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Board Members Present: Maroulla S. Gleaton, M.D., Chair (excused 10:50 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.); Christopher R. Ross, P.A., Secretary; Holly Fanjoy, M.D.; Renee Fay-Leblanc, M.D.; Frederick Goggans, M.D.; Gregory Jamison, RPh, Public Member; Noah Nesin, M.D.; Brad E. Waddell, M.D.; and Lynne M. Weinstein, Public Member

Board Members Absent: Noel Genova, P.A.

Board Staff Present: Dennis E. Smith, Executive Director; Timothy E. Terranova, Assistant Executive Director; Kenji Saito, M.D., Medical Director; Julie Best, Complaint Coordinator; Savannah Okoronkwo, Consumer Assistance Specialist; Maureen S. Lathrop, Administrative Assistant; Tracy Morrison, Licensing Specialist and Lisa Reny, Licensing Specialist.

Attorney General’s Office Staff Present: Michael Miller, Assistant Attorney General and Lisa Wilson, Assistant Attorney General

The Board met in public session except during the times listed below which were held in executive session. Executive sessions are held to consider matters which, under statute, are confidential (*e.g.*, 1 M.R.S. § 405; 10 M.R.S. § 8003-B; 22 M.R.S. § 1711-C; 24 M.R.S. § 2510; 32 M.R.S. § 3282-A). The Board moved, seconded, and voted the following executive session times. During the public session of the meeting, actions were taken on all matters discussed during executive session. In addition, though not required by law, the meeting was made virtually available to the public not attending the meeting in person using the platform Zoom. A link for the public to access the Board meeting virtually was included on the Board’s agenda and posted on its website.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

PURPOSE

11:14 a.m. – 11:59 a.m.

Pursuant to 1 M.R.S. 405(6)(F) to discuss confidential information

RECESSES

8:56 a.m. – 9:08 a.m.

Recess

10:59 a.m. – 11:12 a.m.

Recess

12:15 p.m. – 12:33 p.m.

Lunch

1:00 p.m. – 1:17 p.m.

Recess

2:08 p.m. – 2:19 p.m. Recess

3:26 p.m. – 3:36 p.m. Recess

I. Call to Order

Dr. Gleaton called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.

A. Introduction of New Staff Member

Mr. Smith introduced Lisa Reny the newly hired Licensing Specialist.

B. Amendments to Agenda

Mr. Ross moved to amend a First Amendment to Consent Agreement onto the agenda for ratification. Dr. Fay-Leblanc seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

C. Scheduled Agenda Items

1. 1:00 p.m. Continuation of Adjudicatory Hearing – Elmer H. Lommler, M.D.
(Appeal of Denial of Application for Renewal)

II. Licensing

A. Applications for Individual Consideration

1. Initial Applications

a. Daniel Shubert, M.D.

Mr. Ross moved to approve Dr. Shubert’s license application. Ms. Weinstein seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

b. Naveed Alam, M.D.

Mr. Ross moved to preliminarily deny Dr. Alam’s license application with leave to withdraw. Dr. Goggans seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

c. Sarajane Yolowitz, M.D.

Mr. Ross moved to offer Dr. Yolowitz the options to provide a reentry to practice plan, accept an administrative license, or withdraw her application for licensure, and to preliminarily deny her license application if she does not accept any of the options. Dr. Waddell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

d. Hisashi Tsukada, M.D.

Dr. Waddell moved to approve Dr. Tsukada's request for a waiver of post graduate training requirements and approve his license application. Mr. Ross seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

e. Naghmeh Isfahanian, M.D.

Dr. Waddell moved to approve Dr. Isfahanian's license application. Dr. Fay-Leblanc seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

2. Reinstatement Applications

a. Eliot J. Smith, M.D.

Dr. Nesin moved to approve Dr. Smith's license reinstatement application. Ms. Weinstein seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

b. Jason M. Aines, M.D.

Dr. Fanjoy moved to table the license reinstatement application, obtain an expert review of a medical malpractice case, and request that the physician respond to the Board and explain what he learned from the case and how he has changed his practice as a result. Dr. Fay-Leblanc seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

3. Renewal Applications

a. John Griffin, M.D.

Dr. Waddell moved to issue a citation to Dr. Griffin for failure to report disciplinary action within ten days and allow him to withdraw his application upon payment, offer a consent agreement that mirrors the restrictions in Massachusetts, and to preliminarily deny his license renewal application if he does not accept either option. Mr. Ross seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

b. Susan Paul, M.D.

The matter was tabled to be discussed following another matter later in the meeting.

c. Thomas Roesch, M.D.

Dr. Fanjoy moved to approve Dr Roesch's license renewal application. Mr. Ross seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

4. **Requests to Convert to Active Status (none)**
5. **Requests to Withdraw License/License Application (none)**
6. **Requests for Collaborative/Practice Agreements**

- a. **Clare Loxterkamp, P.A.**

Mr. Ross moved to approve Ms. Loxterkamp's practice agreement. Dr. Fay-Leblanc seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

- b. **Angela Coton, P.A.**

Dr. Goggans moved to approve Ms. Coton's practice agreement contingent upon her agreement to remove ENT procedures from the practice agreement. Dr. Waddell seconded the motion, which passed 8-0-0-1. Mr. Ross was recused from the matter and left the room.

- c. **Lindsay Paradis, P.A.**

Dr. Nesin moved to approve Ms. Paradis' practice agreement. Mr. Ross seconded the motion, which passed 8-1.

- B. Other Items for Discussion (none)**
- C. Citations and Administrative Fines (none)**
- D. Licensing Status Report [Appendix A]**

This material was presented for informational purposes. No Board action was required.

III. Board Orders/Consent Agreements/Resolution Documents for Review

- A. CR19-12 Amanda E. Buzzell, P.A. [Appendix B]**

Mr. Ross moved to approve the signed first amendment to consent agreement. Ms. Weinstein seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

IV. Complaints

- 1. CR20-208**

Dr. Nesin moved to set the matter for an informal conference. Dr. Goggans seconded the motion. Upon further discussion, Dr. Nesin withdrew the motion.

Dr. Nesin moved to deny the physician's request for an informal conference. Ms. Weinstein seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

2. CR21-59

Dr. Fay-Leblanc moved to dismiss the complaint. Dr. Waddell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

MOTION: This is a case where a patient experienced an anaphylactic reaction during an interventional radiology procedure. The complaint was regarding the dosage of epinephrine and the route of administration (using a central line). The Board had the case reviewed and the reviewer felt that the situation was handled appropriately, and the provider followed the standard of care.

3. CR21-121

Mr. Ross moved to dismiss the complaint. Dr. Nesin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

MOTION: The patient complains that the physician failed to manage her pain appropriately and refer her outside of the health system for follow up. The physician responded that the patient presented to the emergency room with complaint of neck pain for four years. The patient was evaluated and treated appropriately. Review of the records revealed that the patient received reasonable care.

4. CR21-122

Mr. Ross moved to dismiss the complaint. Dr. Nesin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

MOTION: The patient complains that the physician did not provide appropriate care and treatment when he dismissed and failed to document her concerns, failed to provide her medical records, and violated her patient rights. The physician responded that he reviewed her studies from 2017 and the recent MRI and offered what he thought was appropriate care of her symptoms. Review of the records revealed that the patient received reasonable care.

5. CR21-127

Mr. Ross moved to dismiss the complaint. Ms. Weinstein seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

MOTION: The licensee is the patient's primary care provider. The complainant complains that her rights as a patient were violated. She feels that she has been labeled as "psychosomatic" and that her physical complaints have not been adequately addressed.

She disagreed with the provider's care plan which was carefully explained in the clinic notes. She was also unhappy that her gender was misstated on a Holter monitor report. This error occurred, however, at the organization who did the Holter monitor, not the primary care provider or her office.

Review of the records shows thorough and reasonable care.

6. CR21-142

Dr. Waddell moved to investigate further and obtain an expert review. Dr. Nesin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

7. CR21-72

Dr. Waddell moved to offer a consent agreement requiring the physician to: attend the PACE Professional Boundaries course (or equivalent course approved by the case reporter) within six months, drop excess administrative roles, and engage in a mentoring plan for at least one year with quarterly reports to the Board. In the event a consent agreement is not entered into, the matter will be set for an adjudicatory hearing. Dr. Fanjoy seconded the motion, which passed 7-0-0-2. Dr. Gleaton and Mr. Ross were recused from the matter and left the room.

8. CR21-106

Dr. Fay-Leblanc moved to approve the letter of guidance. Dr. Waddell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 10:27a.m. AAG Miller requested that the Board revisit this complaint to clarify the action taken. Dr. Fay-Leblanc stated that a letter from the physician was inadvertently omitted from the Board's review material in March when it reviewed and approved a draft letter of guidance. The letter was provided for Board review this month. Notwithstanding the letter, the Board voted to approve and issue the letter of guidance.

9. CR21-211

Dr. Gleaton moved to request that the physician arrange coverage for the patient. Ms. Weinstein seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

10. CR21-81

Dr. Nesin moved to table the matter and refer information to the Pharmacy Board. Dr. Fay-Leblanc seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

11. CR21-86 Todd M. Michaelis, M.D.

Ms. Weinstein moved to dismiss the complaint with a letter of guidance. Dr. Fay-Leblanc seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

MOTION: The complaint was filed by a patient who felt the physician dismissed his health concerns and failed to refer him to a specialist for care. The physician responded to the complaint, explained his care and treatment, and stated in retrospect that he may have been more focused on establishing an acute plan for the patient rather than fully appreciating the patient's desire for a referral for specialty care.

The guidance is as follows: Good physician-patient communication is vital to establishing and maintaining a therapeutic relationship. When interacting with patients be mindful of the importance of actively listening to a patient's concerns and understanding and appreciating a patient's objective during an office visit. Establish and maintain eye contact with the patient and acknowledge the patient's concerns. As outlined in the enclosed guidelines for "Communicating with Patients," these aspects of communication, combined with active listening, convey empathy and will enhance your practice and may preclude similar future complaints.

12. CR21-102

Dr. Fanjoy moved to dismiss the complaint. Mr. Ross seconded the motion, which passed 8-0-0-1. Dr. Goggans was recused from the matter and left the room.

MOTION: A patient with a history of paranoid schizophrenia alleges that the licensee made false claims and discriminated against him in treatment of his mental health condition. The patient was admitted to a psychiatric facility after making suicidal and homicidal statements and demonstrating signs of acute psychosis with paranoid and delusional behavior. The patient claims that the licensee lied under oath at his commitment hearing. The patient also alleges that the licensee made several false claims regarding his behavior that led to his involuntary psychiatric admission as well as his noncompliance with treatment during this admission. Numerous records were provided that substantiate the patient's acute decompensation of his psychiatric disease and the appropriate treatment of inpatient psychiatric admission on an involuntary basis. These records attest to his unstable psychiatric condition and subsequent need for inpatient treatment for the patient's safety and the safety of others. The medical care rendered by the licensee was felt to be appropriate.

13. CR21-113

Dr. Fay-Leblanc moved to dismiss the complaint. Mr. Ross seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

MOTION: The patient identified active problems on the patient portal and requested they be removed, the patient reports the diagnoses are not correct, and the patient

reports the provider refused to change her medical records and accused her of falsifying symptoms. Review of the record indicates the standard of care was provided. Communication was an issue in this case. The provider recognized that and tried to meet with the patient to discuss her concerns, but the patient declined preferring portal communications.

14. CR21-114

Mr. Ross moved to table the matter. Dr. Nesin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

15. CR21-87 Anna P. Chavez, P.A.

Mr. Ross moved to dismiss the complaint with a letter of guidance. Dr. Fanjoy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

MOTION: The complaint was filed by a patient who was concerned about an examination that the physician assistant performed of an area on which he had recent surgery and about her prescribing of antibiotics. The physician assistant responded to the complaint and explained her medical decision making.

The guidance is as follows: In the future, when a patient presents to you with complaints related to recent surgeries or procedures performed by other medical specialists, you should contact and consult with the medical specialist who performed the procedure prior to conducting the type of examination that you performed in this case. In addition, you should review current guidelines for prescribing antibiotics.

16. CR21-124 Michael L. Noble, M.D.

Dr. Nesin moved to dismiss the complaint with a letter of guidance. Ms. Weinstein seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

MOTION: The complaint was filed by a patient regarding the physician's alleged failure to appropriately consider all of the factors related to unexpected drug screen results, which led him to discontinue his prescribing of controlled substances to the patient. The physician responded to the complaint and explained his treatment and medical decision making.

The guidance is as follows: Issuing prescriptions for controlled substances in multiples of 7 days will reduce confusion regarding the correct date due for refill. You should consider using the prescription monitoring program (PMP) report to determine the date that a prescription was last filled (dispensed to a patient) to help determine a patient's likely last date of dose, which may impact medical decision making when evaluating the results of urine drug screens. In addition, you should be mindful of the limitations of point of care urine drug screen testing and ensure that you communicate clearly and compassionately with patients regarding these issues.

17. CR21-162

Mr. Ross moved to dismiss the complaint. Dr. Goggans seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

MOTION: The complaint alleges that the licensee failed to appropriately treat the complainant and negligently discontinued medications, which resulted in extreme illness and exacerbated medical conditions; and neglected to treat the complainant for concerns of uncontrollable muscle movements, which were experienced for approximately two years.

The licensee responded by explaining the complainant's primary diagnosis and the various pharmacologic therapies used to treat it, which had to be changed several times due to side effects, including involuntary muscle movements.

Review of the medical records demonstrates reasonable medical decision making and pharmacological treatment of a complex medical condition.

18. CR22-6

Mr. Jamison moved to dismiss the complaint. Dr. Waddell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

MOTION: A patient housed in a state facility complains about his care from this physician regarding his medication, diagnosis and referrals. Additionally, the patient complains of COVID symptoms and testing positive. He explains his age, his underlying conditions and being unvaccinated. Review of the records determine appropriate care and treatment was provided.

19. CR22-13

Ms. Weinstein moved to dismiss the complaint. Mr. Ross seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

MOTION: A patient complains about the medical care he received by his treating physician who provides medical care within Maine's Department of Corrections. The patient complains of unexplained weight loss, significant laboratory abnormalities and macroscopic with microscopic hematuria. Review of the records do not substantiate the patient's allegations but do reveal reasonable care. Once protocols are followed, patient medical records are released, and the patient is fully aware of how to proceed to obtain his records.

20. CR21-151

Ms. Weinstein moved to accept the physician's permanent surrender of license while under investigation and close the complaint. Mr. Ross seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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V. Assessment and Direction

23. AD21-222

Dr. Nesin moved to issue a complaint (**CR22-81**). Dr. Waddell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Dr. Gleaton was not present.

24. AD22-39

Ms. Weinstein moved to issue a complaint (**CR22-82**) and obtain an expert review. Dr. Goggans seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Dr. Gleaton was not present.

25. AD22-48

Ms. Weinstein moved to issue a complaint (**CR22-83**) and order the physician to undergo a psychiatric and substance misuse evaluation pursuant to 32 M.R.S. § 3286. Dr. Fanjoy seconded the motion, which passed 6-0-0-1. Dr. Nesin was recused from the matter and left the room. Dr. Gleaton was not present.

26. Intentionally left blank

27. Pending Adjudicatory Hearings and Informal Conferences Report

This material was presented for informational purposes. No Board action was required.

28. Consumer Assistance Specialist Feedback (none)

VI. Informal Conference (none)

VII. Minutes for Approval

A. March 8, 2022

Dr. Nesin moved to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2022 meeting. Dr. Goggans seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Dr. Gleaton was not present.

VIII. Consent Agreement Monitoring

A. Monitoring Reports

1. Jarrod Ryan Daniel, M.D.

At 11:14 p.m. Ms. Weinstein moved to enter executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S. 405(6)(F) to discuss confidential information. Dr. Fanjoy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Dr. Gleaton was not present.

At 11:59 p.m. Mr. Ross moved to come out of executive session. Ms. Weinstein seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Dr. Gleaton moved to communicate to Dr. Daniel the requirements he must meet to return to an active license. Dr. Fay-Leblanc seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

2. Amanda E. Buzzell, P.A.

Dr. Waddell moved to issue a complaint, order Ms. Buzzell to undergo an evaluation pursuant to 32 M.R.S. § 3286, request charts from the past six months for review, and contact her mentors for additional information. Mr. Ross seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

3. Arthur Blake, M.D.

The Board reviewed the information presented. No action was taken. Dr. Nesin was recused from the matter and left the room.

4. David Austin, M.D.

The Board reviewed the information presented. The Board accepted the physician's permanent surrender of license in connection with another matter. No further action was taken.

5. Susan Paul, M.D.

The Board reviewed the information presented. Mr. Ross moved to approve Dr. Paul's license renewal application. Dr. Fay-Leblanc seconded the motion, which passed 8-0-0-1. Dr. Nesin was recused and left the room.

6. Bart DeCristoforo, P.A.

This material was presented for informational purposes. No Board action was required.

7. Donald B. Shea, M.D.

Mr. Ross moved to approve Dr. Shea's request to add an additional pharmacy where he may fill opioid prescriptions with all other provisions of his pain protocol to remain unchanged. Ms. Weinstein seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

IX. Continuation of Adjudicatory Hearing 1:00 p.m.

A. Elmer H. Lommler, M.D. (Appeal of Denial of Application for Renewal)

Rebekah J. Smith, Esq., Hearing Officer, convened the hearing at 1:17 p.m.

Dr. Lommler was present and represented by Daniel McCue, Esq. AAG Lisa Wilson represented the state.

Following deliberation, the Board made the following motions:

Allegation I.

Dr. Waddell moved that the preponderance of evidence showed that Dr. Lommler failed to comply with an order or consent agreement of the Board, specifically by failing to demonstrate that he has implemented all of the recommendations of the pharmacological evaluation performed by Thaddeus T. Shattuck M.D. Dr. Nesin seconded the motion, which passed 8-1.

Allegation II.

Dr. Waddell moved that the preponderance of evidence showed that Dr. Lommler failed to comply with an order or consent agreement of the Board, specifically by failing to either join a group practice or partner with a physician with sufficient administrative and clinical support (subject to Board approval and submission of monitoring reports) by September 12, 2021. Mr. Ross seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Allegation III.

Dr. Waddell moved that the preponderance of evidence showed that Dr. Lommler failed to comply with an order or consent agreement of the Board, specifically by failing to close his current practice and convert his license to emeritus license on September 12, 2021 after failing to join a group practice or partner with a physician with sufficient administrative and clinical support (subject to Board approval and the submission of monitoring reports). Dr. Nesin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Dr. Gleaton moved to issue a warning and impose a ten-year probation with conditions, with Board review after five years. Mr. Ross seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Dr. Nesin moved to renew Dr. Lommler's license with the suspension to be lifted once the terms of probation are in place. Mr. Ross seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The hearing adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

X. Remarks of Chair

Dr. Gleaton noted that several Board and staff members will attend the Federation of State Medical Boards Annual Meeting later this month.

XI. Remarks of Executive Director

A. Requests for Reconsideration by Licensee/Attorneys Regarding Board Decisions: Should There be a Standard

The Board directed staff to develop a protocol for review.

B. Revision of Citation Assessments: What Amount?

Following discussion of current citation amounts contained in Chapters 1, 2, and 4 rules, the Board directed staff to prepare draft changes doubling the current amounts.

XII. Assistant Executive Director's Report

Mr. Terranova reported that staff plans to conduct interviews to fill the investigative secretary position within the next week.

Mr. Terranova informed the Board that as part of the AMA PTI meeting, the International Conference on Physician Health will be held this fall. He suggested that as the Board continues to explore the issue of physician/physician assistant health and wellness it may wish to send a member of the Board and staff to the conference. Dr. Gleaton and Ms. Weinstein expressed interest in attending.

A. Complaint Status Report

As of April 1, 2022, there are one hundred twenty-four complaints outstanding. Twenty-three complaints were opened during the month of March and thirteen were closed.

B. Licensing Feedback (none)

- XIII. Medical Director's Report (none)**
- XIV. Remarks of Assistant Attorney General (none)**
- XV. Rulemaking (none)**
- XVI. Policy Review (none)**
- XVII. Requests for Guidance (none)**
- XVIII. Board Correspondence (none)**
- XIX. FSMB Material (none)**
- XX. FYI**

This material was presented for informational purposes. No Board action was required.

- XXI. Other Business (none)**

- XXII. Adjournment 4:39 p.m.**

At 4:39 p.m. Ms. Weinstein moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Ross seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen S Lathrop

Maureen S. Lathrop
Administrative Assistant

Dear Mr. Smith,

In accordance with the “Board Member Remote Participation Policy” adopted by the Board on August 10, 2021, I am directing that the May 10, 2022 meeting of the Board be conducted virtually through exclusively remote participation pursuant to Section 2(A) of that policy. In support of this directive, I have determined that, based on the following circumstances, there exists an emergency or urgent issue which, pursuant to the policy, requires the Board to meet by entirely remote methods on May 10, 2022:

1. The Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services first proclaimed on January 31, 2020, and most recently renewed on April 16, 2022, the nationwide public health emergency (PHE) due to the continued consequences of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic. (<https://aspr.hhs.gov/legal/PHE/Pages/COVID19-12Apr2022.aspx>)
2. The Commissioner of the Maine Department of Health and Human Services declared on July 1, 2021 a health emergency due to the continued consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic, which shall remain in effect through the duration of the PHE declared by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. (<https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/sites/maine.gov.dhhs/files/inline-files/Public%20Health%20Emergency%20Declaration%206-30-21.pdf>)
3. The acting Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services wrote a letter to all Governors on January 22, 2021 stating, “To assure you of our commitment to the ongoing response, we have determined that the PHE will likely remain in place for the entirety of 2021, and when a decision is made to terminate the declaration or let it expire, HHS will provide states with 60 days' notice prior to its termination.” (<https://ccf.georgetown.edu/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Public-Health-Emergency-Message-to-Governors.pdf>)
4. Efforts to combat the pandemic continue in Maine where, as of May 3, 2022, 247,069 residents have been infected (179,034 confirmed and 68,035 probable), 4,743 residents have been hospitalized with the virus, and 2,291 people have died from the virus since January 2020. (<https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/infectious-disease/epi/airborne/coronavirus/data.shtml>)
5. As of May 3, 2022, the number of new COVID-19 infections in the State of Maine as confirmed by testing brings the seven-day average of new cases in the State to 619.16; the number of new cases (confirmed and probable) statewide is 3,715; the number of current hospitalizations is 150 (with 29 in critical care); the number of validated vaccine breakthrough cases is 82,544; the total number of deaths is 2,291. (<https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/infectious-disease/epi/airborne/coronavirus/data.shtml>)

6. Viruses like SARS-CoV-2 continuously evolve. The Omicron variant of SARS-CoV-2 (including B.1.1.529, BA.1, BA.1.1, BA.2, BA.3, BA.4 and BA.5 lineages) is currently classified as a Variant of Concern. As of May 3, 2022, the Omicron variant represents 100 percent of all sequenced samples collected in Maine.
7. As of May 3, 2022, 11 of Maine's counties are in the “low”, 4 counties (Franklin, Knox, Lincoln & Sagadahoc) are in the “medium” and 1 county (Aroostook) is in the “high” transmission category as defined by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
8. On May 4, 2022, the Federation of State Medical Boards (“FSMB”) issued a notification that a number of attendees at the FSMB’s annual meeting, which was held in New Orleans, Louisiana between April 27-30, 2022, “reported positive COVID-19 tests upon return to their homes.” The FSMB notification also urged attendees to “exercise diligence, monitor your own health, and take precautionary measures as may be appropriate.” Three members of the Board and three members of the Board staff attended the FSMB meeting and at times were in close contact with one another.
9. On May 5, 2022, a member of the Board staff who attended the FSMB meeting tested positive for COVID-19 and was in the Board office for eight hours with other staff on May 3, 2022.
10. An in-person meeting of the Board is foreseeably likely to result in an increased risk of exposure to the COVID-19 virus, which has an incubation period of 2-14 days before the onset of symptoms, including members of the Board, its staff, licensees, and members of the public.
11. Conducting an in-person Board meeting on May 10, 2022 is not practicable due to the widespread rise in COVID-19 infections and the potential exposure to the COVID-19 virus to Board members, Board staff and to members of the public. Therefore, I have determined that there is an emergency such that the May 10, 2022 Board meeting shall be held entirely remotely as the best way to protect the safety and wellbeing of the members of the Board, its staff, licensees, and members of the public.

There will be no physical location where members of the public may attend this meeting. The Board will continue to provide members of the public a meaningful opportunity to attend the meeting remotely via Zoom as it has successfully done since April of 2020. Please post this determination to the Board website and update the agenda to include the Zoom information as soon as possible.

Maroulla S Gleaton, MD
Chair Maine Board of Licensure in Medicine

BOARD OF LICENSURE IN MEDICINE

DATE: APRIL 1, 2022
TO: BOARD MEMBERS
CC:
FROM: TIMOTHY TERRANOVA
RE: LICENSING STATUS REPORT AND LISTS

The following information is included:

- A summary of all new licenses granted in March 2022 by license type (114);
- A list of all individuals granted a new license in March 2022;
- A summary of all pending applications by license type (368);
- A list of online vs. paper renewals in March 2022 by license type (92.68%);
- The number of licenses expired March 31, 2022 (50);
- The number of licenses lapsed for date December 31, 2021 (35); and
- The list of licenses withdrawn in March 2022 (6).

In addition, the overall licensing statistics include:

- The number of active MD licenses (not including EC) on April 1, 2022 (7,187);
- The number of active MD licenses with a Maine address (not including EC) on April 1, 2022 (3,718);
- The number of active PA licenses on April 1, 2022 (1,081);
- The number of active PA licenses with a Maine address on April 1, 2022 (971); and
- The number of licenses pending renewal on April 1, 2022 (47).

We look forward to your feedback.

SELECTION FILE SUMMARY
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BOARD OF LICENSURE IN MEDICINE

Selection File Name: MONTHLY-ISSUED

SUMMARY BY LICENSE PREFIX

EC - TEMPORARY EDUCATIONAL CERTIFICATE		
A - Active	1	
SUBTOTAL:	1	
EL - EMERGENCY 100-DAY LICENSE		
A - Active	3	
SUBTOTAL:	3	
MD - MEDICAL DOCTOR		
A - Active	93	
SUBTOTAL:	93	
PA - PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT		
A - Active	16	
SUBTOTAL:	16	
TM - TELEMEDICINE		
A - Active	1	
SUBTOTAL:	1	

SUMMARY BY LICENSE STATUS

A - Active	114	
TOTAL ALL LICENSES:	114	

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Selection File: MONTHLY-ISSUED

MD25957 - ABDU MOHAMED ABDALLAH AHMED, MD

MD25866 - KAREEM IRSHAD SHAIKH AHMAD, MD

PA2334 - LOLA LOUISE AMDAHL, PA

MD25800 - INGRID WOELFL ANTALL, MD

MD25766 - AJIBOLA ABIDEMI BABATUNDE, MD

MD25775 - MEREDITH ANNE BAKER, MD

MD25813 - MATTHEW JAMES BARMMER, MD

PA2326 - JUAN BAXTER, PA

MD25902 - MARK THOMAS BEHNAM, MD

MD25519 - ROSS S. BERKOWITZ, MD

MD25940 - ROBERT EDWARD BILBAO, MD

PA2323 - CAITLIN BOSSE, PA

PA2324 - MASON BOSSE, PA

PA2314 - MICHELLE DANIELLE BOUTIN, PA

EC221002 - GARRETT SCOTT BOWEN, MD

MD25681 - DOUGLAS EVAN BRANDOFF, MD

MD25849 - JENNIFER ANN BROWN, MD

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PA2305 - SHAHIN PEIRCE CARTER, PA

MD25938 - NAZRUL CHOWDHURY, MD

MD25792 - TRISSY MINESHIMA CHUN, MD

PA2306 - JUSTIN ROBERT CLAIRE, PA

MD25884 - DAVID B. COLEMAN, MD

EL221010 - WILLIAM GERARD COSTELLO, MD

MD25476 - WILLIAM GERARD COSTELLO, MD

PA2311 - SUSAN COYNE, PA

MD25958 - BRIAN LEE CRENSHAW, MD

MD25701 - LISA MICHELLE CZANKO, MD

MD25691 - JASON THOMAS DAUME, MD

MD25852 - WILLETTE DAVIS, MD

PA2327 - JERRY DONALD DAY JR, PA

MD25873 - CHRIS TARA B. DELOS REYES, MD

MD25780 - DANIEL BAHR DESIDERIO, MD

EL221009 - TERESA VICTORIA DOMBEK-LANG, MD

MD25674 - PATRICIA XIMENA ESCALER, MD

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MD25939 - NASHAT FAHMY FANOS, MD

MD25474 - JOSHUA S. FENTON, MD

PA2331 - NICOLAS ROBERT FENTON, PA

MD25814 - RACHEL ANN FREEDMAN, MD

MD25895 - CHARA CHINYERE FREEMAN, MD

MD25799 - KEN MASUI FUJIMURA, MD

MD25937 - ELLEN MARIE GALLANT, MD

MD25962 - BRENT WESLEY GALLOWAY JR, MD

MD25438 - ROBIN MELISSA GWALTNEY, MD

MD24839 - DAPHNE HAAS-KOGAN, MD

TM25830 - ANAS HANNOUN, MD

MD25959 - TIFFANY MARIE HENDRICKS, MD

MD25890 - MARYAM HOSSEINI, MD

MD25735 - JEFFREY MATTHEW HOWARD, MD

MD25871 - KAREN S-HON HSU BLATMAN, MD

MD25388 - BENJAMIN STUART HUNEYCUTT, MD

MD25811 - CARRIE REBECCA HYDE, MD

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MD25839 - JOHN IBARRA, MD

PA2322 - SAMANTHA ISABELLA, PA

MD25837 - WYNN K. JACKSON, MD

MD25847 - SHARONE LYNN JENSEN, MD

MD25327 - JESSICA JETTE-TARUMI, MD

MD25848 - BARBARA C. JOBST, MD

MD25966 - KATHLEEN T. JORDAN, MD

MD25965 - MOLLIE KANE, MD

MD25845 - JAMES JOONSEOK KIM, MD

MD25721 - DANIEL BRUCE KRAMER, MD

PA2316 - MARYKATE KUBLER, PA

MD25737 - KEITH RICHARD LAGNESE, MD

MD25851 - AUDREY ANN LANCE, MD

MD25963 - DEANNA JOY LARSON, MD

MD25909 - CHESTER GREGORY LASKOWSKI, MD

MD25912 - BRANDON MICHAEL LEWKO, MD

MD25872 - FRANCES B. LIM-LIBERTY, MD

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MD25809 - JUDITH CHING LIN, MD

MD25941 - CHRISTOPHER JAMES LINDSHIELD, MD

MD25594 - STEPHENIE RAE LONG, MD

MD25702 - MARK ANDREW LYERLY, MD

MD25668 - JOSEPH D. MACK, MD

MD25867 - NEETHA GHEJJI MARTENS, MD

MD25742 - LILA M. MARTIN, MD

PA2317 - SARA JEANNE MCDOLE, PA

MD25805 - CAREY WILSON MCKAIN, MD

MD25680 - ANNA G. MEADER, MD

PA2256 - NICOLE SEDA MEREGIAN, PA

MD25964 - VYACHESLAV MIKHEYEV, MD

MD25520 - TIMOTHY ANDREW MITCHELL, MD

MD25657 - FRANCIS JOSEPH MORRISON, MD

EL221007 - SHIVANI MYER, MD

MD25761 - SHIVANI MYER, MD

MD25859 - JOSEPH PETER SHAHEEN NALE, MD

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PA2263 - JEFFREY MICHAEL NEARY, PA

MD23592 - ULF NEISIUS, MD

MD25928 - DOUGLAS TAYLOR NELSEN, MD

MD25738 - ANDREA NG, MD

MD25891 - EDWARD CONYERS O'BRYAN III, MD

PA2335 - ASHLEY ANN PALMER, PA

MD25803 - DIANA VERA PUNKO, MD

MD25967 - JUAN RAMIREZ, MD

MD25745 - CHANDRAJIT PREMANAND RAUT, MD

MD25669 - MEGAN JULIA HARRIETT RICHARDS, MD

MD25692 - AKAYLA DAWNTRESS ROBINSON, MD

MD25715 - MIKHAIL ROMASHKO, MD

MD25264 - PETER S. ROSS, MD

MD25461 - ASHRAF AHMED SABE, MD

MD25868 - MANAL MOSAAD SCHOELLERMAN, MD

MD25889 - STEPHANIE NICOLE SEASLY, MD

MD25528 - MAJID SHAFIQ, MD

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MD25897 - ELIZABETH MARILYN SHAKER, MD

MD25936 - JONATHAN SHEINBERG, MD

MD25820 - MITCHELL LEE SHELEY, MD

MD25658 - CECILY JOHNSON SWINBURNE, MD

MD25869 - SCOTT ALAN VANDEHOEF, MD

MD25213 - ELSA VELAZQUEZ-MCGUIRK, MD

MD25850 - JAD JOSEPH WAKIM, MD

MD25666 - BRENDAN BELLIVEAU WALLACE, MD

MD25784 - JON O. WEE, MD

MD25896 - DAVID NATHAN WOZNICA, MD

MD25029 - JENNIFER A. ZACHARIA, MD

MD25870 - PAUL XUEJUN ZHANG, MD

SELECTION FILE SUMMARY
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Selection File Name: MONTHLY-PENDING

SUMMARY BY LICENSE PREFIX

CP - YOUTH CAMP LICENSE

P - Pending	7
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SUBTOTAL:	7

EC - TEMPORARY EDUCATIONAL CERTIFICATE

P - Pending	48
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SUBTOTAL:	48

EL - EMERGENCY 100-DAY LICENSE

P - Pending	4
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SUBTOTAL:	4

MD - MEDICAL DOCTOR

P - Pending	276
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SUBTOTAL:	276

PA - PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT

P - Pending	31
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SUBTOTAL:	31

TD - TEMPORARY LICENSE

P - Pending	1
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SUBTOTAL:	1

TM - TELEMEDICINE

P - Pending	1
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SUBTOTAL:	1

SUMMARY BY LICENSE STATUS

P - Pending	368
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TOTAL ALL LICENSES:	368

Online Renew Licensing Adoption by Prefix

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Selection File: WITHDRAWALS

MD15788 - GREGG P. ALLEN, MD

MD23490 - HEJUNG KIM, MD

MD18526 - VIKRAM KUMAR, MD

MD18963 - SCOTT R. LAUZE, MD

MD13152 - SAM W. LEW, MD

MD20739 - ALIYA RAHEMTULLA, MD

STATE OF MAINE
BOARD OF LICENSURE IN MEDICINE

In re:) FIRST AMENDMENT TO
AMANDA E. BUZZELL, P.A.) CONSENT AGREEMENT
Complaint No. CR19-12)
)

This document is a First Amendment to the Consent Agreement effective September 14, 2020, regarding disciplinary action imposed upon the physician assistant license in the State of Maine held by Amanda E. Buzzell, P.A (“First Amendment”). The parties to this First Amendment are: Amanda E. Buzzell, P.A. (“Ms. Buzzell”), the State of Maine Board of Licensure in Medicine (“the Board”), and the Department of the Attorney General (the “Attorney General”). This First Amendment is entered into pursuant to 10 M.R.S. § 8003(5) and 32 M.R.S. §§ 3270-C, 3282-A.

BACKGROUND

1. On September 14, 2020, the parties entered into a Consent Agreement upon the physician assistant license in the State of Maine held by Ms. Buzzell (“the Consent Agreement”). The Consent Agreement imposed a period of probation and included a requirement that Ms. Buzzell engage in cognitive behavioral therapy (“CBT”).

2. On August 10, 2021, the Board reviewed correspondence from Ms. Buzzell and her therapist regarding her completion of the required CBT sessions and requesting confirmation from the Board that CBT would no longer be required. The Board voted to offer Ms. Buzzell this First Amendment to modify the conditions of probation and

terminate the CBT requirement. Absent acceptance of this First Amendment by Ms. Buzzell by signing it and dating it in front of a notary and returning it to the Maine Board of Licensure in Medicine, 137 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0137 on or before September 17, 2021, the terms of the Consent Agreement shall remain unchanged and the Board shall take such further action it deems necessary.

AMENDMENT

3. Ms. Buzzell, the Board, and the Department of the Attorney General hereby agree to amend the Consent Agreement by terminating the CBT requirement contained in paragraph 8(b).

4. Ms. Buzzell acknowledges by her signature hereto that all other terms and conditions of the Consent Agreement remain in full force and effect.

5. Ms. Buzzell acknowledges by her signature hereto that she has read this First Amendment, that she has had an opportunity to consult with legal counsel before executing this First Amendment, that she executed this First Amendment of her own free will and that she agrees to abide by all terms and conditions set forth herein.

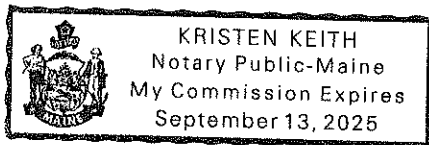
I, AMANDA E. BUZZELL, P.A., HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING FIRST AMENDMENT AND AGREE WITH ITS CONTENTS AND TERMS. I FURTHER UNDERSTAND THAT BY SIGNING THIS FIRST AMENDMENT, I WAIVE CERTAIN RIGHTS, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO A HEARING BEFORE THE BOARD. I SIGN THIS FIRST AMENDMENT VOLUNTARILY, WITHOUT ANY THREAT OR PROMISE. I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS FIRST AMENDMENT CONTAINS THE ENTIRE AGREEMENT AND THERE IS NO OTHER AGREEMENT OF ANY KIND, VERBAL, WRITTEN OR OTHERWISE.

Dated: 04/08/2022

Amanda E Buzzell P.A.
AMANDA E. BUZZELL, P.A.

STATE OF MAINE
Kristen Keith, SS.

Before me this 8 day of April, 2021, ^{2KK}
personally appeared Amanda E. Buzzell, P.A., who after first being duly sworn, signed the foregoing First Amendment to Consent Agreement in my presence or affirmed that the signature above is her own.



Kristen Keith
Notary Public/Attorney at Law
My commission expires: 9-13-2025

STATE OF MAINE BOARD OF
LICENSURE IN MEDICINE

DATED:

4/12/22



MAROULLA S. GLEATON, M.D.,
Chair

STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT
OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

DATED:

April 12, 2022



MICHAEL MILLER
Assistant Attorney General

Effective Date:

April 12, 2022