

**MINNESOTA BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE  
BOARD MEETING  
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**MAY 12, 2007**

The Minnesota Board of Medical Practice met on its regularly scheduled meeting date, May 12, 2007, at its offices in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The following Board members were present for both Public and Executive Sessions, unless otherwise indicated: Jon Thomas, M.D, MBA, President, Carl Smith, M.D., Vice President, Linda Van Etta, M.D., Secretary, Steven Altchuler, Ph.D., M.D., Alfred Anderson, M.D., D.C., Robert Brown, Ph.D., Rebecca Hafner, M.D., MBA, Bradley Johnson, M.D., Kelli Johnson, Ernest Lampe, II, M.D., James Langland, M.D., Allen Rasmussen, and Gregory Snyder, M.D.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

Roll call was recorded by Robert Leach, Executive Director.

The minutes of the March 10, 2007, Board meeting were received and approved as circulated.

Richard Christiansen, MD, Medical Director of the University of Wisconsin Physician Evaluation Program gave a presentation on the Physician Assessment Program, offered by the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health. Also present were the following members of the Assessment Program:

Michael Bowman, MD  
Jody Diedrich, RN, MD  
Cathy Means, MS, and  
Robert Steele, MD

A question and answer session followed the presentation.

On recommendation of the Licensure Committee, physician applicants 1 - 175 of the agenda were approved for licensure subject to the receipt of all verification documents.

On recommendation of the Acupuncture Advisory Council, acupuncturist applicants 176 - 178 of the agenda were approved for licensure subject to the receipt of all verification documents.

On recommendation of the Athletic Trainer Advisory Council, athletic trainer applicants 179 - 188 of the agenda were approved for registration subject to the receipt of all verification documents.

On recommendation of the Physician Assistant Advisory Council, physician assistant applicants 189 - 206 of the agenda were approved for registration subject to the receipt of all verification documents.

On recommendation of the Respiratory Care Practitioner Advisory Council, respiratory care practitioner applicants 207 - 215 of the agenda were approved for registration subject to the receipt of all verification documents.

Dr. Hafner asked for approval of the Licensure Committee minutes. The minutes of the April 23, 2007, meeting of the Licensure Committee were received and approved as circulated.

Mr. Leach informed the Board that, in December 2006 and January 2007, the Duluth News Tribune published a series of editorial articles suggesting that the Board of Medical Practice and other agencies fail to meet their obligation to provide the public with important information regarding the individuals they regulate. Three state legislators, Senators John Marty, Yvonne Prettner-Solon and Tony Lourey asked for a response to the articles from the Board. Mr. Leach, Ruth Martinez and Board member Allen Rasmussen met with these three legislators, as well as Robin Washington, author of the articles, on April 26, 2007, to discuss the Board's process and procedures.

Dr. Hafner gave a report on the Women's Networking meeting that was held at the Federation of State Medical Boards' Annual meeting in San Francisco, CA, May 3-5, 2007. Dr. Hafner stated that meeting had a disappointing turnout because the signage was poor and geographically, the room was in an unsatisfactory location. Dr. Hafner requests that the Women's Networking meeting continue, but wants more visibility next year.

The Board discussed the Federation of State Medical Boards' Annual meeting. Board members felt the quality of the speakers had significantly improved.

Mr. Leach informed the Board that he will obtain several dozen copies of the Responsible Opioid Prescribing Guide. A draft edition of this book had been distributed at the FSMB Annual meeting.

Dr. Langland stated that the slides from the FSMB Annual meeting presentations were not available on the FSMB website. Mr. Leach responded that he would check into it and report back to the Board.

The Board discussed continuing medical education (CME). Dr. Lampe made a motion to change the continuing medical education specialty specifications and refer to the Public Policy Committee. Dr. Van Etta, Chair of the Continuing Competency and Maintenance of Licensure Taskforce stated that the Continuing Competency Taskforce is studying CME and suggested the issue be forwarded to this taskforce. Dr. Lampe withdrew his motion. Dr. Hafner made a motion that the issue of a change to CME

specialty specifications be referred to the Continuing Competency and Maintenance of Licensure Taskforce for further study. Motion passed.

Mr. Leach stated that Mr. Dale Austin, Assistant Executive Secretary is no longer with the FSMB.

The Board discussed the destination for the September 8, 2007, Board meeting and decided to hold it in Duluth, Minnesota.

Ms. Martinez informed the Board that she and Shirley Brekken, Executive Director of the Nursing Board presented as panelists at the National Patient Safety Foundation Annual Conference in Washington, DC, on Minnesota's efforts through the Minnesota Alliance for Patient Safety (MAPS). Dr. Altchuler requested that the minutes reflect that the Minnesota Board of Medical Practice can collaborate on its efforts without being made into a super Board.

Richard Auld, Ph.D., Assistant Executive Director, gave a legislative update. Mr. Auld informed the Board that the Housekeeping Bill passed both the House and Senate and has been sent to the Governors office for signature (The governor subsequently signed it). Mr. Auld stated that the Omnibus Health and Human Services Budget bill was vetoed. The post veto budget bill is not yet finished but the Board has been assured that the Board's budget request is secure.

Dr. Hafner inquired about SF 1615. Mr. Auld stated that there would be no action this session on this bill.

Dr. Anderson stated that there was a bill introduced in congress by Senator Kennedy to prohibit local pharmacies compounding of drugs. Mr. Auld said this is a bill the Board should continue to watch.

Mr. Auld stated that there are several bills before congress to regulate internet prescribing and dispensation of drugs. These bills may help control unnecessary internet access to drugs but won't eliminate the problem because they have no jurisdiction over off shore internet sites.

The Board was informed of one Corrective Action Agreement entered since the last Board meeting.

End of Public Session.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

All Board members voting concurred in the following decisions, unless otherwise indicated. The following Board members were present for both Public and Executive Sessions, unless otherwise indicated: Jon Thomas, M.D, MBA, President, Carl Smith, M.D., Vice President, Linda Van Etta, M.D., Secretary, Steven Altchuler, Ph.D., M.D., Alfred Anderson, M.D., D.C., Robert Brown, Ph.D., Rebecca Hafner, M.D., MBA, Bradley Johnson, M.D., Kelli Johnson, Ernest Lampe, II, M.D., James Langland, M.D., Allen Rasmussen, and Gregory Snyder, M.D.

### RONALD J. HARDRICT, M.D.

On recommendation of the Complaint Review Committee, the license of Dr. Hardrict was reinstated.

### WILLIAM J. LEE, M.D.

On recommendation of the Complaint Review Committee, the license of Dr. Lee was reinstated.

### ALAN R. LINDEMANN, M.D.

On recommendation of the Complaint Review Committee, the license of Dr. Lindemann was reinstated.

### CAROL J. MARTIN, M.D.

On recommendation of the Complaint Review Committee, the Amended Stipulation and Order for restricted license signed by Dr. Martin was approved.

### ANASTASIOS A. PAPPAS, M.D.

On recommendation of the Complaint Review Committee, the Stipulation and Order for reprimand and restricted license signed by Dr. Pappas was approved.

### JEFFREY H. RAYL, D.O.

On recommendation of the Complaint Review Committee, the license of Dr. Rayl was reinstated.

### DOUGLAS A. SMITH, M.D.

On recommendation of the Complaint Review Committee, the license of Dr. Smith was reinstated.

### ROMAN J. ZOWNIROWYCZ, M.D.

On recommendation of the Complaint Review Committee, the license of Dr. Zownirowycz was reinstated.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Linda L. Van Etta  
Linda Van Etta, M.D.  
Secretary  
MN Board of Medical Practice

July 3, 2007  
Date