

**MEDICAL LICENSING BOARD OF INDIANA  
INDIANA GOVERNMENT CENTER SOUTH  
402 WEST WASHINGTON STREET  
ROOM W064  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46204**

**MINUTES OF DECEMBER 7, 2017**

Kirk Masten, D.O., President, called the meeting to order at 8:38 a.m. A quorum was declared in accordance with IC 25-22.5.

**Members Present:** Kirk Masten, M.D., President  
John Strobel, M.D., Vice President  
Scott Green, M.D., Member  
Rebecca Mueller, M.D., Member (arrived at 8:45 a.m.)  
Victoria McCann, J.D., Member

**Members Absent:** Bharat Barai, M.D., Secretary  
Michael Busk, M.D., Member

**Staff Present:** Darren R. Covington, J.D., Board Director  
Professional Licensing Agency  
Kimberly A. Letko, Assistant Board Director  
Professional Licensing Agency  
James Schmidt, Deputy Attorney General  
Office of the Attorney General

The Board voted to adopt the agenda.

Participating Board Members: Kirk Masten, M.D., John Strobel, M.D., M.D., Scott Green, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D.

Strobel/Green, 4/0/0  
Aye's: McCann, Masten, Strobel, Green  
Motion carries

The Board voted to adopt the minutes of the October 26, 2017 meeting.

Participating Board Members: Kirk Masten, M.D., John Strobel, M.D., M.D., Scott Green, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D.

Green/Strobel, 4/0/0  
Aye's: McCann, Masten, Strobel, Green  
Motion carries

## DISCUSSION

Participating Board Members: Kirk Masten, M.D., John Strobel, M.D., Scott Green, M.D., Rebecca Mueller, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D.

### Citations

After discussion, the Board moved to IMPOSE a CIVIL PENALTY of FIVE HUNDRED (\$500.00) DOLLARS to be PAID IN THIRTY (30) DAYS on the following Physicians for failing to answer "yes" to a question on their renewal application:

Edward Chaum, M.D. – 01072383A – failure to disclose

Stefanie Flora, M.D. – 01062839A – failure to disclose

Bart Goldman, M.D. – 01038949A – failure to disclose

Paul Hannah, M.D. – 01031585A – failure to disclose

Catherine Hilliker, M.D. – 01065063A – failure to disclose

Jerry Jesseph, M.D. – 01030317A – failure to disclose

Dhiraj Jeyanandarajan, M.D. – 01075612A – failure to disclose

Theodore Lee, M.D. – 01034375A – failure to disclose

Stephen McTigue, M.D. – 01031034A – failure to disclose

Sean Moorman, M.D. – 01058210A – failure to disclose

Neal Moser, M.D. – 01063729A – failure to disclose

Bruce Newswanger, D.O. – 02001536A – failure to disclose

Jawed Panja, M.D. – 01044884A – failure to disclose

Christopher Pavelka, D.O. – 02003245A – failure to disclose

Cecelia Powless, M.D. – 01066978A – failure to disclose

Animesh Shah, M.D. – 01069013A – failure to disclose

Ali Shahriari, M.D. – 01063617A – failure to disclose

Faizuddin Shareef, D.O. – 02003711A – failure to disclose

Bryan Stegman, M.D. – 01063281A – failure to disclose

Juan Tejada, M.D. – 01059717A – failure to disclose

Charles Tollett, M.D. – 01042157A – failure to disclose

Carlos Vieira, M.D. – 01053351A – failure to disclose

Sabrina Williams, M.D. – 01047559A – failure to disclose

Alejandro Pulido, M.D. – 01065961A – failure to disclose

Masten/McCann, 5/0/0  
Aye's: McCann, Masten, Strobel, Green, Mueller  
Motion carries

### Unpaid Citations

After discussion, the Board moved to send a second notice to the following physicians who have outstanding citation payments and to forward these physicians to the Attorney General's Office if they do not pay the outstanding citations within the time frame that this second notice stipulates.

Sakda Suwan, M.D. – 01029253A

Rodney Berger, M.D. – 01031334A

William Kuhn, M.D. – 01033670A

Pamela Templeton, M.D. – 01034944A

Judith Robinson, M.D. – 01035147A

Imad Khadra, M.D. – 01036728A

Matthew Heller, M.D. – 01037112A

Nancy Lipson, M.D. – 01037236A

Pratima Stuhldreher, M.D. – 01045048A

Carolyn Hudson, M.D. – 01045600A

Karl Sash, M.D. – 01050566A

Carlos Vieira, M.D. – 01053351A

Scott Kaufman, M.D. – 02001632A

Nicholas Pettinger, D.O. – 02002035A

Becky Allmon, D.O. – 02002493A

McCann/Strobel, 5/0/0  
Aye's: McCann, Masten, Strobel, Green, Mueller  
Motion carries

**Failure to Pay Fine**

After discussion, the Board moved to place a hold on the following suspended/expired licenses for failure to pay outstanding fines; and to send a letter to Lisa Booth, M.D. and Katie Johnson, M.D. stating payment must be made to avoid suspension of their licenses; and that if Dr. Booth fails to pay, she will be issued an Order to Show Cause.

Paul Awa, M.D., 01035552A, suspended/expired, \$2,000

Joseph Knight, M.D., 01036514A, suspended/expired, \$500

Stephen Pfeifer, M.D., 01036874A, suspended/expired, \$3,500

Naeem Kohli, M.D., 01038846A, suspended/expired, \$5,000

Lisa Booth, M.D., 01041550A, active, \$1,000

Hisham Sadek, M.D., 01043564A, suspended/expired, \$2,000

Gregory Konrath, M.D., 01049739A, suspended/expired, \$1,000

Joseph Piazza, M.D., 01062809A, suspended/expired, \$4,000 plus costs

Daniel Palmer, M.D., 01067021A, suspended/expired, \$4,000 plus costs

Katie Johnson, M.D., 01074761A, probation/expired, \$500

Ulrich Klopfer, D.O., 02000628A, suspended/expired, \$4,000

McCann/Green, 5/0/0  
Aye's: McCann, Masten, Strobel, Green, Mueller  
Motion carries

## **Retirement Requests**

After discussion, the Board approve the following physician's requests to have their licenses placed in retirement status.

Kanta Desai, M.D., 01039707A – Retired

Fred Lamb, M.D., 01022230A – Retired

Jon Jeffrey Smith, M.D., 01054358A – Retired

Richard Hoos, M.D., 01056573A – Retired

Paul Treuhaft, M.D., 01022372A – Retired

Michael Fraser, M.D., 01058077A – Retired

Ralph Sellers, II, M.D., 01036748A – Retired

Charles Semones, M.D., 01056122A – Retired

John Gerber, M.D., 01046679A – Retired

Lula Griffin, M.D., 01019700A – Retired

Faust Alvarez, M.D., 01024148A – Retired

Lawrence Rubel, M.D., 01033160A – Retired

McCann/Green, 5/0/0

Aye's: McCann, Masten, Strobel, Green, Mueller  
Motion carries

## **Mohamed Asgar, M.D., 01068370, Cause No. 2016 MLB 0044 – Practice Monitor Approval Request**

Dr. Asgar contacted the Board Director, Darren Covington, by letter with a request that the Board would grant him permission to join MD Emergent Care Medical Inc., in Hammond, Indiana, to start work on November 1, 2017 under a Physician, Dr. Muhammad Atif, Director of MD Emergent Care Medical Inc., who has agreed to be Dr. Asgar's practice monitor. Dr. Asgar's probation stipulations state that in order for him to work he must do so under a practice monitor.

After discussion, the Board requested that Dr. Asgar personally appear before the Board, with Dr. Atif at the January 25, 2018 Board meeting.

**Michael Bangert, M.D., 01079385A, Cause No. 2017 MLB 0039 – Failure to sign ISMA PAP contract**

Dr. Bangert appeared before the Board on September 28, 2017 regarding positive responses on his application for licensure. The Board moved to approve Dr. Bangert's license on Probation with terms and conditions which included that he enter into a contract with the Indiana State Medical Association Physician Assistance Program (ISMA PAP).

Dr. Bangert has yet to enter into a contract with ISMA PAP.

After discussion, the Board moved to ISSUE an ORDER to SHOW CAUSE.

Masten/McCann, 5/0/0  
Aye's: McCann, Masten, Strobel, Green, Mueller  
Motion carries

**Christi Houtz, D.C., L.A.c., 81000118A, Cause No. 2017 MLB 0002 – Failure to submit reports, proof of CE and community service records**

At the Board meeting on April 27, 2017, the State presented that Ms. Houtz provided acupuncture at her place of business without a license. The State entered into a Settlement Agreement which included Ms. Houtz completing eight (8) hours of community service, six (6) hours of continuing education in practice management, and within ninety (90) days Respondent needed to develop policies and procedures regarding proper vetting of new employees and employee training.

Ms. House has been non-compliant and has not submitted the requested documentation.

After discussion, the Board moved to ISSUE an ORDER to SHOW CAUSE.

McCann/Masten, 5/0/0  
Aye's: McCann, Masten, Strobel, Green, Mueller  
Motion carries

## **Licensure Application Review**

### **Mark A. Taylor, M.D. – Positive Response**

Dr. Taylor surrendered his Oregon medical license, while under investigation for his surgical practice, on February 2, 2017.

Dr. Taylor currently holds no active license in any state.

After discussion, the Board moved DENY Dr. Taylor LICENSURE in the State of Indiana.

McCann/Strobel, 5/0/0  
Aye's: McCann, Masten, Strobel, Green, Mueller  
Motion carries

### **Kumari Singh, M.D. – Waiver request – Unapproved Foreign Medical School**

Dr. Singh received her medical degree from Windsor University School of Medicine in St. Kitts-Nevis.

She is currently completing her fourth year of post-graduate training in Family Medicine at the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND.

After discussion, the Board requested that she appear before them at the January 25, 2018 Board meeting.

## **PERSONAL APPEARANCES**

### **Matthew DeBurger, A.A. – Initial Application – Failed to disclose, not worked in U.S. since 2008**

Participating Board Members: Kirk Masten, M.D., John Strobel, M.D., Scott Green, MD, Victoria McCann, J.D.

Mr. DeBurger answered positively to question #5 which states: "Except for minor violations of traffic laws resulting in fines, and arrests or convictions that have been expunged by a court,

1. Have you ever been arrested?
2. Have you ever entered into a prosecutorial diversion or deferment agreement regarding any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state?
3. Have you ever been convicted of any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state?
4. Have you ever pled guilty to any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state?

Mr. DeBurger was arrested on January 24, 2004 for resisting law-enforcement and illegal consumption of alcoholic beverage; on July 8, 2007 for public intoxication; August 19, 2007 for driving while intoxicated; and September 17, 2008 for public intoxication.

Mr. DeBurger was admitted into the Tara Treatment Center in Franklin, IN on September 22, 2008, (which he completed), and was transferred to T/R, (Transition Residential), on November 23, 2008 and completed and discharged February 13, 2009.

Due to his history, the Board requested that Mr. DeBurger obtain an evaluation from Positive Sobriety Inc. prior to scheduling him for a personal appearance. Mr. DeBurger submitted the results of the evaluation to the Board which recommended monitoring and abstinence from alcohol and substances; attention to wellbeing; support groups; individual psychotherapy; and repeat neurocognitive testing.

Mr. DeBurger met with Tim Kelly, M.D. and signed a contract with Soberlink regarding the monitoring program that the evaluation recommended. He also completed eight AA meetings from November 29, 2017 through December 6, 2017.

After discussion, the Board moved to TABLE Mr. DeBurger's personal appearance until February in order for Mr. DeBurger to demonstrate three (3) months of sobriety.

Strobel/Green, 4/0/0  
Aye's: McCann, Masten, Strobel, Green  
Motion carries

**Wanda J. Michaels, M.D. – Initial Application - Positive Response**

Participating Board Members: Kirk Masten, M.D., John Strobel, M.D., Scott Green, MD, Victoria McCann, J.D.

Dr. Michaels answered yes to the following questions on her application:

1. Has disciplinary action ever been taken regarding any health license, certificate, registration or permit you hold or have held?
4. Have you ever been the subject of an investigation by a regulatory agency concerning your license?

On March 24, 2016 the Texas Medical Board entered into an agreed order prohibiting Dr. Michaels from treating or otherwise serving as a physician for her immediate family or prescribe, dispense, administer or authorize controlled substances to herself or her immediate family; pay an administrative penalty of \$3,000.00; within one year of order complete a professional boundaries course with the Physician Assessment and Clinical



Education (PACE) program; within one year of order complete at least 20 hours of CME.

Dr. Michaels completed all requirements of the Order on May 9, 2017 and on June 10, 2017 the Order terminated.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE Dr. Michaels APPLICATION FOR MEDICAL LICENSURE IN THE STATE OF INDIANA.

Strobel/Green, 4/1/0  
Aye's: Masten, Strobel, Green, Mueller  
Nay's: McCann  
Motion carries

**Andrew Felman, D.O., - Initial Application – Positive response**

Participating Board Members: Kirk Masten, M.D., John Strobel, M.D., Scott Green, MD, Victoria McCann, J.D.

Dr. failed to answer yes to the following question:

5. Except for minor violations of traffic laws resulting in fines, and arrests or convictions that have been expunged by a court,

- 1) Have you ever been arrested?
- 2) Have you ever entered into a prosecutorial diversion or deferment agreement regarding any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state?
- 3) Have you ever been convicted of any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state?
- 4) Have you ever pled guilty to any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state?
- 5) Have you ever pled *nolo contendere* to any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state?

Dr. Felman was arrested on August 31, 2013 for a DUI and possession of marijuana. Dr. Felman was convicted of the DUI charge and underwent three years of probation, attended alcohol education classes and paid a fine.

After discussion, the Board requested that Dr. Felman obtain an evaluation from the Indiana State Medical Association Physician Assistance Program (ISMA) and reschedule him to appear before them at the January 25, 2018 Board meeting.

**John Kencos, M.D., - Renewal – Positive response**

Participating Board Members: Kirk Masten, M.D., John Strobel, M.D., Scott Green, MD, Victoria McCann, J.D.

Dr. Kencos answered yes to the following question on his renewal application:

“Since you last renewed, have you surrendered your DEA registration at any time or had any limitations or discipline placed on your DEA registration?”

Dr. Kencos failed to appear before Board for the second time.

After discussion the Board requested to reschedule Dr. Kencos' personal appearance for the January 25, 2018 Board meeting.

**Kenneth R. Richmond, M.D., - Initial Application – Waiver USMLE 3<sup>rd</sup> Attempt Rule**

Participating Board Members: Kirk Masten, M.D., John Strobel, M.D., Scott Green, MD, Rebecca Mueller, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D.

Dr. Richmond appeared before the Board with counsel, Amber Hammond regarding his request for a waiver of the USMLE 3<sup>rd</sup> attempt Rule. Dr. Richmond was also accompanied by Jeremy Musher, M.D., Chief Medical Officer at Springstone, Inc.

Dr. Richmond passed USMLE steps I & III on the fourth attempt.

Dr. Richmond received his medical degree from the George Washington University School of Medicine in Washington, DC in 2008 and completed four (4) years of post-graduate training at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic, in Adult Psychiatry.

Dr. Richmond is Board certified in Psychiatry by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology and holds an active, full license in the State of Virginia.

Dr. Richmond is currently the Deputy Chief of the Medical Staff at the Yokota Air Base Medical Group and the Medical Director of the Yokota Air Base Mental Health Clinic at the Yokota Air Base in Japan.

Dr. Richmond plans to work for Springstone Physicians, LLC and the underserved areas of Lafayette, Newburg and Evansville, Indiana.

Dr. Richmond admitted the following exhibits:

- 1) Curriculum Vitae
- 2) Copy of Virginia medical license
- 3) Copy of the American Board of Psychiatry & Neurology Board certification
- 4) Underserved area map
- 5) Brentwood Springs underserved map
- 6) Sycamore Springs underserved map
- 7) Three year employment Agreement with Springstone Physicians, LLC
- 8) University of Pittsburg Medical School residency verification letter

- 9) Letter of recommendation from Wesley E. Sowers, M.D., Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, UPMC, Center for Public Service Psychiatry, Director, Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic.
  - 10) Letter of recommendation from Vernon I. Nathaniel, M.D., Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, UPMC, Medical Director and attending Psychiatrist, Community Treatment team-Transitional Age, Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic.
  - 11) Letter of recommendation from Graham I. Warden, M.D., C.P.E., Lieutenant Colonel, USAF, Medical Corps, Commander, 374th Medical Operations Squadron.
  - 12) Letter of recommendation from David T. Hsieh, Lieutenant Colonel, USAF, M.C., F.S., Chief of Medical Staff, 374th Medical Group, Yokota AB, Japan, Associate Professor, Pediatrics & Neurology, USUHS.
  - 13) Letter of recommendation from Andre J. Sullivan, Lieutenant Colonel, USAF, M.D., Board Certified Psychiatrist, Mental Health Flight Commander, Tyndall Director of Psychological Health.
- Jeremy Musher, M.D., agreed to provide the Board with annual reports regarding Dr. Richmond's employment with Springstone Physicians, LLC.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE Dr. Richmond's WAIVER request and GRANT him LICENSURE in the State of Indiana.

McCann/Mueller, 5/0/0  
Aye's: McCann, Masten, Strobel, Green, Mueller  
Motion carries

### **ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

#### **Michael Cozzi, M.D., License No. 01045203A, Cause No. 2016 MLB 0013**

Respondent appeared in person and with counsel, Michael Gaerte regarding a Settlement Agreement scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Jessica Krug, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Sherri Rutledge with Rutledge Independent Reporting.

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., M.D., Scott Green, MD, Rebecca Mueller, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D.

On March 22, 2016, the State filed a Petition for Summary Suspension alleging that Respondent was the number one prescriber of controlled substances in Indiana from 2014-2016. The Petition further alleged that Respondent's prescribing practices were unsafe, with little to no exam, and were a contributing factor in at least three patient deaths. The Petition also alleged that Respondent engaged in unprofessional conduct toward staff and patients.

On March 24, 2016, the Board granted a 90 day summary suspension in order for the Respondent's practice to be investigated more thoroughly. The Board has granted multiple summary suspensions since then.

Both parties have agreed to a settlement which places the Respondent's license on Indefinite Probation for one year from the date of the signed order, with terms and conditions

After discussion, the Board moved to ACCEPT the SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT and PLACE Respondent's LICENSE on INDEFINITE PROBATION for no less than ONE YEAR with terms and conditions and to IMPOSE a FINE of FIVE HUNDRED (\$500.00) DOLLARS to be PAID WITHIN 90 DAYS of the date of the order.

Green/Mueller, 4/0/1,  
Masten recused  
Aye's: McCann, Strobel, Green, Mueller  
Motion carries

**Jeffrey Alan Campbell, M.D., License No. 01036153A, Cause No. 2017 MLB 0029**

Respondent failed to appear in person but was represented by counsel, Robert Saint, regarding an Extension of Summary Suspension scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Jessica Krug, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Sherri Rutledge with Rutledge Independent Reporting.

Participating Board Members: Kirk Masten, M.D., John Strobel, M.D., Rebecca Mueller, M.D., Scott Green, MD, Victoria McCann, J.D.

Both parties agreed to a Settlement Agreement that places the Respondent's license on Indefinite Summary Suspension until criminal charges are resolved and either the State or the Respondent petitions for a hearing.

After discussion, the Board moved to ACCEPT the SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT and PLACE the RESPONDENT'S LICENSE on INDEFINITE SUMMARY SUSPENSION.

Strobel/Green, 5/0/0  
Aye's: McCann, Masten, Strobel, Green, Mueller  
Motion carries

**Dale W. Economan, D.O., License No. 02000601A, Cause No. 2015 MLB 0031**

Respondent failed to appear in person or with counsel regarding an Extension of Summary Suspension scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was

represented by Jessica Krug, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Sherri Rutledge with Rutledge Independent Reporting.

Participating Board Members: Kirk Masten, M.D., John Strobel, M.D., Rebecca Mueller, M.D., Scott Green, MD, Victoria McCann, J.D.

State requests extension of summary suspension for additional 90 days due to Respondent's criminal charges still pending and trial set for March of 2018.

After discussion, the Board moved to EXTEND the Respondent's SUMMARY SUSPENSION for and ADDITIONAL NINETY (90) DAYS.

Strobel/Green, 5/0/0  
Aye's: McCann, Masten, Strobel, Green, Mueller  
Motion carries

**Rex A. Flenar, M.D., License No. 01036102A, Cause No. 2017 MLB 0037**

Respondent appeared in person and with counsel, Mark Baeverstad, regarding a Disciplinary Hearing scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Patricia Gibson, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Sherri Rutledge with Rutledge Independent Reporting.

Participating Board Members: Kirk Masten, M.D., John Strobel, M.D., Rebecca Mueller, M.D., Scott Green, MD, Victoria McCann, J.D.

The State alleges that the Respondent failed to maintain original patient health records or make them available to patients who requested a copy of their medical records within his private practice.

Respondent has closed his private practice due to issues involving negligent electronic recordkeeping.

Both parties agreed to a settlement agreement.

After discussion the Board moved to APPROVE the SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT and IMPOSE a FINE of TWO HUNDRED and FIFTY (\$250.00) DOLLARS to be PAID WITHIN NINETY (90) DAYS from the date of the order.

Green/McCann, 5/0/0  
Aye's: McCann, Masten, Strobel, Green, Mueller  
Motion carries

After further discussion, the Board moved to RENEW Respondent's LICENSE.

Strobel/Mueller, 5/0/0

Aye's: McCann, Masten, Strobel, Green, Mueller  
Motion carries

**Aedan P. Gilkey, M.D., License No. 01071970A, Cause No. 2014 MLB 0033**

Respondent appeared in person and with counsel, Ron Elberger, regarding a Petition to Withdraw Probation scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Laura Iosue, Supervising Deputy Attorney General and Ryan Eldridge, Deputy Attorney General. The court reporter sworn in for this matter was Sherri Rutledge with Rutledge Independent Reporting.

Participating Board Members: Kirk Masten, M.D., John Strobel, M.D., Rebecca Mueller, M.D., Scott Green, MD, Victoria McCann, J.D.

Respondent's license was placed on probation on November 13, 2014 for three years. Respondent has been compliant with all terms and conditions of probationary license.

Respondent has continued his contract with ISMA until 2019.

Respondent called the following witness:  
Candace Backer - IMSA

Respondent admitted the following exhibits into evidence:  
Exhibit 1: Letter from Dr. Fred Frick, ISMA, regarding Respondent's contract compliance

After discussion, the Board moved to WITHDRAW the PROBATIONARY TERMS from Respondent's Indiana Medical license.

Green/McCann, 5/0/0  
Aye's: McCann, Masten, Strobel, Green, Mueller  
Motion carries

**James McDonnel, M.D., License No. 01075236A, Cause No. 2017 MLB 0010**

Respondent failed to appear in person but was represented by counsel, Ron Elberger, regarding an Extension of Summary Suspension scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Stacy Oliver, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Sherri Rutledge with Rutledge Independent Reporting.

Participating Board Members: Kirk Masten, M.D., John Strobel, M.D., Rebecca Mueller, M.D., Scott Green, MD, Victoria McCann, J.D.

The State requests an extension of the summary suspension due to the Respondent's order for his criminal matter is being filed soon.

After discussion the Board moved to ACCEPT the SUMMARY SUSPENSION for an ADDITIONAL NINETY (90) DAYS.

Strobel/Green, 5/0/0

Aye's: McCann, Masten, Strobel, Green, Mueller  
Motion carries

**Yvon J. Nazon, M.D., License No. 01021678A, Cause No. 2017 MLB 0014**

Respondent failed to appear in person or with counsel regarding a Disciplinary Hearing scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Timothy Weber, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Sherri Rutledge with Rutledge Independent Reporting.

Participating Board Members: Kirk Masten, M.D., John Strobel, M.D., Rebecca Mueller, M.D., Scott Green, MD, Victoria McCann, J.D.

The State requests that the Board issue a Notice of Proposed Default.

After discussion the Board moved to ISSUE Respondent a NOTICE of PROPOSED DEFAULT.

Green/Strobel, 5/0/0

Aye's: McCann, Masten, Strobel, Green, Mueller  
Motion carries

**James E. Ranochak, M.D., License No. 01026732A, Cause No. 2017 MLB 0028**

Respondent failed to appear in person but was represented by counsel, Robert Saint, regarding an Extension of Summary Suspension scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Jessica Krug, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Sherri Rutledge with Rutledge Independent Reporting.

Participating Board Members: Kirk Masten, M.D., John Strobel, M.D., Rebecca Mueller, M.D., Scott Green, MD, Victoria McCann, J.D.

The State and Respondent agree to an extension of Respondent's summary suspension for additional 90 days from December 7, 2017. Hearing will be rescheduled for February 2018 meeting.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE an EXTENSION of SUMMARY SUSPENSION for an ADDITIONAL NINETY (90) DAYS from DECEMBER 7, 2018.

Strobel/McCann, 5/0/0

Aye's: McCann, Masten, Strobel, Green, Mueller  
Motion carries

**Pedro Joel L. Velasco, M.D., License No. 01035610A, Cause No. 2017 MLB 0025**

Respondent failed to appear in person or with counsel regarding a Disciplinary Hearing scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Timothy Weber, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Sherri Rutledge with Rutledge Independent Reporting.

Participating Board Members: Kirk Masten, M.D., John Strobel, M.D., Rebecca Mueller, M.D., Scott Green, MD, Victoria McCann, J.D.

The State stated that Respondent's Kentucky license is currently being disciplined for not utilizing Kentucky's prescription drug monitoring program, (KASPER); omitting the number of pills dispensed or refills ordered in medical records, and had close to unreadable handwriting.

The State presented that Respondent and State have agreed to a settlement agreement.

Settlement agreement would place respondent's Indiana license on Indefinite Probation and mirror terms and conditions of Kentucky Board Order.

After discussion, the Board moved to ACCEPT the SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT.

Strobel/Green, 5/0/0  
Aye's: McCann, Masten, Strobel, Green, Mueller  
Motion carries

After further discussion, the Board moved to RENEW Respondent's LICENSE on PROBATION with the ability to petition for withdrawal after Respondent's Kentucky license is free of all encumbrances.

Strobel/McCann, 5/0/0  
Aye's: McCann, Masten, Strobel, Green, Mueller  
Motion carries

**Brett E. Wills, D.O., License No. 02004139A, Cause No. 2017 MLB 0023**

Respondent failed to appear in person or with counsel regarding an Extension of Summary Suspension scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Laura Iosue, Supervising Deputy Attorney General and Ryan Eldridge, Deputy Attorney General. The court reporter sworn in for this matter was Sherri Rutledge with Rutledge Independent Reporting.

Participating Board Members: Kirk Masten, M.D., John Strobel, M.D., Rebecca Mueller, M.D., Scott Green, MD, Victoria McCann, J.D.



The State presented a Settlement Agreement that would extend the summary suspension for an additional 90 days.

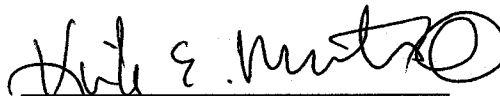
After discussion, the Board moved to EXTEND the SUMMARY SUSPENSION for an ADDITIONAL NINETY (90) DAYS.

Green/McCann, 5/0/0


Aye's: McCann, Masten, Strobel, Green, Mueller

Motion carries

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:36 a.m.



Kirk/Masten, M.D., President



John Strobel, M.D., Vice President