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MINUTES OF DECEMBER 3, 2020

John Strobel, M.D., President, called the meeting to order at 8:11 a.m. and declared a quorum in accordance with IC 25-22.5, pursuant to public notice posted online at the Board's website and on the state calendar at least forty-eight (48) hours before the time of the meeting.

Members Present by Telephone: John Strobel, M.D., President
 Kirk Masten, D.O., Vice President
 Bharat Barai, M.D., Member
 Heidi Dunniway, M.D., Member
 Michael Busk, M.D., Member
 Victoria McCann, Consumer Member
 Rebecca Mueller, M.D, Member

Staff Present by Telephone: Laura Turner, J.D., Board Director
 Professional Licensing Agency
 Jody Edens, Assistant Director
 Professional Licensing Agency
 Donna Sembroski, J.D. Deputy Attorney
 General
 Office of the Attorney General

The Board voted by roll call to adopt the agenda as amended.

Barai/McCann, 4/0/0
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye by roll call:
John Strobel, Bharat Barai, Victoria McCann, Michael Busk
The following board members objected: none
The following board members abstained: none

FULL BOARD APPEARANCES

Cicely Moreno, M.D., License 01083223A, Provisional License Appearance:

Dr. Moreno appeared and was not represented by counsel regarding her provisional license.

She informed the Board that she has restarted a family residency program in Michigan.

She has a contract with ISMA (PAP) as well as with Michigan's program

Anne Kelly, Coordinator with ISMA informed the Board that Dr. Moreno was in full compliance.

The Board requested Dr. Moreno have a letter sent from Dr. Okolocha and a letter from the Michigan program on her compliance.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE the renewal of her provisional license pending the review and approval of the above documents by Dr. Strobel.

Barai/McCann, 4/0/0
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye by roll call:
John Strobel, Bharat Barai, Victoria McCann, Michael Busk
The following board members objected: none
The following board members abstained: none

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Anna Lamb, D.O., Initial Application – Positive Response:

Dr. Lamb appeared telephonically and was represented by counsel, David Jose regarding a positive response on her initial application.

On her NPDB report from 2002, it stated she did not physically examine a patient resulting in a misdiagnosis. The patient's wife filed the complaint. Dr. Lamb indicated she did the exam when the wife went to complete registration. The Illinois medical board issued a written reprimand and a \$1,000 fine based upon the NPDP report.

She was terminated in May 2020 in New York. She indicated there were issues between her and the CMO of the Residency Program that she ran. She was terminated without cause.

She is currently with Jasper Hospital where she will run their resident program once she obtains her Indiana license.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE her initial application.

Barai/McCann, 4/0/1, with Dr. Dunniway abstaining
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye by roll call:
Heidi Dunniway, John Strobel, Bharat Barai, Michael Busk, Kirk Masten
The following board members objected: none
The following board members abstained: none

Helen Flippin, M.D., Initial Application – Positive Response

Dr. Flippin appeared telephonically and was not represented by counsel regarding a positive response on her initial application.

This is Dr. Flippin's second appearance. She appeared back in September and her matter was tabled for her to obtain a mentor and a specific detailed plan of training.

Dr. Arthur appeared on her behalf.

Dr. Flippin indicated that Dr. Arthur will be her mentor and her ultimate goal is to get into a residency. She will apply for 2022 residency program match.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE Dr. Flippin's initial application on INDEFINITE PROBATION with terms and conditions.

Masten/Barai, 6/0/0
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye by roll call:
Heidi Dunniway, John Strobel, Bharat Barai, Michael Busk, Kirk Masten, Tory McCann
The following board members objected: none
The following board members abstained: none

Allison Turner, M.D., Initial App – Positive Response:

Dr. Turner appeared telephonically and was not represented by counsel regarding a positive response on her initial application.

Dr. Turner informed the Board that she had difficulty keeping up with her medical records and updating patients' charts.

She made a complaint to Administration indicating the ER practitioners would only speak with patients from nursing homes and they didn't review the patients records so it was putting the patient at risk. This did not go well, as Administration stated she was being intrusive.

She has a contract with Parkview Hospital.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE Dr. Turner's initial application.

Barai/Masten, 6/0/0

Motion carries

The following board members voted aye by roll call:

Heidi Dunniway, John Strobel, Bharat Barai, Michael Busk, Kirk Masten, Tory McCann

The following board members objected: none

The following board members abstained: none

Sharon Ransom, M.D., License No. 01053230A – Renewal Positive Response:

Dr. Ransom appeared telephonically and was not represented by counsel regarding a positive response on her initial application.

Dr. Ransom explained that from 2001 to 2010 she practiced in Indiana. In 2011 she practiced in New Zealand and from 2012 to 2016 she practiced in Ohio.

Her issues were in New Mexico, where she indicated that there was a hostile work environment in the operating room. She requested a review of the hostile work environment and once it was completed the report indicated there was not a hostile work environmental. She was terminated as it was found that she had poor interpersonal relationships.

Her New Mexico license was renewed.

After discussion the Board moved to TABLE Dr. Ransom's renewal for the following documentation: Letters from the previous hospitals where she was employed, Ohio, Northwest Indiana, and Albuquerque NM; NPDB report; AMA report.

Strobel/Barai, 6/0/0

Motion carries

The following board members voted aye by roll call:

Heidi Dunniway, John Strobel, Bharat Barai, Michael Busk, Kirk Masten, Tory McCann,
Rebecca Mueller

The following board members objected: none

The following board members abstained: none

Roger Core, M.D., License No. 01027023A – Inactive to Active Status:

Dr. Core appeared telephonically and was not represented by counsel regarding a request to change from inactive to active status.

Dr. Core indicated that he retired on April 1, 2015, and he would like to reactivate his license so he can prescribe for himself and his family.

Dr. Strobel indicated that this is not really allowed.

Dr. Core requested to WITHDRAW his request to reactivate his license.

After discussion, the Board APPROVED his request to WITHDRAW.

CONSENSUS
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye by roll call:
Heidi Dunniway, John Strobel, Bharat Barai, Michael Busk, Kirk Masten, Tory McCann,
Rebecca Mueller

The following board members objected: none
The following board members abstained: none

Mustafa Zaidi, M.D., Initial Application/Waiver Request – USMLE 3 Attempts Rule

Dr. Zaidi appeared telephonically and was not represented by counsel regarding a request for a waiver of the USMLE three (3) attempts rule.

Sergio Cianci-Chapman, CEO Valle Vista Health Systems appeared on behalf of Dr. Zaidi.

He completed his psychiatric residency in 2009; is Board Certified in Psychiatric; working with the VA Hospital since 2009; no malpractice issues; has an active license in VA.

He is planning on doing psychiatry and addiction medicine.

Mr. Cianci-Chapman indicated that Greenwood is considered an underserved area; specifically, they are underserved in Psychiatrist.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE Dr. Zaidi's request for a WAIVER based upon the fact that his employer appeared; board certified in psychiatric; will work in an underserved area; no malpractice actions.

Mueller/Dunniway, 7/0/0
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye by roll call:
Heidi Dunniway, John Strobel, Bharat Barai, Michael Busk, Kirk Masten, Tory McCann,
Rebecca Mueller

The following board members objected: none
The following board members abstained: none

Eduardo Vilar Gomez, M.D., Initial Application/Waiver Request – License in another state for Fellowship Permit:

Dr. Zaidi appeared telephonically and was not represented by counsel regarding a request for a waiver of a license in another state for a Fellowship Permit.

Dr. Salee, Indiana University appeared on behalf of Dr. Gomez.

He last saw a patient in 2017, since then he has been doing research. His training was completed in Spain and Cuba.

He has received several letters of recommendation.

He will work at Eskenazi Hospital which is in an underserved area. He is a Spanish speaking physician that will specialize in Hepatology at Eskenazi Hospital.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE Dr. Gomez's WAIVER request based upon his employer appearing; underserved area; letters of recommendation; specialty of Hepatology and is Spanish speaking.

Barai/Masten, 7/0/0
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye by roll call:
Heidi Dunniway, John Strobel, Bharat Barai, Michael Busk, Kirk Masten, Tory McCann,
Rebecca Mueller

The following board members objected: none
The following board members abstained: none

Anthony Lebario, M.D., Initial App/Waiver Request – USMLE Three (3) Attempts and Ten(10) Year Rules:

Dr. Lebario appeared telephonically and was not represented by counsel regarding a request for a waiver of the USMLE three (3) attempts and ten (10) year rules.

Dr. Lebario indicated that he is currently licensed in twelve (12) states: OH, NY, IL, MI, CA, CO, ID, KS, MO, MT, UT, WI.

Hi is Board certified and has not had any malpractice actions, nor issues in any of the states he is licensed in. He also submitted letters of recommendation

He will be practicing in Madison, Indiana which is considered underserved.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE Dr. Lebario's WAIVER request based upon the letters of recommendation; multiple state licenses with no action; no malpractice actions; employed in an underserved area.

Masten/Barai, 7/0/0
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye by roll call:
Heidi Dunniway, John Strobel, Bharat Barai, Michael Busk, Kirk Masten, Tory McCann,
Rebecca Mueller

The following board members objected: none
The following board members abstained: none

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

The following administrative hearing(s) were continued:

Jonathon Wade Cavins, M.D., License No. 01064975A, Cause No. 2019 MLB 0008

Darryl Henry, M.D., License No. 01063685A, Cause No. 2019 MLB 0039

Respondent did not appear telephonically and was not represented by counsel regarding an Extension of Summary Suspension scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Erika Steuerwald, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter, Margie Addington with Accurate Reporting Services also appeared telephonically.

The circumstances in this matter have not changed.

After taking official, judicial notice of the pleadings, evidence, and orders in this matter the Board moved to EXTEND the SUMMARY SUSPENSION for NINETY (90) DAYS.

Barai/Masten, 7/0/0
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye by roll call:
Heidi Dunniway, John Strobel, Bharat Barai, Michael Busk, Kirk Masten, Tory McCann,
Rebecca Mueller

The following board members objected: none
The following board members abstained: none

Andrew Peter Angelmeyer, D.O., License No. 02000985A, Cause No. 2011 MLB 0047

Respondent did not appear telephonically and was not represented by counsel regarding a Reinstatement Hearing scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was not represented, and the court reporter sworn in for this matter, Margie Addington with Accurate Reporting Services also appeared telephonically.

Robert Saint, J.D., respondents counsel filed a motion to withdraw petition and vacate hearing.

After taking official, judicial notice of the pleadings, evidence, and orders in this matter the Board moved to APPROVE the Respondent to WITHDRAW his PETITION and VACATE the Hearing.

Strobel/Barai, 7/0/0
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye by roll call:

Heidi Dunniway, John Strobel, Bharat Barai, Michael Busk, Kirk Masten, Tory McCann,
Rebecca Mueller

The following board members objected: none
The following board members abstained: none

Mohammed Asgar, M.D., License No. 01068370A, Cause No. 2016 MLB 0044

Respondent appeared telephonically and was represented by counsel, Barclay Wong regarding a Withdraw of Probation scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Erika Steuerwald, Deputy Attorney General, and the court reporter sworn in for this matter, Margie Addington with Accurate Reporting Services also appeared telephonically.

In August 2017, the Board approved a settlement agreement placing the Respondent's license on Indefinite Probation.

He has since had a practice monitor, Dr. Atif, who indicated there were no issues with Dr. Asgar's practice.

He has complied with his IL license probation and his license in IL has now been restored. He then placed his IL license on inactive status as he isn't going to practice in IL. He complied with his criminal probation, and it was lifted March 9, 2018. He has also paid the \$1,000 file to the Board.

After taking official, judicial notice of the pleadings, evidence, and orders in this matter the Board moved to APPROVE the WITHDRAWAL of PROBATION from the Respondent's license.

Barai/McCann, 7/0/0
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye by roll call:

Heidi Dunniway, John Strobel, Bharat Barai, Michael Busk, Kirk Masten, Tory McCann,
Rebecca Mueller

The following board members objected: none
The following board members abstained: none

Kurt William Froehlich, M.D., License No. 01044834A, Cause No. 2015 MLB 0049

Respondent appeared telephonically and was not represented by counsel regarding a Reinstatement 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, Margie Addington with Accurate Reporting Services also appeared telephonically.

His Ohio license was permanently Revoked due to relationships with two (2) patients.

He has had two (2) complete psychiatric evaluations with Dr. Moe and has been having

his appointments with Dr. Moe via telemedicine. He indicated he will meet with Dr. Moe every two (2) weeks once he reenters practice.

He indicated he has paid his \$3,000 Fine with the Board and completed the fifty (50) hours of continuing education.

He is currently looking at attending the Drexel reentry program.

The Board indicated to him the want him to return with a real reentry plan on paper with very specific details of how it will work. The Board also requested an Astatic 99R evaluation, which can be completed by Dr. Moe.

After taking official, judicial notice of the pleadings, evidence, and orders in this matter the Board moved to DENY the Respondent's request to Reinstate.

Barai/Masten, 7/0/0
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye by roll call:
Heidi Dunniway, John Strobel, Bharat Barai, Michael Busk, Kirk Masten, Tory McCann,
Rebecca Mueller

The following board members objected: none
The following board members abstained: none

Ossama Fouad Abdellatif, M.D., License No. 01063982A, Cause No. 2019 MLB 0025

Respondent appeared telephonically and was represented by counsel, Lillian Walanka regarding a Final Hearing/Complaint/Summary Suspension Extension 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, Margie Addington with Accurate Reporting Services also appeared telephonically.

A settlement agreement between the Respondent, his counsel and the Attorney General's Office was presented to the Board. The settlement agreement included INDEFINITE SUSPENSION and EXTENSION OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION FOR NINETY (90) DAYS.

After reviewing the proposed settlement agreement and taking official, judicial notice of the pleadings, evidence, and orders in this matter the Board moved to APPROVE the SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT.

Masten Barai, 7/0/0
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye by roll call:
Heidi Dunniway, John Strobel, Bharat Barai, Michael Busk, Kirk Masten, Tory McCann,
Rebecca Mueller

The following board members objected: none
The following board members abstained: none

Vinson Michael DiSanto, D.O., License No. 02001789A, Cause No. 2019 MLB 0026

Respondent did not appear telephonically and was not represented by counsel regarding a Final Hearing/Complaint scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Nick Hart, Deputy Attorney General, and the court reporter sworn in for this matter, Margie Addington with Accurate Reporting Services also appeared telephonically.

A settlement agreement between the Respondent and the Attorney General's Office was presented to the Board. The settlement Agreement included INDEFINITE PROBATION with Terms and Conditions and a \$1,000 FINE.

After reviewing the proposed settlement agreement and taking official, judicial notice of the pleadings, evidence, and orders in this matter the Board moved to APPROVE the SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT.

Barai/McCann, 7/0/0
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye by roll call:
Heidi Dunniway, John Strobel, Bharat Barai, Michael Busk, Kirk Masten, Tory McCann,
Rebecca Mueller

The following board members objected: none
The following board members abstained: none

Mohammed Amjad Ringinwala, M.D., No License, Cause No. 2020 MLB 0001

Respondent appeared telephonically and was not represented by counsel regarding an Appeal of Denial of his Initial Application scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was not represented, and the court reporter sworn in for this matter, Margie Addington with Accurate Reporting Services also appeared telephonically.

Respondent indicated he took Step 2 of the UMLE more than three times, and he attended UTESA university which is on the Board's list of denied medical schools.

He indicated he is Board certified in internal medicine, he is ECFMG certified, and he passed the other steps of the USMLE within the allotted time.

His license was denied by the Board in 2019 as he was scheduled for five (5) personal appearances and did not show for any of them.

He has been practicing in Michigan for the past fourteen (14) years. He will be in St. Joe County which is underserved.

After taking official, judicial notice of the pleadings, evidence, and orders in this matter the Board moved to APPROVE the Appeal, thus approving the Respondents initial application.

Barai/Mueller, 6/1/0
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye by roll call:

Heidi Dunniway, John Strobel, Bharat Barai, Michael Busk, Tory McCann, Rebecca Mueller

The following board members objected: Kirk Masten

The following board members abstained: none

Frank Lyn Spendal, M.D., License No. 01038276A, Cause No. 2020 MLB 0027

Respondent did not appear telephonically and was not represented by counsel regarding a Proposed Settlement Agreement scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Erika Steuerwald, Deputy Attorney General, and the court reporter sworn in for this matter, Margie Addington with Accurate Reporting Services also appeared telephonically.

A proposed settlement agreement between the Respondent, and the Attorney General's Office was presented to the Board. The proposed settlement agreement included SUMMARY SUSPENSION from December 3, 2020 to March 3, 2021 with the final hearing scheduled for February 25, 2021.

After reviewing the proposed settlement agreement and taking official, judicial notice of the pleadings, evidence, and orders in this matter the Board moved to APPROVE the SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT.

Barai/Dunniway, 7/0/0
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye by roll call:

Heidi Dunniway, John Strobel, Bharat Barai, Michael Busk, Kirk Masten, Tory McCann,
Rebecca Mueller

The following board members objected: none

The following board members abstained: none

DISCUSSION

Participating Members: John Strobel, M.D., Michael Busk, M.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Kirk Masten, D.O., Heidi Dunniway, M.D., Tory McCann, J.D., Rebecca Mueller, M.D.,

E-Prescribing Committee:

Laura Turner, J.D., Board Director informed the Board the e-prescribing rule goes into

effect January 1, 2021. There are seven (7) types of prescribers required to obtain a waiver if they are not able to e-prescribe. The e-waiver will expire when their license expires. There is not a fee to renew.

Sexual Misconduct Cases:

The Boar requested that Candice Backer and Anne Kelley join this discussion. Candace informed the Board that many programs do not monitor sexual misconduct as they don't have the resources or expertise in the matter. She also indicated that during an intake if they find out the practitioner has issues with sexual misconduct, they are required to report to us, or their case will be closed and ISMA will then report the issue to the Board.

The following do have sexual misconduct monitoring:

- Pine Grove
- Professional Renewal
- Acumen
- Affiliated Monitors – Beth Compton runs this program

The Board thanked Candace and Anne for their information.

Masooma Saeed, M.D., License Renewal:

Dr. Saeed is wanting to renew his license. He was issued in 1998, then went to Pakistan and practiced there until 2019, when he returned to the United States. He appeared and the Board required him to go to a refresher program. At this time due to covid-19 none are being offered.

Dr. Dunniway suggested American Society of Anesthesia (ASA) they have online courses and dyadic courses.

There being no further business the Board adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

John Strobel, M.D., President

Kirk Masten, D.O., Vice President