

AGENDA (Revised)
CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
Tuesday, November 20, 2007 at 1:30 PM
Department of Public Health Complex
410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford Connecticut
Conference Room A/B - Building 470

CALL TO ORDER

I. MINUTES

Review and approval of the minutes from the September 18, 2007 meeting.

II. UPDATES

- A. Chair Updates
- B. Information Update - Department of Public Health
 - Adverse Event Reporting
Wendy Furniss, Branch Chief, Healthcare Systems
- C. Information Update - Connecticut State Medical Society

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Residency Equivalency Determination - Alessandro Santin, MD
Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Applications Analyst
- B. Tamper proof prescriptions
John Gadea, Drug Control Division, Department of Consumer Protection
- C. Memorandum of Decision
Mejah Soong, MD – Petition No. 2006-0629-011-120
- D. Memorandum of Decision
James Yue, MD – Petition No. 2005-0406-001-093

IV. 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. George J. Watstein, MD – Petition No. 2006-1018-001-178
Presentation of Consent Order – Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, DPH
- C. Arthur Trantolo, MD – Petition No. 2007-0517-001-088
Presentation of Consent Order – Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, DPH
- D. Deborah Caserta-Brunson, MD – Petition No. 2005-1208-001-287
Presentation of Consent Order – Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, DPH
- E. Mitchell Moffat, MD – Petition No. 2007-0206-001-021
Presentation of Consent Order – Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, DPH
- F. Eric Dieffenbach, MD – Petition No. 2006-0517-001-099
Presentation of Consent Order – Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, DPH

V. 120 Day Extensions

- J. August, MD
- P. Goldsmith, PA
- E. Squatrito, DO

VI. 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
September 18, 2007**

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, September 18, 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
Steven Hanks, MD
Patricia Loving, PA
Velandy Manohar, MD
Regina Stankaitis
George Terranova, MD
Susan Wernick
C. Steven Wolf, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT David M. Goldenberg, MD

Dr. O'Neill called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the August 28, 2007 meeting were reviewed. Dr. O'Neill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Courneen, to approve the minutes. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Bridburg and Ms. Stankaitis who abstained.

II. CHAIR UPDATES

The following correspondence/information was received and reviewed:

1. Monthly tracking of pending cases.
2. Hearing assignments.
3. Connecticut Board of Examiners in Podiatry Declaratory Ruling regarding noninvasive vascular testing of the lower extremity.
Connecticut State Board of Chiropractic Examiners Declaratory Ruling regarding laser hair removal.
Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Terranova, requesting other Boards and Commissions of the Department of Public Health to notify the Connecticut Medical Examining Board (CMEB) when they plan to initiate any declaratory ruling proceedings. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Manohar and Ms. Wernick who abstained.
4. Federation of State Medical Boards – “Responsible Opioid Prescribing.” Dr. O'Neill discussed pursuing funding so that a copy of this publication can be sent to all licensed physicians and physician assistants in Connecticut. Any suggestions for funding sources should be directed to Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section, Department of Public Health.

III. INFORMATION UPDATES

A. Department of Public Health Legislative Update

Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing and Investigations provided an overview of legislation passed during the last legislative session.

- The Department of Public Health will receive funding to implement an online license renewal program. The program target date is July 2008 for physician, dentists and nurses. The other professions will follow.
- Public Act 07-82 - This act allows a physician who (1) practices for no fee for at least 100 hours a year at a public health facility and (2) does not otherwise practice medicine, to renew a license without charge.
- Public Act 07-53 - Under prior law, physicians had to order a serum creatinine test as part of each patient's annual physical examination if the patient had not had such a test within the preceding 12 months. The act instead requires that this test be done as part of each patient's routine general medical examination, if not performed within the past 12 months. It also specifies that these medical examinations do not include annual gynecological examinations.
- Public Act 07-252 - This act expands the scope of practice of podiatric medicine to allow podiatrists to engage independently in standard and advanced ankle surgery procedures if they meet certain requirements and qualifications. Under the act, licensed podiatrists with additional qualifications beyond board qualification or certification may be permitted to perform surgical treatment of the ankle. Under the act, a podiatrist cannot engage in independent ankle surgery procedures without receiving a permit from the Department of Public Health.

This act increases, from \$10,000 to \$25,000, the civil penalty DPH and various health professional regulatory boards can assess against a health care professional.

The act allows licensed radiographers to operate a medical x-ray system under the supervision and upon the written order of a physician. The act also allows operation of such a system upon the verbal order of a physician. It also allows licensed radiologic technologists to administer any medications, not just intravenous ones, for diagnostic procedures in various health care settings, not just hospitals.

This act allows the consumer protection (DCP) and public health commissioners to (1) exchange information relating to a license or registration issued by their respective agencies or (2) exchange investigative information concerning violations of the law with each other, the Chief State's Attorney, and with law enforcement agencies.

- Public Act 07-103 - This act allows state or local health care professional societies and organizations to establish a single assistance program to serve all health care professionals. Additional information will be presented at a future meeting.

B. Connecticut State Medical Society

None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review of Residency Equivalency – Antonios Arvelakis, MD

Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented information for the Board to review to determine if Dr. Arvelakis' education and training are equivalent to 2 years of ACGME accredited residency training.

Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hanks, to accept Dr. Arvelakis' education and training as being equivalent to the two year ACGME accredited training requirement and to recommend Dr. Arvelakis for licensure. The motion passed unanimously.

V. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

A. Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges subsequent to pre-hearing conference
Robert Golenbock, MD – Petition No. 2004-1112-001-256.

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges subsequent to a pre-hearing conference. Neither Dr. Golenbock nor his attorney was present.

Dr. Manohar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bridburg, to grant the Department's motion. The motion passed with all in favor except for Dr. Fuller who abstained. Dr. O'Neill and Dr. Terranova recused themselves from voting. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order withdrawing the Statement of Charges.

B. Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges subsequent to pre-hearing conference
Nandini Kokegar, MD – Petition No. 2005-0722-001-189.

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges subsequent to a pre-hearing conference. Neither Dr. Kokegar nor his attorney was present.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, to grant the Department's motion. The motion passed with all in favor except for Dr. Fuller who abstained. Dr. O'Neill recused himself from voting. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order withdrawing the Statement of Charges.

VI. TIME EXTENSIONS

Dr. O'Neill moved and Dr. Terranova seconded to approve a 120-day extension in the following case: The motion passed unanimously.

M. Albini, MD – Decision being reviewed by the Assistant Attorney General.

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

C. Jones, MD (Petition No. 2004-0917-001-221) - Decision being reviewed by the Assistant Attorney General.

C. Jones, MD (Petition No. 2006-0111-001-010) – On hold pending disposition of the above matter.

VII. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Dr. Manohar mentioned that effective October 1, 2007 federal regulations regarding tamper proof prescriptions take affect. The Board Liaison will make arrangements for the Director of the Department of Consumer Protection, Drug Control Division to attend a future meeting explain these new requirements.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman