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MICHIGAN BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE & SURGERY MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 4, 2007

APPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976, PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Osteopathic Medicine & Surgery met in regular session on October 4, 2007, at 611 West Ottawa, Upper Level Parking, Conference Room 3, Lansing, MI.

CALL TO ORDER

Douglas P. Vanator, D.O., Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Gale Easton, P.A.
Kathleen M. Carney, Public Member
Paulette Lindberg, Public Member
Edward Benson, Public Member
Sylvia G. Mustonen, D.O. (arrived 9:15 a.m.)
Dennis W. Dobritt, D.O.
Steven A. Acker, D.O., Vice-Chairperson (arrived 9:17 a.m.)
Douglas P. Vanator, D.O., Chairperson

Members Absent:

William C. Cunningham, D.O.
Charles E. Kelly, D.O.
Vincent J. Granowicz, D.O.

Staff Present:

Bonnie Curtis, Secretary
Ray Garza, Director, Health Regulatory Division
Diane Lewis, Manager, Licensing
Howard Marderosian, Attorney General's Office
(arrived 9:55 a.m.)
Karen Carpenter, Analyst, Enforcement Section
Rae Ramsdell, Director, Licensing Division
Susan Rose, D.O.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Benson, seconded by Lindberg, to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2007 meeting as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Easton, seconded by Lindberg, to approve the meeting agenda as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

CE REVIEW

None

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Vanator stated that the Department is receiving an increased number of allegations. He advised that there is a need to inform physicians to be sensitive to patient needs and to act in a professional manner.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

REGULATORY ISSUES – GARZA

Garza stated that Vanator had requested a brief overview of the regulatory process. He stated that approximately twenty-five (25) allegations are received in the Bureau every day covering the various health professions but that not all allegations require a file to be opened.

Garza advised that the board chairperson or designee reviews the allegations to determine if there is a need to proceed with an investigation and that some boards have adopted a resolution that gives the Bureau the authority to authorize investigations. Following investigation, and depending on the complexity of the case, the matter will be handled either by the Bureau or forwarded to the Attorney General's office.

Garza advised that a licensee has thirty (30) days to respond to an Administrative Complaint. If the licensee does not respond, the matter will proceed to the disciplinary subcommittee (DSC) for sanctioning. If the licensee does respond, a Consent Order may be drafted for the licensee to accept and sign or the matter may proceed to an administrative hearing. Garza stated that the authority for sanctioning rests with the DSC.

Vanator added that if a license is suspended, it could affect licensure in other states.

Discussion followed.

DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Lewis announced that there will be a new board member orientation on October 26, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. If any invited board members have not yet responded as to their attendance at the orientation, she requested that they do so.

Ramsdell advised that the members were provided with legislative updates on bills introduced that may have an impact on their profession.

Ramsdell reported that the National Boards of Osteopathic Examiners are offering an opportunity for board members to observe the clinical skills exams. If anyone is interested in participating, please contact her.

Ramsdell stated that the Public Health Code allows a physician to delegate acupuncture to a licensed or unlicensed individual. She inquired whether a physician should have acupuncture training or experience before they can delegate acupuncture.

Discussion followed.

The general opinion of the board was that in order to delegate an act, task or function, the physician must have the training and education in the area being delegated.

Rose introduced herself and advised that she was a past chairperson of the board. She currently works part-time for the Bureau as a consultant reviewing physician cases mainly involving competency. She is also on the Board of Directors at the Federation of State Medical Boards and spoke briefly about the FSMB databank. She requested time on a future agenda to do a presentation regarding the FSMB.

REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

DEAN ALAN RUBLE, D.O. – PROPOSAL FOR DECISION/REINSTATEMENT

Motion by Benson, seconded by Acker, to accept the Proposal for Decision and grant reinstatement, in the matter of Dean Alan Ruble, D.O.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas – Benson, Carney, Dobritt, Easton, Lindberg,
Mustonen, Acker and Vanator

MOTION PREVAILED

Motion by Acker, seconded by Benson, to place Petitioner on probation for a period of one (1) year with the following terms and conditions, in the matter of Dean Alan Ruble, D.O.:

- 1) Petitioner shall comply with his Health Professional Recovery Program (HPRP) monitoring agreement.
- 2) Petitioner shall not be employed by his current treatment providers.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas – Benson, Carney, Dobritt, Easton, Lindberg,
Mustonen, Acker and Vanator

MOTION PREVAILED

PUBLIC COMMENT


None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on November 29, 2007, at 611 West Ottawa, Upper Level Parking, Conference Room 4, Lansing, MI.

ADJOURNMENT


MOTION by Mustonen, seconded by Lindberg, to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 a.m.



Douglas P. Vanator, D.O., Chairperson

11-29-07

Date Minutes Approved



Bonnie Curtis, Secretary

10-11-07

Date Minutes Prepared