

AGENDA
CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
Tuesday, December 18, 2007 at 1:30 PM

LEGISLATIVE OFFICE BUILDING
Capitol Avenue, Hartford Connecticut
Conference Room 2-C

CALL TO ORDER

I. MINUTES

Review and approval of the minutes from the November 20, 2007 meeting.

II. UPDATES

- A. Chair Updates
- B. Information Update - Department of Public Health
- C. Information Update - Connecticut State Medical Society

III. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

- A. Richard Glisson, DO – Petition No. 2007-0215-001-026
Presentation of Consent Order – Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, DPH
- B. Scott Winikoff, MD – Petition No. 2004-0624-001-140
Modification of Consent Order – Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, DPH

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Oral Argument on Proposed Memorandum of Decision
Charles Jones, MD – Petition No. 2004-0917-001-221
- B. Assign Hearing Panel
Matthew Giles, MD – Petition No. 2006-0926-079-006

V. ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURN

The following minutes are draft minutes which are subject to revision and which have not yet been adopted by the Board.

**CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
November 20, 2007**

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, November 20, 2007 at the Department of Public Health Complex, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room A/B, Building 470, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dennis G. O’Neill, MD, Chairman
Richard Bridburg, MD
Martin Courneen
Anne Doremus
Michael Erickson
Robert Fuller, MD
David M. Goldenberg, MD
Steven Hanks, MD
Velandy Manohar, MD
Regina Stankaitis
George Terranova, MD
Susan Wernick
C. Steven Wolf, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT Patricia Loving, PA

Dr. O'Neill called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the September 18, 2007 meeting were reviewed. Dr. O’Neill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Courneen, to approve the minutes as edited. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Goldenberg who abstained.

II. CHAIR UPDATES

The following correspondence/information was received and reviewed:

1. Monthly tracking of pending cases.
2. Hearing assignments.
3. Investigations – Quarterly Update.
4. United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) Pandemic Planning Position Statement.
5. Memorandum from Assistant Attorney General Richard Lynch pertaining to Board member immunity.
6. Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) – Correspondence and News updates.

7. FSMB – Responsible Opioid Prescribing, A Physician’s Guide.
The Board commented that a three to four page summary would be more valuable than the entire publication and that this guide should not be construed as a “standard of care.” Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing and Investigations, Department of Public Health stated that the Board’s comments will be shared with the FSMB.
8. Letter from the American Society for Dermatologic Surgery pertaining to cosmetic treatment spas.
The Board encourages the Department of Public Health to promptly investigate complaints regarding cosmetic medical procedures being performed by unlicensed individuals and/or in unregulated establishments.
9. State Arizona Medical Board guidelines on choosing a cosmetic surgeon.
10. October 2007 Northeast Regional Board Member Meeting Summary

III. INFORMATION UPDATES

- A. Department of Public Health Legislative Update
 - Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing and Investigations provided an overview of the Department of Public Health’s October 2007 report to the General Assembly regarding Adverse Event Reporting. The Board asked if information could be provided as to the policies and procedures licensed institutions have taken in addressing the causes of the adverse events identified in the report.
 - Ms. Filippone reported that a presentation about the Health Assistance interVention Education Network for Connecticut Health Professionals (HAVEN) is being planned for early 2008.
- B. Connecticut State Medical Society
None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Review of Residency Equivalency – Allesandro Santin, MD
Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented information for the Board to review to determine if Dr. Santin’s education and training are equivalent to 2 years of ACGME accredited residency training.
Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hanks, to accept Dr. Santin’s education and training as being equivalent to the two year ACGME accredited training requirement and to recommend Dr. Santin for licensure. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. Tamper proof prescriptions
John Gadea, Director, Drug Control Division, Department of Consumer Protection addressed the Board regarding requirements for tamper proof prescriptions as required by the United States Department of Health & Human Services, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

Dr. Hanks left at 2:05 p.m.

C. Memorandum of Decision Mejah Soong, MD – Petition No. 2006-0629-001-120
Dr. Bridburg, Ms. Doremus and Dr. Terranova, hearing panelists in this matter, provided a synopsis of the hearing panel’s findings and recommendation for license revocation. Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Ms. Stankaitis, to adopt the proposed Memorandum of Decision.

The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O’Neill signed the Order.

D. Memorandum of Decision James Yue, MD – Petition No. 2005-0406-001-093
Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was present to provide counsel to the Board. Staff Attorney, David Tilles, was present on behalf of the Department of Public Health and presented a Department request for modification of the proposed Memorandum of Decision.

Dr. Yue was not present or represented. Dr. Wolf, chair of the hearing panel in this matter, provided a synopsis of the hearing panel’s findings and recommendation for license suspension with concurrent probation.

Dr. Manohar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Terranova, to adopt the proposed Memorandum of Decision with modifications as requested by the Department of Public Health as well as the inclusion of a requirement for a mental health evaluation during the first year of probation.

The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O’Neill will sign the Order upon modification.

V. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

A. Richard Glisson, DO – Petition No. 2007-0215-001-026

Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Department of Public Health Legal Office, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Richard Glisson, DO. Dr. Glisson was not present or represented.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Courneen, to table this matter to allow the Department to obtain additional information. The motion passed unanimously.

B. George J. Watstein, MD – Petition No. 2006-1018-001-178

Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Department of Public Health Legal Office, presented a Consent Order in the matter of George J. Watstein, MD. Dr. Watstein was not present or represented.

Dr. Manohar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bridburg, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O’Neill signed the Order.

C. Arthur Trantolo, MD – Petition No. 2007-0517-001-088

Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Department of Public Health Legal Office, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Arthur Trantolo, MD. Neither Dr. Trantolo nor his attorney was present.

Dr. Terranova made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bridburg, to reject the Consent Order with a recommendation that respondent surrender his license. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Deborah Caserta-Brunson, MD – Petition No. 2005-1208-001-287
Mathew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Deborah Caserta-Brunson, MD. Dr. Caserta-Brunson was present with Attorney David Robertson. Dr. Manohar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Goldenberg, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Stankaitis who was opposed and Dr. Fuller who abstained. Dr. O’Neill signed the Order.

E. Mitchell Moffat, MD – Petition No. 2007-0206-001-021
Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Department of Public Health Legal Office, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Mitchell Moffat, MD. Dr. Moffat was not present or represented. Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Terranova, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O’Neill signed the Order.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Terranova, recommending that future Consent Orders include the following or similar language, “respondent shall inform his/her health care professionals of his/her substance abuse history.” The motion passed unanimously.

E. Eric Dieffenbach, MD – Petition No. 2006-0517-001-099
Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Department of Public Health Legal Office, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Eric Dieffenbach, MD. Neither Dr. Dieffenbach nor his attorney was present. Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Courneen, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O’Neill signed the Order.

VI. TIME EXTENSIONS

Dr. O’Neill moved and Dr. Bridburg seconded to approve a 120-day extension in the following cases: The motion passed unanimously.

J. August, MD – Decision being reviewed by the Assistant Attorney General.

P. Goldsmith, PA – Decision being drafted.

E. Squatrito, DO - Decision being reviewed by the Assistant Attorney General.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis G. O’Neill, MD, Chairman