

Maine Board of Osteopathic Licensure
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Minutes of June 9, 2016 Board Meeting – 9:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Members Present: Joseph R. D. deKay, D.O., Board Chair; Gary Palman, D.O.; Melissa Michaud, PA-C; John F. Gaddis, D.O. Board members excused: Scott Thomas, D.O., Vice-Chair; Natania Piper, D.O., Board Secretary; Marty W. McIntyre, Public Member; David Rydell, D.O.

Others Present: Susan E. Strout, Executive Secretary; Michael Miller, Assistant Attorney General; Det. James Gioia, Office of the Attorney General; Angela Cole Westhoff, Executive Director

I. Introduction – Savannah Okoronkwo, Consumer Assistance Specialist

Ms. Okoronkwo, who comes to us from the DEEP Program where she worked for several years, was welcomed as the new Consumer Assistance Specialist. Ms. Okoronkwo started on May 31st.

II. Complaints & Investigations

Complaint reviews are conducted in Public Session without the use of names, unless otherwise noted. There being no members of the public present, the Complaint Script was not recited.

A. CR2016-09

Dr. Gaddis, Case Reporter, noted that the complainant wished to withdraw her complaint. Following a brief discussion, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Palman, seconded by Ms. Michaud and voted to dismiss the complaint. Dr. Gaddis, Case Reporter, did not vote.

III. Consent Agreement/Board Order Compliance Reviews

A. Paul Gosselin, D.O.

Board members reviewed the required reports and asked that the Executive Secretary contact the licensee's employer to inform him that the Board has no jurisdiction over pharmacies. The Board also noted the report of a positive toxicology test determined to take no further action at this time based upon recommendation/report of MPHP. The Board also noted the report from the licensee's mentor. Dr. Thomas, Case Reporter, was not present. No action was necessary.

B. John Herzog, D.O.

In the absence of Dr. Thomas, Case Reporter, the Executive Secretary noted no new issues. No action was necessary.

C. Bradley Libenson, D.O.

Dr. Palman, Case Reporter, noted no new issues. Board members asked if the licensee was being billed for the costs associated with Det. Gioia's travel and time. The Executive Secretary will provide the licensee with an invoice based on Det. Gioia's next review. No action was necessary.

IV. Minutes/Revenue & Expense Reports

A. Review of May 2016 Meeting Minutes

Following review of the April minutes, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Gaddis, seconded by Dr. Palman and voted to approve the May 2016 minutes as written.

B. Revenue & Expense Reports

The Board reviewed and accepted the financial reports. No Board action was necessary.

V. Miscellaneous

A. Joint Rule – Chapter 2 – Physician Assistants

Following final review, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Gaddis, seconded by Ms. Michaud and voted unanimously to adopt Chapter 2, a joint rule with the Board of Licensure in Medicine.

B. Joint Rule – Chapter 21 – Use of Controlled Substances for Treatment of Pain

Following review and brief discussion, Board members took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Palman, seconded by Dr. Gaddis and voted unanimously to table further review and discussion until the July 2016 meeting.

C. DHHS Minimum Data Set Survey Project Summary

The Board reviewed the information presented and that the grant request has been submitted. No action necessary.

D. MedScape Article: the Myth of Morphine Equivalent Daily Dosage

The Board reviewed and briefly discussed the article. No action was necessary.

E. Federation of State Medical Boards

1. Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

Board members reviewed the highlights. No action was necessary.

2. Uniform Application Update

Ms. Strout reported that as applications circulate, the Board will see an updated and significantly different format for the Uniform Application. The same information is included. In addition, the FSMB also offers its Physician Data Center Practitioner Profile which draws data from all member boards – the report can be generated at any time and will have the most up to date licensing information. Board members agreed to begin accepting this in lieu of state licensing Board verifications which, by the time an application is ready for review, might be up to 120 days old.

VI. ME Quality Counts Presentation – Amy Belisle, MD & Gordon Smith, Esquire

Board members thanked Dr. Belisle and Mr. Smith for their presentation and noted that while the Board would be interested in contributing toward this worthwhile program, statutory restrictions prevent it.

VII. Permanent Licensure Applications (D.O.)

Following circulation and review, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Palman, seconded by Dr. Gaddis and voted unanimously to approve the permanent licensure applications submitted by: Carl Daniel, D.O.; Erin Schwarz, D.O.; Marcus Christiansen, D.O.; Annette Goodman, D.O.; Paula Strait, D.O.; Nathan Ponitz, D.O.; Christine Bender, D.O.; William Sturgill, D.O.; Sarah Hoffman, D.O.; Sean O’Sullivan, D.O.; John Walker, D.O.; Zachary Mueller, D.O.

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After additional review, the Board took this action on one other application:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Gaddis, seconded by Ms. Michaud and voted to approve the application for permanent licensure submitted by Laura Kelley, D.O.

Dr. Gaddis made a motion, seconded by Ms. Michaud, to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan E. Strout, Executive Secretary