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Minutes of April 9, 2020 Virtual Board Meeting – 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Members Present: Scott Thomas, D.O., Board Chair; Melissa Michaud, PA-C, Vice Chair; James Pisini, D.O.; Brian Gillis, D.O.; John Gaddis, D.O., Board Secretary; Marty McIntyre, Public Member; John Brewer, D.O.; Ryan Smith, D.O.

Others Present: Susan E. Strout, Executive Secretary; Lisa Wilson, Assistant Attorney General; Savannah Okoronkwo, Consumer Assistant; Det. James Gioia, Office of the Attorney General; Emily Bloch, Esquire; Amanda Richards, Maine Osteopathic Association

Dr. Thomas recited a script prepared specifically for the virtual meeting, noted that all members were present, welcomed those in the virtual audience and started the meeting.

I. Complaints & Investigations

Complaint and investigative reviews are conducted in Public Session without the use of names, unless otherwise noted.

A. IN2018 19

Following review of the materials presented, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Ms. Michaud, seconded by Dr. Gaddis and voted unanimously to table any action on the matter until such time as the licensee has had the evaluation requested by both the Medical Professionals Health Program and the Board. Dr. Smith, Case Reporter, abstained.

B. CR2019 33

Following review of the complaint, response and other materials gathered, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Ms. Michaud, seconded by Dr. Thomas and voted unanimously to ask the licensee to share his plans regarding renewal despite retirement or letting his license go into non-renewal. Dr. Smith, Case Reporter, abstained.

C. CR2019 43

Following review of the materials presented, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Ms. McIntyre, seconded by Dr. Gillis and voted to table the matter and require that the licensee undergo a mental health evaluation. Ms. Michaud was opposed; Dr. Brewer, Case Reporter, abstained.

D. CR2020 05

Following review of the complaint, response and other material gathered, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Gillis, seconded by Ms. Michaud and voted unanimously to dismiss the complaint as it did not rise to a level which would warrant any action against the licensee. Dr. Brewer, Case Reporter, abstained.

E. IN2020 16

Following review of the materials received and other investigative information, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Ms. McIntyre, seconded by Dr. Gillis and voted unanimously to close the investigation as it did not merit further action. Dr. Thomas, Case Reporter, abstained.

II. Consent Agreement Compliance Update

A. Andrew Candelore, DO

Ms. McIntyre, Case Reporter noted no new concerns; Board members reviewed reports received pursuant to the Consent Agreement. No Board action was necessary.

III. Other Business

A. FSMB – Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

Board members reviewed the meeting highlights; no action was necessary. Also, regarding the FSMB, Dr. Thomas will represent the Board at both the virtual FSMB Annual Meeting and the American Association of Osteopathic Examiners meeting

B. Review and Discussion: Joint Rule Chapter 2 – Revisions Necessary

It was noted that with the revisions enacted (per LD1660), Chapter 2 needs to be reviewed and updated to comply. Dr. Thomas asked for volunteers to participate in a rule revisions workgroup. Ms. Michaud and Dr. Brewer will represent the Board and participate in upcoming meetings.

C. COVID-19 Related Information

1. Review and Discussion of Draft Joint Statement re: Guidance, Articles and Statements re Chloroquine, Hydroxychloroquine and Azithromycin

MOTION: Made by Dr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Gillis and voted unanimously to adopt the language as drafted for issue as a joint osteopathic & allopathic boards statement and to delegate to the Chair to coordinate any final language changes with the allopathic board.

2. Governor's Executive Order #16

This was informational; no Board action necessary.

3. Governor's Executive Order #35

This was informational; no Board action necessary.

4. Governor's Executive Order #37

This was informational; no Board action necessary.

5. Maine Responds (Emergency Health Volunteer System)

This was informational; no Board action necessary.

6. CARES Act

Again, informational; no Board action necessary.

7. MPHP Testing Coverage Response Plan

Board members reviewed the response plan; no Board action necessary though Board members were pleased the plan was in place.

8. American Osteopathic Foundation

Board members reviewed information from the AOF regarding the ways in which they will be available to assist members.

IV. Minutes/Revenue & Expense Reports

A. Review of March 2020 Meeting Minutes

Tabled as the minutes were not finalized.

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B. Revenue & Expense Reports

Revenue & expense report not available from DAFS¹; will be reviewed at the May meeting.

IV. Licensure Matters

A. Permanent Licensure Applications

For this month, applications will be divided up and sent to various Board members for review and potential approval. Applications will then be ratified at the May meeting.

VII. Adjournment

MOTION: Made by Ms. McIntyre, seconded by Dr. Gaddis and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan E. Strout, Executive Secretary

¹ Division of Administrative & Financial Services