

**AGENDA**  
**CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD**

**Tuesday, May 19, 2009 at 1:30 PM**  
Department of Public Health Complex  
410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford Connecticut  
Conference Room C - Building 470

**CALL TO ORDER**

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

April 21, 2009

**II. UPDATES**

- A. Chair Updates
- B. Information Updates  
Department of Public Health

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

**IV. HEARING PANEL ASSIGNMENTS**

Jatinder Bakshi, MD – Petition No.2008-0813-001-146

**V. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS**

- A. Nancy Charest, MD – Petition No. 2006-0815-001-144  
*Presentation of Consent Order – Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, DPH*
- B. Robert Crootof, MD – Petition No. 2007-1126-001-200  
*Presentation of Consent Order – Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, DPH*
- C. Francis T. Martin, PA – Petition No. 2008-0618-023-004  
*Presentation of Consent Order – Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, DPH*
- D. Dennis Morgan, MD – Petition No. 2009-0325-001-050  
*Modification of Consent Order – Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, DPH*
- E. Javier Davila, MD – Petition No. 2008-0502-001-070  
*Presentation of Consent Order – David Tilles, Staff Attorney, DPH*
- F. Deborah Pan, MD – Petition No. 2008-0502-001-069  
*Presentation of Consent Order – David Tilles, Staff Attorney, DPH*
- G. Efraim Gomez-Zapata, MD – Petition No. 2007-0817-001-146  
*Motion for Summary Suspension*  
*Motion to Amend Statement of Charges – Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, DPH*

**VI. 120 DAY EXTENSIONS**

Kimberly Meyer, PA – Petition No. 2008-1010-023-007  
Gregory Azia, MD – Petition No. 2007-0712-001-121  
Peter Benet, MD – Petition No. 2007-0517-001-091  
Mary Miller, MD – Petition No. 2005-0927-001-235  
Randy Hassen, MD – Petition No. 2007-1210-001-209  
Mary Miller, MD – Petition No. 2005-0927-001-235  
M. Clive Robinson, MD - Petition No. 2007-0608-001-102

**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**  
**April 21, 2009**

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, April 21, 2009 at the Department of Public Health, Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in Conference Room C, Building 470.

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***BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:***

C. Steven Wolf, MD  
Richard Bridburg, MD  
Martin Courneen  
Michael Erickson  
Douglas Fellows, MD  
Robert Green, MD  
Steven Hanks, MD  
Henry Jacobs, MD  
Patricia Loving, PA  
Michael Lindberg, MD  
Howard Sadinsky, DO  
Susan Wernick

***BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT***

Anne Doremus  
David M. Goldenberg, MD  
Regina Stankaitis

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Dr. Wolf called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Dr. Wolf chaired this meeting in the absence of Ms. Stankaitis.

**I. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Erickson, to enter executive session to confer with Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson regarding pending litigation before the Freedom of Information Commission in which the Board is the respondent.

The motion passed unanimously and the Board entered executive session from 1:31 p.m. until 1:38 p.m.

Dr. Jacobs arrived during executive session, at 1:35 p.m.

No motions were made and no votes were taken during executive session.

**II. MINUTES**

The draft minutes of the February 17, 2009 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Erickson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bridburg, to approve with edits made to paragraph two on page three. The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Wernick and Mr. Courneen who abstained.

**III. CHAIR UPDATES**

The following information was reviewed:

1. Monthly tracking of pending cases.
2. Hearing assignments.

**IV. INFORMATION UPDATES**

**A. Department of Public Health**

Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing and Investigation, DPH reported that on-line license renewal for physicians, dentists and nurses will be operational by July 1, 2009. On-line license renewal for other professions will follow at a later date.

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

Maureen Dinnan, Executive Director provided the annual update regarding the Haven Program. The program has moved its offices from the Connecticut State Medical Society to the Connecticut State Dental Association building.

John Santopietro, MD has recently been named as Program Director for HAVEN.

As of December 31, 2008 there were the following numbers of professionals enrolled in the program:

Physicians and Physician Assistants – 50	Veterinarians – 5
Nurses – 52	Podiatrists – 1
Dentists and Dental Hygienists – 5	Respiratory Therapist – 1
Social Worker - 1	

During 2009 to date, 10 physicians and 1 physician assistant have been referred to the program.

**V. LICENSURE/PERMIT APPLICATIONS**

**A. Reinstatement Application – Robert Fryer, MD**

Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health, presented a license reinstatement application of Robert Fryer, MD. Dr. Hanks made a motion, seconded by Dr. Green to recommend approval of Dr. Fryer's reinstatement application. The motion passed unanimously.

**B. Reinstatement Application – Allan Myers, MD**

Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health, presented a license reinstatement application of Allan Myers. Dr. Hanks made a motion, seconded by Mr. Courneen to recommend approval of Dr. Myers' reinstatement application. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Morales inquired as to what procedure the Department should follow when processing physician reinstatement applications.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Green, that DPH follow the current policy of Board review of reinstatement applications for physicians who have not been in the active, clinical practice of medicine for longer than six (6) months. The motion passed unanimously.

**C. Medical School Permit Application – Miguel Materin, MD**

Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health, presented a medical school permit application of Miguel Materin, MD to allow him to practice solely at the Yale University School of Medicine.

Dr. Jacobs made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hanks, to grant Dr. Materin's application for a permit to practice in a Connecticut medical school. The motion passed unanimously.

**VI. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS**

A. Ramana Primus, MD – Petition No. 2008-0529-001-087

Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, Department of Public, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Ramana Primus, MD. Respondent was not present or represented.

Dr. Hanks made a motion, seconded by Mr. Courneen, to approve the Consent Order which restricts respondent's prescribing of controlled substances to herself, family or friends. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Wolf signed the Order.

B. Vivian G. Mihailescu, MD – Petition No. 2006-0425-001-079

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Legal Office, Department of Public, presented a Consent Order modification in the matter of Vivian G. Mihailescu, MD. Respondent was not present or represented.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Jacobs, to approve the Consent Order which places respondent's license on probation for four years upon commencing practice in Connecticut. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Wolf signed the Order.

C. Patrick Rocco, MD – Petition No. 2006-0425-001-079

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, Department of Public, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Patrick Rocco, MD. Neither respondent nor his attorney was present.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Jacobs, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a \$2000.00 civil penalty. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Hanks and Dr. Wolf who were recused. Dr. Wolf signed the Order.

D. William Harris, MD – Petition No. 2008-1010-001-190

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, Department of Public, presented a Consent Order in the matter of William Harris, MD. Neither respondent nor his attorney was present.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Jacobs, that language be added to the proposed Consent Order requiring respondent to inform any health care providers that he has an alcohol addiction. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hanks to table this matter to allow the DPH to discuss the recommended changes with respondent. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Clifford Berken, MD – Petition No. 2008-1208-001-224

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Legal Office, Department of Public, presented an Interim Consent Order in the matter of Clifford Berken, MD. Attorney Mary Alice Leonhardt was present on behalf of respondent.

Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bridburg, to approve the Interim Consent Order by which respondent agrees to refrain from practice pending completion of an investigation. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Wolf signed the Order.

F. Salvatore Pace, MD – Petition No. 2008-0812-001-145

Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, Department of Public, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Salvatore Pace, MD. Respondent was not present or represented.

Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hanks, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand and restricts respondent's prescribing of controlled substances to herself, family or friends. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Wolf signed the Order.

**VII. TIME EXTENSIONS**

Dr. Bridburg moved and Mr. Erickson seconded to approve a 120-day extension in the following matters:

Anthony Santomauro, MD – Petition No. 2007-0220-001-028: The parties have held meetings in an attempt to negotiate a settlement.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

**Request for Reconsideration of Denial of Request for Declaratory Ruling**

The Board reviewed a request filed by the State of Connecticut, Division of Public Defender Services, Office of Chief Public Defender asking the Board to reconsider its February 17, 2009 denial of a request for a declaratory ruling regarding physician participation in the execution of condemned Connecticut inmates by use of lethal injection.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Erickson, that the Board deny the Office of Chief Public Defender's request for reconsideration.

The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Loving and Dr. Lindberg who were opposed and Dr. Fellows who abstained.

Dr. Jacobs made a motion that the Board ask the Department of Public Health to research the validity of carrying out execution by lethal injection and to determine if the process is conducted in a humane fashion. Dr. Bridburg seconded the motion for discussion.

Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing and Investigation, DPH informed that Board that the Department does not have the authority to issue an opinion as to whether execution by lethal injection is humane or not.

Dr. Hanks spoke in opposition to the motion and commented that the Office of Chief Public Defender can seek such an opinion from other sources.

Dr. Fellows commented that the Board should be cautious in offering an opinion for or against lethal injection.

Dr. Bridburg withdrew his second of Dr. Jacob's motion. Dr. Green then seconded Dr. Jacob's motion.

Dr. Jacobs and Ms. Loving voted in favor of the motion. Dr. Green abstained and all other Board members voted in opposition. The motion failed.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Steven Wolf, MD