUST 5, 2010 MEETING
APPROVED MINUTES**

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery met in regular session on August 5, 2010 at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center, Conference Room 4, Lansing, Michigan.

CALL TO ORDER

Steven Acker, D.O., Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Members Present: Steven Acker, D.O., Chairperson
Charles Kelly, D.O., Vice Chairperson
Kathleen Carney, Public Member
William Cunningham, D.O.
Gale Easton, P.A. (arrived at 9:18 a.m.)
Vincent Granowicz, D.O.
Barry Kane, Public Member
Sylvia Mustonen, D.O.
Douglas Vanator, D.O.

Members Absent: Dennis Dobritt, D.O.
Paulette Lindberg, Public Member

Staff Present: Laurie VanBeelen, Board Secretary, Health Regulatory Division
Rae Ramsdell, Director, Health Regulatory Division
Amy Allen, Policy Administration Manager, Health Regulatory Division
Lidia McGee, Analyst, Health Regulatory Division
Michele Wagner-Gutkowski, Assistant Attorney General

Others Present: Tom Sparks, J.D.
Nancy Granowicz

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Vanator, seconded by Kelly, to approve the April 1, 2010 meeting minutes as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Kelly, seconded by Cunningham, to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Continuing Education Approval

Acker directed the Board to the list of continuing education programs submitted for the Board's approval.

MOTION by Granowicz, seconded by Kelly, to approve the continuing education programs as submitted.

MOTION PREVAILED

FSMB Annual Meeting Update

Acker advised that he attended the FSMB annual meeting held April 22-24 and that it was very informative. Ramsdell advised that the meetings typically provide information regarding national trends. She advised that the topics of license portability and national licensure were discussed. Ramsdell further advised that Michigan has been asked to participate in a regional portability study, lead by the state of Wisconsin. The guidelines for the study have not yet been established, however. Ramsdell stated that there are various issues that the Board of Osteopathic Medicine and the Board of Medicine will need to review and the Department is encouraging the two Boards to work together.

Another topic that is receiving a great deal of attention of the Federation is individuals who receive doctorate of nursing degrees and use of the title of "doctor." Ramsdell confirmed that all states and some provinces are members of the FSMB. She also advised that the FSMB is finalizing a maintenance of licensure model and a final document should be available in the near future. Acker advised that there was also discussion regarding radiologists reviewing records for out-of-state patients.

Discussion of State of Montana Language re: Physician's Written Certification for Medical Marijuana and the Bona Fide Physician-Patient Relationship

Ramsdell stated that since the passage of the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act, the Department is concerned that there may not always be a bona fide physician/patient relationship when physicians provide certification that an applicant for registration in the Medical Marijuana Program may benefit from its use. Discussion amongst the Board and staff was held. Ramsdell advised that the Board of Medicine will be issuing a statement regarding the physician-patient relationship similar to that of Montana asked if the Board would like for the Department to craft a statement similar to that of the State of Montana. Ramsdell advised that the Department would work with the Attorney General's office to draft a statement to bring back to the Board for review.

MOTION by Mustonen, seconded by Vanator, to request that the Department move forward to develop a statement regarding the physician-patient relationship similar to that of the State of Montana.

Discussion was held. A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

The Department will provide a draft at the October meeting.

Department Update

None

REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

Larry Curtis White, D.O. – Application for Reinstatement

MOTION by Granowicz, seconded by Carney, to grant the Application for Reinstatement in the matter of Larry Curtis White, D.O.

Discussion was held.

A roll call vote followed: Nays: Vanator, Mustonen, Kelly, Kane, Carney, Cunningham

Yeas: Granowicz, Easton, Acker

MOTION FAILED

PUBLIC COMMENT

In reference to the White case, Granowicz spoke to the number of prescriptions practitioners typically write in a year. Allen advised that Dr. Ken McNamee, previous chairperson for the Board of Medicine, will be speaking with the Board of Medicine on the topic of prescription drug abuse amongst children in his school district. Carney spoke of a community program in Livingston County to provide citizens the opportunity to return unused prescriptions to pharmacies.


ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on October 7, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center, Conference Room 4, Lansing, Michigan.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Cunningham, seconded by Carney, to adjourn at 10:00 a.m.

MOTION PREVAILED



Steven Acker, D.O., Chairperson



Date Minutes Approved



Laurie A. VanBeelen, Board Secretary



Date Minutes Prepared