

**AGENDA**  
**CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD**  
**Tuesday, March 18, 2008 at 1:30 PM**

Department of Public Health Complex  
410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford Connecticut  
Conference Room C - Building 470

**CALL TO ORDER**

**I. MINUTES**

Review and approval of the minutes from the February 19, 2008 meeting.

**II. UPDATES**

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

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Physical Therapy Referrals
- B. Proposed Memorandum of Decision  
*Maryellen Albini - Petition No. 2000-0712-000-079*  
*Joan Mershon - Petition No. 2000-1130-000-146*
- C. Pending Litigation  
*Charles R. Jones, MD – Petition No. 2004-0917-001-221*
- D. Charles Jones, MD  
Petition Nos. 2006-0111-001-010, 2006-0407-001-068, 2006-0411-001-069  
*Respondent's Motion for Recusal or to Disqualify Hearing Panel Member*

**IV. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS**

- A. Alfred Cretella, MD – Petition No. 2006-1214-001-219  
*Presentation of Consent Order – Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, DPH*
- B. Jonathan Fogel, MD – Petition No. 2007-1217-001-211  
*Presentation of Consent Order – Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, DPH*
- C. Peter Benet, MD – Petition No. 2006-0803-001-142  
*Presentation of Consent Order – David Tilles, Staff Attorney, DPH*
- D. Susan Levine, MD – Petition No. 2006-0929-001-167  
*Presentation of Consent Order – David Tilles, Staff Attorney, DPH*

**V. 120 DAY EXTENSIONS**

C. Jones, MD – Petition Nos. 2006-0111-001-010; 2006-0401-001-069; 2006-0407-001-068

**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  
February 19, 2008**

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, February 19, 2008 at the Department of Public Health Complex, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room C, Building 470, Hartford, Connecticut.

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***BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:***

Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman  
Richard Bridburg, MD  
Michael Erickson  
Robert Fuller, MD  
David M. Goldenberg, MD  
Steven Hanks, MD  
Michael Lindberg, MD  
Patricia Loving, PA  
C. Steven Wolf, MD

***BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT***

Martin Courneen  
Anne Doremus  
Howard Sadinsky, DO  
Michael Saffir, MD  
Regina Stankaitis  
Susan Wernick

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

***I. MINUTES***

The draft minutes of the January 15, 2008 meeting were reviewed. Dr. O'Neill made a motion, seconded by Dr. Goldenberg, to approve the minutes as edited. The motion passed with all in favor.

***II. CHAIR UPDATES***

The following correspondence/information was received and reviewed:

1. Dr. O'Neill announced that Michael Saffir, MD of Bethany, Connecticut has been appointed to the Board to succeed George Terranova, MD, and that Howard Sadinsky, DO of Milford, Connecticut has also been appointed as a Board member.
2. Monthly tracking of pending cases.
3. Hearing assignments.
4. DPH Quarterly Investigation update.
5. Federation of State Medical Boards news and annual meeting information.
6. Pending Appeals  
Sushil Gupta, MD – Appeal dismissed by the Appellate Court  
Kenneth Kurz, MD – Superior Court decision in favor of Dr. Kurz. The Assistant Attorney General has filed an appeal in the Appellate Court  
Charles Jones, MD – Appeal filed in Superior Court on January 18, 2008.

**III. INFORMATION UPDATES**

A. Department of Public Health Legislative Update

None

B. Connecticut State Medical Society

None

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Health Assistance interVention Education Network for Connecticut Health Professionals – (HAVEN)

Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Department of Public Health, Practiotner Licensing and Investigation; Maureen Dinnan, Esq., and Christi Holmes of the Connecticut State Medical Society gave a presentation regarding the Health Assistance interVention Education Network for Connecticut Health Professionals (HAVEN). This program was developed pursuant to Public Act 07-103.

Currently enrolled in the program are 33 physicians, 27 nurses, 3 dentists, 3 veterinarians, 1 respiratory therapist and 1 dental hygienist.

It was stressed that any cases involving alleged patient harm are automatically referred to the Department of Public Health for investigation.

B. Proposed Memorandum of Decision

Jeremy August, MD – Petition No. 2007-0226-001-029

Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was present to provide counsel to the Board. Staff Attorney Roberta Swafford was present for the Department of Public Health. Attorney Richard Tynan was present on behalf of Dr. August. The Board heard oral argument from Attorneys Tynan and Swafford.

Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Mr. Erickson, to adopt the Memorandum of Decision. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order revoking Dr. August's license.

C. Randy Hassen, MD – Request to reinstate revoked license.

Dr. Hassen was present without representation. Staff Attorney Joelle Newton was present on behalf of the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was present to provide counsel to the Board.

The Board reviewed documentation submitted in support of by Dr. Hassen's request for reinstatement of his license. Attorney Newton stated that the Department does not have a position on Dr. Hassen's request because it has not had sufficient time to review the relevant documentation. Dr. Bridburg stated that there appears to be sufficient toxological evidence to support Dr. Hassen's substance abuse remission.

Dr. Hanks made a motion, seconded by Dr. Fuller, to table this matter to allow the Department time to review documentation. Dr. Hanks, Dr. Fuller and Ms. Loving voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Erickson, Dr. Goldenberg, Dr. Wolf, Dr. Bridburg, Dr. Lindberg and Dr. O'Neill voted in opposition. The motion to table failed.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Goldenberg, that this matter be referred to a hearing panel to further review Dr. Hassen's request for licensure reinstatement and to determine conditions for reinstatement if appropriate. The motion passed unanimously. The Board Liaison will coordinate the scheduling of a hearing.

**V. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS**

**A. Ronald Zeffiro, MD – Petition No. 2006-1030-001-186**

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Ronald Zeffiro, MD. Dr. Zeffiro was not present or represented.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lindberg, that the Consent Order be approved. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Fuller and Dr. Wolf who were opposed. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

**B. Nomate Kpea, MD – Petition Nos. 2007-0129-001-016; 2007-0817-001-141**

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Nomate Kpea, MD. Attorney John Costa was present on behalf of Dr. Kpea.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hanks, that the Consent Order be approved. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

**C. Motion for Summary Suspension**

**David Ferris, DO – Petition No. 2007-0808-001-131**

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public, presented a Motion for Summary Suspension in the matter of David Ferris, DO. Attorney General Kerry Colson was present to provide counsel to the Board.

Attorney John Sponheimer was present on behalf of Dr. Ferris. Also in attendance was Attorney Clifford Hoyle, who is conservator of the estate for Dr. Ferris, and respondent's mother Joan Smith Torrey, who is conservator of the person for Dr. Ferris.

Attorney Sponheimer spoke in opposition to the Department's Motion for Summary Suspension.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hanks, that based on the documents presented, there exists a threat to public health and safety which warrants the Summary Suspension of Dr. Ferris' license; therefore, the Department's motion to summarily suspend should be granted. The motion passed unanimously.

The hearing panel in this matter will be Dr. Wolf who will chair the panel, and hearing non-Board panelists Velandy Manohar, MD and Joel Goodman, DMD. The hearing is scheduled for March 7, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

**VI. ASSIGN HEARING PANEL**

**Mary Miller, MD - Petition No. 2005-0927-001-235**

Dr. Hanks will chair the hearing panel in this matter. The other panelists will be Maxine Borghesi, DVM and Denise Ward, PT. The Board Liaison will coordinate the scheduling of hearing dates.

**VII. TIME EXTENSIONS**

Dr. O'Neill moved and Dr. Goldenberg seconded to approve a 120-day extension in the matter of Charles R. Jones, MD - Petition Nos. 2006-0111-001-010; 2006-0407-001-068; 2006-0411-001-069: Multiple hearing dates have been scheduled for March 2008 through November 2008.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman