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Board Members Present: Maroulla S. Gleaton, M.D., Chair; Christopher R. Ross, P.A., Secretary [excused 10:39 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. and 12:36 p.m. – 2:05 p.m.]; Steven Blessington, P.A.; Holly Fanjoy, M.D.; Renee Fay-Leblanc, M.D.; Gregory Jamison, RPh, Public Member; Kristina Lunner, Public Member; Noah Nesin, M.D.; and Lynne Weinstein, Public Member

Board Members Absent: Brad Waddell, M.D.

Board Staff Present: Dennis E. Smith, Executive Director; Timothy E. Terranova, Assistant Executive Director; Kenji Saito, M.D., Medical Director; Kelly McLaughlin, Complaint Coordinator; Savannah Okoronkwo, Consumer Assistance Specialist; Faith McLaughlin, Investigative Secretary; Maureen S. Lathrop, Administrative Assistant; and Lisa Reny, Licensing Specialist.

Attorney General's Office Staff Present: Michael Miller, Assistant Attorney General

In accordance with the "Board Member Remote Participation Policy" adopted by the Board on August 10, 2021, the Board Chair directed that the December 13, 2022 meeting of the Board be conducted through remote participation of all Board members pursuant to Section 2(A) of that policy. The Board posted notices of this virtual meeting on its website and on the Legislative calendar. In addition, the Board posted a copy of the agenda for the meeting on its website.

DIDDOGE

Votes were conducted by roll call with members voting "for" "against" or "abstain."

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS	PURPOSE
11:28 a.m. – 11:51 a.m.	Pursuant to 1 M.R.S. § 405(6)(E) to consult and seek legal advice regarding pending litigation
1:03 p.m. – 2:01 p.m.	Pursuant to 32 M.R.S. § 3282(A)(1) to conduct an informal conference
RECESSES	
10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Recess
12:36 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch

EXECUTIVE GEGGIONG

I. Call to Order

Dr. Gleaton called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

A. Amendments to Agenda (none)

B. Scheduled Agenda Items

1. 1:00 p.m. Informal Conference (CR18-208 & 22-83)

II. Licensing

A. Applications for Individual Consideration

1. Initial Applications

a. Coletta M. Hargis, M.D.

Mr. Ross moved to table the application and allow Dr. Hargis three weeks to provide requested information or an explanation if additional time is required. Ms. Lunner seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gleaton: For Mr. Ross: For

Mr. Blessington: For Dr. Fanjoy: For Dr Fay-Leblanc: For Mr. Jamison: For Ms. Lunner: For Dr. Nesin: For Ms. Weinstein: For

b. Richard J. Teff, M.D.

Dr. Fanjoy moved to approve Dr. Teff's license application. Dr. Fay-Leblanc seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gleaton: For Mr. Ross: For

Mr. Blessington: For Dr. Fanjoy: For Dr. Fay-Leblanc: For Mr. Jamison: For Ms. Lunner: For Dr. Nesin: For Ms. Weinstein: For

c. Sean Lager, M.D.

Mr. Ross moved to table Dr. Lager's license application pending receipt of additional information and upon receipt of the information to contact the entities involved. Ms. Lunner seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed 8 in favor, 1 abstained.

Dr. Gleaton: For Mr. Ross: For

Mr. Blessington: For Dr. Fanjoy: For

Dr Fay-Leblanc: Abstained

Mr. Jamison: For Ms. Lunner: For Dr. Nesin: For Ms. Weinstein: For

2. Reinstatement Applications (none)

3. Renewal Applications

a. Ellen Grunblatt, M.D.

Following review of additional information provided by Dr. Grunblatt, Dr. Nesin moved to affirm the Board's November motion to offer her an administrative license, the opportunity to submit a reentry to clinical practice plan for Board consideration or leave to withdraw her renewal application. Mr. Ross seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gleaton: For Mr. Ross: For

Mr. Blessington: For Dr. Fanjoy: For Dr Fay-Leblanc: For Mr. Jamison: For Ms. Lunner: For Dr. Nesin: For Ms. Weinstein: For

4. Requests to Convert to Active Status (none)

5. Requests to Withdraw License/License Application (none)

6. Requests for Collaborative/Practice Agreements (none)

B. Other Items for Discussion

1. New Mainer Resource Center Draft Letter

Mr. Ross moved to approve the draft letter. Ms. Weinstein seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gleaton: For Mr. Ross: For

Mr. Blessington: For Dr. Fanjoy: For Dr Fay-Leblanc: For Mr. Jamison: For Ms. Lunner: For Dr. Nesin: For Ms. Weinstein: For

2. Board Secretary Duties

Board staff will draft changes to clarify delegated duties and language in the policy.

C. Citations and Administrative Fines (none)

D. Licensing Status Report [Appendix A]

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

E. Licensing Feedback

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

III. Board Orders/Consent Agreements/Resolution Documents for Review (none)

IV. Complaints

1. CR21-178 David A. Branch, M.D.

Dr. Gleaton moved to dismiss the complaint with a letter of guidance. Dr. Nesin seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gleaton: For Mr. Ross: For

Mr. Blessington: For Dr. Fanjoy: For Dr. Fay-Leblanc: For

Mr. Jamison: For Ms. Lunner: For Dr. Nesin: For Ms. Weinstein: For

MOTION: The Board initiated the complaint following its review of information regarding a telephonic medical consultation ("consultation") the physician provided to an emergency department physician who was evaluating a patient for a puncture wound to the hand resulting from a high-pressure washer line exploding in his hand and which did not clearly indicate that concerns for compartment syndrome had been addressed. The physician responded to the complaint and explained his medical decision-making during the consultation. The Board investigated the matter further by requesting an outside expert review of the medical records and consultation recording.

The guidance is as follows: consultations provided to emergency department physicians should include clear communication about all potential concerns, including the possibility of compartment syndrome if indicated. If compartment syndrome is a concern, it is important that the patient receive explicit instructions that the plan includes prompt patient follow-up with a specialist to occur withing hours – not days – in order to determine whether admission or observation was needed.

2. CR22-51

Mr. Ross moved to dismiss the complaint. Dr. Fay-Leblanc seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gleaton: For Mr. Ross: For

Mr. Blessington: For Dr. Fanjoy: For

Dr. Fanjoy: For Dr. Fay-Leblanc: For Mr. Jamison: For Ms. Lunner: For Dr. Nesin: For Ms. Weinstein: For

MOTION: A patient complains that the physician ran late for appointments and falsified her record. The patient also complains that she was not given clear boundaries about how often she could use the portal and email to interact with the office. The physician responded that he tried very hard to provide appropriate medical

care to a patient with difficult medical and psychiatric history. Review of the records revealed that the patient received reasonable care.

3. CR22-57

4. CR22-65

Dr. Fay-Leblanc moved to investigate further and offer a consent agreement to include MPHP behavioral health monitoring for at least two years, no direct supervision of female staff and completion of a boundaries/disruptive physician course approved by the Chair or Secretary within 6 months. Ms. Weinstein seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed 7 in favor, 2 recused.

Dr. Gleaton: For Mr. Ross: For

Mr. Blessington: For Dr. Fanjoy: Recused Dr. Fay-Leblanc: For Mr. Jamison: For Ms. Lunner: For Dr. Nesin: Recused Ms. Weinstein: For

5. CR22-70

Dr. Fay-Leblanc moved to investigate further and obtain an expert review by a urologist. Dr. Fanjoy seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gleaton: For Mr. Ross: For

Mr. Blessington: For Dr. Fanjoy: For Dr. Fay-Leblanc: For Mr. Jamison: For Ms. Lunner: For Dr. Nesin: For Ms. Weinstein: For

6. CR22-71

Dr. Fay-Leblanc moved to dismiss the complaint. Dr. Nesin seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gleaton: For Mr. Ross: For

Mr. Blessington: For Dr. Fanjoy: For Dr. Fay-Leblanc: For Mr. Jamison: For Ms. Lunner: For Dr. Nesin: For Ms. Weinstein: For

MOTION: The adult son of a patient alleges that the patient's primary care physician (PCP) failed to follow-up with the patient regarding a procedure that was done by a specialist. Review of the records indicates that the PCP was aware of the procedure, but the specialist was responsible for communicating the results.

7. CR22-96

Dr. Gleaton moved to table the matter. Dr. Nesin seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed 8 in favor, 1 recused.

Dr. Gleaton: For Mr. Ross: For

Mr. Blessington: Recused

Dr. Fanjoy: For Dr. Fay-Leblanc: For Mr. Jamison: For Ms. Lunner: For Dr. Nesin: For

Ms. Weinstein: For

8. CR22-99

Ms. Weinstein moved to dismiss the complaint. Dr. Nesin seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gleaton: For Mr. Ross: For

Mr. Blessington: For Dr. Fanjoy: For Dr. Fay-Leblanc: For Mr. Jamison: For

Ms. Lunner: For Dr. Nesin: For Ms. Weinstein: For

MOTION: The divorced father of a pediatric patient alleges the physician is biased in treating his son and is discriminating due to his race. The mother of the patient

lives locally and is the custodial parent while the father lives out of state. The complainant also feels his attempts to seek alternative treatment and second opinions have been ignored. The physician and his staff have utilized the MyChart system and have attempted to contact the complainant for facetime appointments which he has not always been available to participate in. The complainant is requesting ample notice to participate in meetings which is not always possible. Review of the record reveals appropriate care. In a situation such as this, with parents not agreeing on coordinating and scheduling appointments plus medical decision making, this complaint would be better suited in a parental rights and responsibilities agreement per their divorce decree.

9. CR22-111

Dr. Fanjoy moved to investigate further and request that the physician respond to additional questions from the Board. Dr. Nesin seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gleaton: For Mr. Ross: For

Mr. Blessington: For Dr. Fanjoy: For

Dr. Fay-Leblanc: For Mr. Jamison: For Ms. Lunner: For Dr. Nesin: For Ms. Weinstein: For

10. CR22-116

Dr. Nesin moved to dismiss the complaint. Mr. Ross seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gleaton: For Mr. Ross: For

Mr. Blessington: For

Dr. Fanjoy: For

Dr. Fay-Leblanc: For Mr. Jamison: For

Ms. Lunner: For Dr. Nesin: For

Ms. Weinstein: For

MOTION: The complainant alleges that the licensee was abrupt, rude, sarcastic and dismissive during a one-time consultation for treatment of chronic pain. The licensee saw the patient in conjunction with a nurse practitioner and denies any inappropriate or unprofessional communication. The licensee states that the interaction was

challenging throughout, that the complainant was resistant to the suggested treatment plan, and that an effort to shift the focus of the discussion was unsuccessful. Review of record reveals a thorough examination and a reasonable treatment plan, with concurrent documentation of the complainant's dismissal of the suggested treatment.

11. CR22-127 Bonnie J. Troubh, P.A.

Dr. Fanjoy moved to dismiss the complaint with a letter of guidance. Ms. Lunner seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gleaton: For Mr. Ross: For

Mr. Blessington: For Dr. Fanjoy: For

Dr. Fay-Leblanc: For Mr. Jamison: For Ms. Lunner: For Dr. Nesin: For Ms. Weinstein: For

MOTION: The complaint was initiated by a patient's relative who alleged that the physician assistant provided inappropriate care to the patient who presented with flu like symptoms and who expressed concern that he may have a recurrence of Lyme disease, and that she ordered a test for Lyme disease upon the patient's insistence but did not timely communicate the results of the laboratory test. The physician assistant responded to the complaint, explained the patient visit and her medical decision-making, and provided a copy of the patient's records for review. Following initial review of the complaint materials, the Board investigated further and asked the physician assistant additional questions regarding the process for reporting laboratory results. She responded to the questions and indicated that written laboratory results were not provided to the patient.

The guidance is as follows: As a physician assistant it is your responsibility to ensure that a patient's medical record includes documentation of medical decision-making and that you timely communicate to patients the results of laboratory tests. In addition, you are responsible for ensuring you comply with Maine law, including 22 M.R.S. § 1646, which requires that "[e]very health care provider that orders a laboratory test for the presence of Lyme disease shall provide the patient with a copy of the results of the test."

12. CR22-138

Dr. Gleaton moved to table the matter. Dr. Nesin seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gleaton: For Mr. Ross: For

Mr. Blessington: For Dr. Fanjoy: For

Dr. Fay-Leblanc: For Mr. Jamison: For Ms. Lunner: For

Dr. Nesin: For Ms. Weinstein: For

13. CR22-140

Dr. Gleaton moved to table the matter. Ms. Weinstein seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gleaton: For Mr. Ross: For

Mr. Blessington: For

Dr. Fanjoy: For

Dr. Fay-Leblanc: For Mr. Jamison: For Ms. Lunner: For Dr. Nesin: For Ms. Weinstein: For

14. CR22-142

Mr. Blessington moved to dismiss the complaint. Ms. Weinstein seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gleaton: For

Mr. Ross: Not present Mr. Blessington: For

Dr. Fanjoy: For

Dr. Fay-Leblanc: For Mr. Jamison: For Ms. Lunner: For Dr. Nesin: For

Ms. Weinstein: For

MOTION: An emergency room (ER) physician placed staples to repair a scalp laceration of a teenager. The complainant, the patient's parent, felt that staple placement and technique did not meet the standard of care and as a result, attempts at their removal ten days later resulted in undue trauma and pain as many care providers attempted unsuccessful extraction. Ultimately, the two staples were removed successfully by the patient's primary care provider.

Review of all records surrounding this case do not support the claim that the standard of care was not met by the ER physician who initially placed the staples. The initial wound assessment, cleansing, repair, at home instructions and follow-up guidelines were appropriate and commonplace. The unfortunate events that occurred during the second visit ten days later did not involve the named physician and could not have been foreseen by that doctor.

15. CR22-152

Dr. Fay-Leblanc moved to dismiss the complaint. Ms. Weinstein seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gleaton: For

Mr. Ross: Not present Mr. Blessington: For

Dr. Fanjoy: For

Dr. Fay-Leblanc: For Mr. Jamison: For Ms. Lunner: For Dr. Nesin: For Ms. Weinstein: For

MOTION: The patient complains she was unable to get her medications in a timely manner. Review of the records reveals that the office was trying to refill the medications, but a combination of poor communication, insurance coverage issues, and temporary staffing lead to a delay in refills. Medication reconciliation and refills done at each office visit is standard of care and may have prevented some of the confusion.

16. CR22-160

Dr. Nesin moved to investigate further pending action on consent agreement offer.

Dr. Fay-Leblanc seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gleaton: For

Mr. Ross: Not present Mr. Blessington: For

Dr. Fanjoy: For

Dr. Fay-Leblanc: For Mr. Jamison: For

Ms. Lunner: For

Dr. Nesin: For Ms. Weinstein: For

17. CR22-169

Mr. Jamison moved to dismiss the complaint. Dr. Fanjoy seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gleaton: For

Mr. Ross: Not present Mr. Blessington: For Dr. Fanjoy: For

Dr. Fay-Leblanc: For Mr. Jamison: For Ms. Lunner: For Dr. Nesin: For

Ms. Weinstein: For

MOTION: The complainant states the licensee refused to prescribe a certain medication because "it did not work." This was the first visit the patient/complainant had with the licensee and lasted, according to the information provided, only two to three minutes before the complainant left the exam room. The licensee in attempting to assess the complainant's condition prior to prescribing the medication suggested a diagnostic test to the complainant. This same test had been suggested before by different practitioners and routinely rejected by the complainant. Since the complainant felt she wasn't getting what she had come for (a medication refill) she abruptly left the exam room before further assessment and conversation could take place. The record suggests care and interaction with the complainant was appropriate.

18. CR22-170

Dr. Fanjoy moved to dismiss the complaint. Dr. Nesin seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gleaton: For

Mr. Ross: Not present Mr. Blessington: For

Dr. Fanjoy: For

Dr. Fay-Leblanc: For Mr. Jamison: For Ms. Lunner: For Dr. Nesin: For

Ms. Weinstein: For

MOTION: A patient who presented to an urgent care with upper respiratory infectious (URI) symptoms alleges that the licensee was dismissive of his symptoms,

misdiagnosed him and failed to treat him appropriately with antibiotics. The medical records document that the patient had two days of multiple URI symptoms and his presentation was consistent with a viral process. The patient felt that he had a bacterial infection based on his history of improvement with antibiotics for similar symptoms. The licensee performed an appropriate assessment of the patient, provided a diagnosis of viral sinusitis, and recommended alternative supportive treatments. The patient felt that the licensee was dismissive and not listening to him because she would not prescribe antibiotics, and the patient did not agree with the licensee's recommendations. The care of the licensee was felt to be appropriate and within the standard of care and evidence-based medicine.

19. CR22-185

The matter was reviewed out of order at 9:00 a.m. as the case reporter anticipated needing to leave the meeting for a period of time.

Mr. Ross moved to dismiss the complaint. Dr. Fay-Leblanc seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed 7 in favor, 1 recused.

Dr. Gleaton: For Mr. Ross: For

Mr. Blessington: For Dr. Fanjoy: For Dr. Fay-Leblanc: For Mr. Jamison: For Ms. Lunner: For Dr. Nesin: Recused Ms. Weinstein: For

MOTION: The Board initiated this complaint based on information that the physician assistant did not report termination of her employment. The termination was related to poor operating room skills, poor communication with patients, lack of follow up with labs and issues with rounding on patients. The physician assistant responded that she left on maternity leave and when she returned, she was put on a different service. This service was in the process of expanding its providers and her role was less defined compared to the prior service. She believes most of the issues stemmed from this and was not aware that she was under investigation when she left. She has not contested the citation and administrative fine. She is currently employed in primary care and her supervisor has not seen any issues.

At 9:50 a.m. Ms. Lunner requested to revisit this matter to review the language for the motion. No additional action was taken.

20. CR22-193

Mr. Blessington moved to dismiss the complaint. Dr. Fay-Leblanc seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed 8 in favor, 1 abstained.

Dr. Gleaton: For Mr. Ross: Abstained Mr. Blessington: For Dr. Fanjoy: For Dr. Fay-Leblanc: For Mr. Jamison: For Ms. Lunner: For Dr. Nesin: For Ms. Weinstein: For

MOTION: The complainant, the patient's daughter, felt the physician assistant failed to meet the standard of care regarding evaluating the patient for urinary tract infections, appropriately treating those, as well as overprescribing combinations of controlled substances. The complainant further argued that the physician assistant was diagnosing outside the scope of their practice and attempting to practice in areas without the proper oversight of a physician. The complainant further stated that the physician assistant was misrepresenting themselves as a "doctor."

Review of the complaint, licensee response and all medical records provided show medical care was challenged by a terminally ill hospice patient in a remote area of Maine where common conveniences of lab, radiology, specialists, etc. was very limited. The care provided by the physician assistant in question does appear to have met the standard of care, shows no prescribing of controlled substances to the patient in question, does not demonstrate that the physician assistant attempted to diagnose or practice outside their scope of practice, and there is no indication that they misrepresented themselves as a physician.

21. CR22-206

Dr. Fay-Leblanc moved to approve the physician's request to permanently convert her license to emeritus status while under investigation effective February 13, 2023. Mr. Ross seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gleaton: For Mr. Ross: For

Mr. Blessington: For

Dr. Fanjoy: For

Dr. Fay-Leblanc: For Mr. Jamison: For

Ms. Lunner: For Dr. Nesin: For

Ms. Weinstein: For

22. CR21-177

At 11:28 a.m. Dr. Fay-Leblanc moved to enter executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S. § 405(6)(E) to consult and seek legal advice regarding pending litigation. Mr. Ross seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gleaton: For Mr. Ross: For

Mr. Blessington: For Dr. Fanjoy: For Dr. Fay-Leblanc: For Mr. Jamison: For Ms. Lunner: For Dr. Nesin: For Ms. Weinstein: For

At 11:51 a.m. Dr. Fay-Leblanc moved to come out of executive session. Mr. Ross seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gleaton: For Mr. Ross: For

Mr. Blessington: For Dr. Fanjoy: For Dr. Fay-Leblanc: For Mr. Jamison: For Ms. Lunner: For Dr. Nesin: For Ms. Weinstein: For

Dr. Fay-Leblanc moved to stay the Order Directing Evaluation by agreement in order to maintain the status quo until the court rules on the petition or the Board receives new information concerning the licensee and not based upon finding that the licensee established the factors set forth in 5 M.R.S. § 11004. Mr. Ross seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gleaton: For Mr. Ross: For

Mr. Blessington: For

Dr. Fanjoy: For

Dr. Fay-Leblanc: For Mr. Jamison: For

Ms. Lunner: For Dr. Nesin: For

Ms. Weinstein: For

23. CR22-157

Mr. Ross moved to offer the physician assistant a consent agreement to include a five-year license probation with conditions. Ms. Weinstein seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gleaton: For Mr. Ross: For

Mr. Blessington: For Dr. Fanjoy: For Dr. Fay-Leblanc: For Mr. Jamison: For Ms. Lunner: For Dr. Nesin: For Ms. Weinstein: For

V. Assessment and Direction

24. AD22-203

Dr. Nesin moved to issue a complaint (CR22-237). Dr. Fay-Leblanc seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gleaton: For Mr. Ross: For

Mr. Blessington: For

Dr. Fanjoy: For

Dr. Fay-Leblanc: For Mr. Jamison: For Ms. Lunner: For Dr. Nesin: For Ms. Weinstein: For

25. AD22-204

Dr. Nesin moved to issue a complaint (CR22-238), obtain an expert review and request that the physician detail in her response all interactions she had with the patient from the time she issued the prescription until the death of the patient and provide supporting documentation. Mr. Ross seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gleaton: For Mr. Ross: For

Mr. Blessington: For

Dr. Fanjoy: For

Dr. Fay-Leblanc: For Mr. Jamison: For

Ms. Lunner: For Dr. Nesin: For Ms. Weinstein: For

26. AD22-213

Mr. Ross moved to issue a citation to the physician for failure to make a required report to the Board in accordance with Board Rule Chapter 1 and to close the matter with no further action upon receipt of the physician's request to change the status of his license to inactive and payment of the fine. Dr. Fay-Leblanc seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gleaton: For Mr. Ross: For

Mr. Blessington: For

Dr. Fanjoy: For

Dr. Fay-Leblanc: For Mr. Jamison: For

Ms. Lunner: For Dr. Nesin: For Ms. Weinstein: For

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29. Pending Adjudicatory Hearings and Informal Conferences Report

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

30. Consumer Assistance Specialist Feedback (none)

VI. Informal Conference

A. CR18-208 & CR22-83

At 1:03 p.m. Dr. Fay-Leblanc moved to enter executive session pursuant to 32 M.R.S. § 3282(A)(1) to conduct an informal conference. Ms. Lunner seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed 7 in favor, 1 recused.

Dr. Gleaton: For

Mr. Ross: Not present Mr. Blessington: For

Dr. Fanjoy: For Dr. Fay-Leblanc: For

Mr. Jamison: For Ms. Lunner: For Dr. Nesin: Recused

Ms. Weinstein: For

At 2:01 p.m. Dr. Fay-Leblanc moved to come out of executive session. Ms. Weinstein seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed 7 in favor, 1 recused.

Dr. Gleaton: For

Mr. Ross: Not present Mr. Blessington: For

Dr. Fanjoy: For

Dr. Fay-Leblanc: For Mr. Jamison: For Ms. Lunner: For Dr. Nesin: Recused Ms. Weinstein: For

Dr. Fay-Leblanc moved to table the complaint and temporarily pause enforcement of the provisions of the consent agreement requiring a practice monitor and engagement of the Schmidt Institute while the physician is not practicing. The physician must notify the Board prior to resuming practice and the pause of enforcement will end when he resumes practice. Mr. Jamison seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed 7 in favor, 1 recused.

Dr. Gleaton: For

Mr. Ross: Not present Mr. Blessington: For

Dr. Fanjoy: For

Dr. Fay-Leblanc: For

Mr. Jamison: For

Ms. Lunner: For

Dr. Nesin: Recused

Ms. Weinstein: For

VII. Minutes for Approval

A. October 25, 2022 Meeting

Dr. Nesin moved to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2022 meeting. Mr. Jamison seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed 7 in favor, 2 abstained.

Dr. Gleaton: For Mr. Ross: Abstained Mr. Blessington: For Dr. Fanjoy: For Dr. Fay-Leblanc: For Mr. Jamison: For Ms. Lunner: Abstained Dr. Nesin: For

Ms. Weinstein: For

B. November 8, 2022 Meeting

Mr. Ross moved to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2022 meeting. Dr. Fay-Leblanc seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed 8 in favor, 1 abstained.

Dr. Gleaton: For Mr. Ross: For

Mr. Blessington: For Dr. Fanjoy: For Dr. Fay-Leblanc: For Mr. Jamison: For Ms. Lunner: Abstained

Dr. Nesin: For Ms. Weinstein: For

VIII. Consent Agreement Monitoring

A. Monitoring Reports

1. John A. Califano, M.D.

Mr. Ross moved to approve Dr. Califano's request to terminate his consent agreement upon receipt of his written representation that he will continue to have a chaperone present when seeing female patients. Ms. Weinstein seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gleaton: For Mr. Ross: For

Mr. Blessington: For

Dr. Fanjoy: For Dr. Fay-Leblanc: For Mr. Jamison: For Ms. Lunner: For Dr. Nesin: For Ms. Weinstein: For

2. Susan D. Paul, M.D.

The Board delegated approval of the proposed practice monitor to the Chair following her review of the proposed monitor's CV. Dr. Nesin was recused from this matter.

3. Donald B. Shea, M.D.

Dr. Fay-Leblanc moved to offer Dr. Shea an amendment to his consent agreement to participate in the MPHP senior monitoring program. Mr. Ross seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gleaton: For Mr. Ross: For

Mr. Blessington: For Dr. Fanjoy: For

Dr. Fay-Leblanc: For Mr. Jamison: For Ms. Lunner: For Dr. Nesin: For Ms. Weinstein: For

IX. Adjudicatory Hearing (none)

X. Remarks of Chair

Dr. Gleaton reported that she will attend an FSMB Board of Director's meeting in February.

XI. Remarks of Executive Director

Mr. Smith gave an update on the LD1858 – EMS Legislation workgroup which met on December 6th.

XII. Assistant Executive Director's Report

Mr. Terranova provided the Board with statistics regarding the recent issue of the Board's newsletter.

Mr. Terranova informed the Board that the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Commission (IMLCC) has published an API that will allow the Board to receive license renewal applications electronically. Board licensing staff is working with staff from IMLCC and ALMS to integrate the program.

A. Feedback Regarding Newsletter Article

The Board reviewed feedback regarding an article in the newsletter. Dr. Gleaton noted that the focus of the article was on medical care and regulatory issues.

- 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

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

- XX. FYI (none)
- XXI. Other Business (none)
- XXII. Adjournment 2:53 p.m.

At 2:53 p.m. Mr. Ross moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Jamison seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gleaton: For Mr. Ross: For

Mr. Blessington: For

Dr. Fanjoy: For

Dr. Fay-Leblanc: For Mr. Jamison: For

Ms. Lunner: For Dr. Nesin: For

Ms. Weinstein: For

APPROVED JANUARY 10, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

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 December 13, 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 December 13, 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 October 13, 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/default.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 December 6, 2022, 302,399 residents have been infected (216,933 confirmed and 85,466 probable), 6,363 residents have been hospitalized with the virus, and 2,740 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 December 6, 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 150; the number of new cases (confirmed and probable) statewide is 1,054; the number of current hospitalizations is 118 (with 19 in critical care); the number of validated vaccine breakthrough cases is 121,999; the total number of deaths is 2,740. (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 December 6, 2022, the Omicron variant represents 100 percent of all sequenced samples collected in Maine.
- 7. As of December 6, 2022, 12 of Maine's counties are in the "low", 4 counties are in the "medium," and 0 county is in the "high" transmission category as defined by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

 (https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view?list_select_state=Maine&data-type=CommunityLevels)
- 8. Eight of the Boards' members (6 physicians and 2 physician assistants) are actively practicing medicine or rendering medical services and are potentially exposed to the COVID-19 virus while seeing and treating patients at medical facilities, including hospitals, despite taking precautionary measures.
- 9. 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, for members of the Board, its staff, licensees, and members of the public.
- 10. Conducting an in-person Board meeting on December 13, 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 and to members of the public. Therefore, I have determined that there is an emergency such that the December 13, 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

APPENDIX A

BOARD OF LICENSURE IN MEDICINE

DATE: DECEMBER 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 November 2022 by license type (82);

A list of all individuals granted a new license in November 2022;

A summary of all pending applications by license type (236);

A list of online vs. paper renewals in November 2022 by license type (87.90%); *

The number of licenses expired November 30, 2022 (52);

The number of licenses lapsed for date August 31, 2022 (55); and

The list of licenses withdrawn in November 2022 (7).

In addition, the overall licensing statistics include:

The number of active MD licenses (not including EC) on December 1, 2022 (7,511);

The number of active MD licenses with a Maine address (not including EC) on December 1, 2022 (3,737);

The number of active PA licenses on December 1, 2022 (1,142);

The number of active PA licenses with a Maine address on December 1, 2022 (1,016); and

The number of licenses pending renewal on December 1, 2022 (58).

We look forward to your feedback.

*The percentage of online renewal applications reported each month has been decreasing. Every compact renewal is a paper renewal. The compact is currently unable to submit those renewals electronically. This past month the compact sent 29 renewal applications s to the Board.

SELECTION FILE SUMMARY

STATE OF MAINE - DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION BOARD OF LICENSURE IN MEDICINE

Selection File Name: MONTHLY-ISSUED

SUMMARY BY LICENSE PR	EFIX		
	EL - EMERGENCY 100-DAY LICENS	SE	
		A - Active	1
		SUBTOTAL:	1
	MD - MEDICAL DOCTOR		
		A - Active	74
		SUBTOTAL:	74
	PA - PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT		
		A - Active	6
		SUBTOTAL:	6
	TM - TELEMEDICINE		
		A - Active	1
		SUBTOTAL:	1
SUMMARY BY LICENSE ST.	ATUS		
	A - Active		82
	TOTAI	ALL LICENSES:	82

Selection File: MONTHLY-ISSUED

MD26648 - SAMEER AGGARWAL, MD
MD26384 - ADAE OPOKU AMOAKO, MD
MD26244 - RACHEL RENEE BANKS, MD
MD26632 - ANTHONY LEONARD BEKASIAK, MD
MD26649 - VIKAS VINODRAY BHIMANI, MD
MD25682 - ELIZABETH IANNOTTI BUCHBINDER, MD
PA2456 - NANCY ALEXANDRA CAFFREY, PA
MD26610 - AMY LIN CARRINGTON, MD
MD25285 - MARIA CONCEPCION CASTELLS, MD
MD26383 - MONIKA CHAUDHRY, MD
MD26637 - LLOYD PATTERSON WALTON CLAYCOMB, MD
MD25707 - JAMES MARK CLEARY, MD
MD26650 - CURTIS NATHAN CRANE, MD

 $TM26573-BRADFORD\ CLARK\ DICKERSON, MD$

PA2447 - LELAND TERRELL DAVIS III, PA

MD26481 - JANE LOUISE EISEN, MD

MD26343 - FAYSAL MUSTAFA ELGILANI, MD

MD26498 - MATTHEW ADAM EMERICH, MD

MD26591 - FRANK MOHAMMED FAYZ, MD

MD26587 - JIMMY DANIEL FERNANDEZ, MD

MD26602 - CORNELIUS FERREIRA, MD

MD26475 - MICHAEL FIORI, MD

MD26432 - MICHAEL KEIICHI FUJINAKA, MD

MD26585 - MOHAMED GAMAL-ELDIN, MD

MD26636 - EDUARDO ENRIQUE GARCIA, MD

MD26542 - DANIEL I. GREENTREE, MD

MD26625 - JOHN MARCELL HAWROT, MD

MD26572 - JEFFREY MICHAEL HERBST, MD

MD26598 - MAURA JANE HOLCOMB, MD

MD26595 - FATIMA YOUSEF HUSSEIN, MD

MD24385 - MICHAEL THOMAS JAKLITSCH, MD

EL221028 - YONG JI, MD

MD25992 - ADEOLA JOLAYEMI, MD

PA2444 - LOGAN JOLDERSMA, PA

MD26589 - RIPUDAMAN JOSHI, MD

MD26422 - AHATJON JURABOEV, MD

MD26279 - KAMRAN ZAFAR KHAN, MD

MD25174 - ADAM STUART KIBEL, MD

MD26533 - ROBERT C. KING, MD

PA2251 - LAUREN KOCZELA, PA

MD26059 - CAROLYN NANCY KRASNER, MD

MD26278 - ADELLE GRACE KURTZ, MD

MD25178 - ARIELLE LYON LANGER, MD

MD25907 - LOUIS SHR-HUNG LIOU, MD

MD26601 - DONNA LYNN LORENZO-BUELTEL, MD

MD26357 - MARLISE RACHAEL LUSKIN, MD

PA2436 - SAMANTHA ANN MALONE, PA

MD26557 - NICHOLAS CHRISTOPHER MAVROMATES, MD

MD26326 - SPIRO STEPHEN MAVROMATES, MD

MD26635 - JAMES PATRICK MCGOVERN, MD

MD25685 - PRISCILLA MERRIAM, MD

MD26624 - KIMBERLY MIDDLETON, MD

MD26629 - JOSEPH MICHAEL MIGLIURI

MD26599 - ASUNTA TIBURTIUS MODUTHAGAM, MD

MD26600 - IDREES MOHAMMAD MOHIUDDIN, MD

MD24794 - PETER P. MOSCHOVIS, MD

MD26322 - PAPIA NASIRI, MD

MD26463 - CHRISTOPHER JAMES NEAL, MD

MD26476 - CAITLIN ANNE NICHOLS, MD

MD26252 - IZABELA NOWOSIELSKI, MD

MD26550 - THOMAS CHRISTOPHER ORSINI, MD

MD26268 - ARVIND KANT PANDEY, MD

PA2452 - JEFFREY SCOTT PESEK, PA

MD26305 - MOIRA AILEEN RASHID, MD

MD26603 - LINDSAY ANNE RHODES, MD

MD26318 - DANIEL LEE ROWLAND, MD

MD26314 - ANDREW PATRICK SEAMAN, MD

MD26389 - SEAN ROBERT SHEERAN, MD

MD26045 - CLYDE LANFORD SMITH, MD

MD26485 - URVI FULWADHVA SULLIVAN, MD

MD26571 - JASON THOMAS SZELOG, MD

MD26606 - GREGORY CHARLES TANNER, MD

MD26346 - RACHEL A. THOMAS, MD

MD26617 - GRAEME TOLSON, MD

MD26627 - SADDAD ZAFAR TOOR

MD26651 - JEROME JOEL TUITT, INTERNAL MEDICINE

MD26525 - ELAINA LORD TULLY, MD

MD26551 - RODICA MONICA TURCU, MD

MD26623 - MAGGIE ANNA CAMILLE WILLIAMS, MD

MD26345 - SIDNEY PAGE WILLIAMSON JR, MD

MD26373 - KATE RUSSELL WOODWORTH, MD

MD26594 - DEAN WAYNE ZIEGLER, MD

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Selection File Name: MONTHLY-PENDING

SUMMARY BY LICENSE PREFIX

EC. TEMPODA DV EDVICATIONAL CERTIFICATE	
EC - TEMPORARY EDUCATIONAL CERTIFICATE P - Pending	1
SUBTOTAL:	1
EL - EMERGENCY 100-DAY LICENSE	
P - Pending	1
SUBTOTAL:	1
MD - MEDICAL DOCTOR	
P - Pending	191
SUBTOTAL:	191
PA - PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT	
P - Pending	38
SUBTOTAL:	38
TM - TELEMEDICINE	
P - Pending	5
SUBTOTAL:	5
SUMMARY BY LICENSE STATUS	
P - Pending	236
TOTAL ALL LICENSES:	236

ALMS: ALMSUI Reports

DISPLAY_NAME	BRD#	PFX	TOTAL RENEW	ONLINE - COMPLETE	ONLINE - PARTIAL	ONLINE - TOTAL	PAPER	% ONLINE
MEDICINE	376	CP	0	0	0	0	0	0
MEDICINE	376	EL	0	0	0	0	0	0
MEDICINE	376	MD	271	189	46	235	36	86.72
MEDICINE	376	MDA	8	1	6	7	1	87.50
MEDICINE	376	MDE	20	18	0	18	2	90
MEDICINE	376	MDV	1	1	0	1	0	100
MEDICINE	376	PA	45	28	14	42	3	93.33
MEDICINE	376	TM	2	2	0	2	0	100

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Selection File: WITHDRAWALS

MDA19593 - PAUL M. DUGLISS, MD

PA362 - LINDA MAXWELL, PA

MD7674 - CARL J. MORRISON, MD

MD18751 - VENKATRAM NETHALA, MD

PA1713 - ABDUL R. QANI, PA

MD25502 - STEFAN GUENTHER TULLIUS, MD

MD23006 - STEVEN ALEXANDER WEISBLATT, MD