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Minutes of May 11, 2023 Board Meeting – 9:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Members Present: Melissa Michaud, PA-C, Board Chair; John Gaddis, DO, Vice-Chair; John Brewer, DO, Board Secretary; Christine Munroe, DO; Gust Stringos, DO; Peter Michaud, Public Member; Lisa Ryan, DO; Brian Gillis, DO. Members Excused: Malcolm Leary, Public Member.

Others Present: Bethany Vieta, Executive Secretary; Susan Strout, Administrative Assistant; Savannah Okoronkwo, Consumer Assistance Specialist; Lisa Wilson, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General; Cameron Ouellette, Esquire; Maureen McCann Sturtevant, Esquire

The Chair noted that Rebecca Vose, PA-C, who joined the board in May of 2021, filling the board's second PA position, has resigned as a member for personal reasons

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

I. Review of Complaints, Investigations and Compliance Matters

COMPLAINTS

A. CR2021 38 – Dr. Ryan, Case Reporter

Dr. Ryan and AAG Wilson reminded the Board of the circumstances surrounding the signed Consent Agreement before them. Following discussion, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Gaddis, seconded by Dr. Stringos and voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agreement as signed and the treating psychologist under the CA. Dr. Ryan, Case Reporter, abstained from voting.

B. CR2022 05 – Dr. Munroe, Case Reporter

Dr. Munroe provided a very thorough overview of the case and following discussion, Board members took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Brewer, seconded by Dr. Ryan and voted unanimously to table for further investigation, as discussed. Dr. Munroe, Case Reporter, abstained from voting.

C. CR2022 27 – Dr. Brewer, Case Reporter

Dr. Brewer provided a thorough overview of the case and following discussion, Board members took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Gillis, seconded by Dr. Stringos and voted unanimously to offer the licensee a Consent Agreement including a two-year probation during which the licensee must complete 10 hours of continuing medical education concerning opioid prescribing and ethics. Dr. Brewer, Case Reporter, abstained from voting.

D. CR2022 54 – Dr. Gaddis, Case Reporter

Dr. Gaddis provided a thorough overview of the case and following discussion, the Board took this action:

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

E. CR2022 56 – Dr. Brewer, Case Reporter

Dr. Brewer reminded the Board of the original complaint and noted that no new information had been provided as well as noting that the Board’s Consumer Assistance Specialist, Ms. Okoronkwo, had appropriately shared the required materials with the complainant, at the appropriate times. Following discussion, the Board members took this action:

MOTION: Made by Mr. Michaud, seconded by Dr. Stringos and voted unanimously to deny the request for reconsideration as no new information had been provided. Dr. Brewer, Case Reporter, abstained from voting.

F. CR2023 06 – Dr. Gaddis, Case Reporter

Dr. Gaddis provided a thorough overview of the case and following discussion, the Board took this action:

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

INVESTIGATIONS

G. IN2023 27 – Mr. Michaud, Case Reporter

Mr. Michaud provided an overview of the investigative materials and following discussion, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Ms. Michaud, seconded by Dr. Ryan and voted unanimously to table the matter for further investigation. Mr. Michaud, Case Reporter, abstained from voting.

H. IN2023 28 – Dr. Stringos, Case Reporter

Dr. Stringos provided an overview of the investigative materials and following discussion, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Gillis to suspend the licensee for 30 days, and following additional discussion, the Board discussed further options and the motion was effectively withdrawn.

MOTION: Made Ms. Michaud, seconded by Dr. Brewer and voted unanimously to issue a 30-day emergency suspension due to concerns regarding prescribing of controlled substances, to issue a complaint, to offer an interim CA for suspension until a hearing could be held, and to further investigate as discussed. Dr. Stringos, Case Reporter, abstained from voting

COMPLIANCE

J. William C. McDougal, IV, DO – Dr. Gaddis, Case Reporter

Dr. Gaddis, Case Reporter, noted receipt of the treatment provider’s initial report and the next one will be due in six months.

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K. Samuel Moss, DO – Mr. Michaud, Case Reporter

Mr. Michaud, Case Reporter, noted no new information at this time. AAG Wilson noted that the treating psychiatrist had been approved by the Board Secretary.

II. Board Meeting Minutes/Revenue & Expense Reports

A. Board Meeting Minutes

Following review of the March 2023 meeting minutes, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Ms. Michaud, seconded by Dr. Ryan and voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 2023 meeting, as written.

B. Revenue & Expense Reports¹

Board members reviewed and accepted the revenue and expense report for FY23, Period 8 & 9.

III. Other Business

A. Medical Professionals Health Program Correspondence

Board members reviewed and discussed the minutes from the most recent MPHP and Board execs quarterly meeting. The board's annual contract with MPHP will be renewed and the board looks forward to the annual MPHP presentation.

B. Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB)

1.) Ms. Michaud and Mr. Michaud attended the FSMB annual meeting in Minneapolis, MN and brought back valuable information for board members and staff.

2.) Board members noted the FSMB Board of Directors Meeting Highlights.

C. Governor Mills Letter re: National Osteopathic Medicine Week.

Board members took note of Governor Mills Letter. No action was necessary.

D. PMP Referrals Update from Elizabeth Mock, MD, MPH, FAAFP

Board members discussed the prior referrals and recently received updated information from the PMP. The board asked that Dr. Mock be invited to attend a future meeting to discuss the PMP referral process in general.

IV. Licensure Matters

A. Edward Stiles, DO

Board members reviewed the licensee's letter: a reinstatement application will be provided to the licensee, and he will be asked if he is actively practicing

B. Review of Permanent Licensure Applications

Following review of the permanent licensure application submitted, the board took this action.

¹ Prepared and distributed by DAFS (Dept of Administrative & Financial Services)

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MOTION: Made by Mr. Michaud, seconded by Dr. Gaddis and voted unanimously to approve the permanent licensure applications submitted by Jason Clark, DO; Emma Desjardins, DO; Joshua Ewell, DO; James Ferry, DO; Ross Heinrich, DO; Andrew Heppe, DO; Sarah Johnson, DO; Alicia Lentz, DO; Brian LeSage, DO; Sarah Linscott, DO; Ethan Linscott, DO; Lucas Lund, DO; Michael Madaio, DO; Christine Mahoney, DO; David Moore, DO; Tyler Patrick, DO; Asha Raj Patel, DO; Audrey Rosswoski, DO; Kimberly Toomire, DO; Chidrup Tripathi, DO; Andre Trzaskowski, DO; Katie Zimmerman-Winslow, DO.

Chair Michaud and Board members were pleased to welcome the new Executive Secretary, Bethany L. Vieta to the meeting and to the Board in general. Those on the interview panel, Ms. Michaud, Dr. Gaddis and Dr. Brewer noted that Ms. Vieta was very impressive throughout the interview process. Everyone looks forward to working with her in the coming months/years. Additionally, the Board wished now retired Executive Secretary, Sue Strout, the best in her retirement.

V. Adjournment

MOTION: Made by Dr. Brewer, seconded by Mr. Michaud and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bethany L. Vieta, Executive Secretary