

**MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD  
MINUTES  
MEDICAL COLLEGE OF WISCONSIN, MILWAUKEE WI  
OCTOBER 15, 2010**

**PRESENT:** Carolyn Bronston; James Conterato, MD; LaMarr Franklin; Jude Genereaux; Jerold Harter, MD; Sujatha Kailas, MD; Raymond Mager, DO; Suresh Misra, MD; Ian Munro, MD; Gene Musser, MD; Sandra Osborn, MD; Sheldon Wasserman, MD

**EXCUSED:** Jack Lockhart, MD

**STAFF:** Secretary Celia Jackson, Tom Ryan, Bureau Director; Michael Berndt, Legal Counsel; Karen Rude-Evans, Bureau Assistant; other DRL staff

**GUESTS:** Jessica Von Bomel, Quarles and Brady; Thomas J. Doherty, MD; Katherine Kucher; Chris Rasch, John Wolski, DO, Wisconsin Medical Society; Susan Young; Paola Palma Sisto, MD; Amy Marquardt, Columbia St. Mary's; Dawn Balcom; Chad Lipton, Carol Tsao, MD, Anthony Balcom, MD, Jonathan Klinger, Paul Hankwitz, MD, Angela Bokerfranckowiak, Melissa Wagner Schuman, Philip Redlich, MD, Ken Simons, MD, and John P. Thomas, Jr, MD, Medical College of Wisconsin; Judy Warmuth, Wisconsin Hospital Association; Sheila Reynolds, Janet Dixon and Sharon Graves, CHHS; Stephanie Lynn Deuser, RN, St. Joseph's Hospital; William J. Gaertner, MD, Health Promotions Unlimited

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**

Kenneth Simons, MD, Medical College of Wisconsin Dean of Graduate Medical Education, welcomed the Board and Regulation and Licensing staff.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Sujatha Kailas, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m. A quorum of twelve (12) members was confirmed.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Amendments:**

- Under CASE PRESENTATIONS, add GEORGE SONCRANT, DO – Appearance by Jack Zwiag- Case Advisor-Jerold Harter
- Under OTHER BUSINESS, insert 2009 Wisconsin Act 382 – Mandatory Reporting – Request for written article
- Under DELIBERATION OF STIPULATIONS, insert after page 52 – GEORGE SONCRANT, DO – 06 MED 192 & 09 MED 195

**MOTION:** Suresh Misra moved, seconded by Sheldon Wasserman, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2010**

**MOTION:** Carolyn Bronston moved, seconded by Raymond Mager, to approve the minutes of September 15, 2010 as written. Motion carried unanimously.

**SECRETARY CELIA JACKSON**

Secretary Celia Jackson spoke to the Board and the audience regarding the importance of having meetings outside of Madison, allowing the licensees and the public to see firsthand the work of the boards. Secretary Jackson also gave a PowerPoint presentation outlining the Department of Regulation and Licensing (DRL) and the duties that are performed in each Division. She also discussed the Physician Assistance Program that is an option for impaired professionals who self report.

**PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED STIPULATIONS, FINAL DECISIONS AND ORDERS**

**ANDREW BEAUTIN, MD  
10 MED 048**

Attorney Sandra Nowak, DOE, presented a Proposed Stipulation, Final Decision and Order in the disciplinary proceedings against Andrew Beautin, MD. This matter will be deliberated in closed session.

**ALFRED NEUHOFF, MD  
09 MED 307**

Attorney Sandra Nowak, DOE, presented a Proposed Stipulation, Final Decision and Order in the disciplinary proceedings against Alfred Neuhoff, MD. This matter will be deliberated in closed session.

**LEONAS P SULAS, MD  
08 MED 152**

Attorney Pamela Stach, DOE, presented a Proposed Stipulation, Final Decision and Order in the disciplinary proceedings against Leonas P. Sulas, MD. This matter will be deliberated in closed session.

**GEORGE SONCRANT, DO  
06 MED 192 & 09 MED 195**

Attorney Jack Zwieg, DOE, presented a Proposed Stipulation, Final Decision and Order in the disciplinary proceedings against George Soncrant, DO. This matter will be deliberated in closed session.

**POWERPOINT PRESENTATION  
BY SUJATHA KAILAS, MD, CHAIR, MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD**

Dr. Sujatha Kailas presented a comprehensive PowerPoint presentation on the Medical Examining Board and an overview of the disciplinary cases and how they are handled. The DRL has made great progress over the last year in processing a backlog of cases and bringing them to conclusion. Dr. Kailas also discussed the 2009 Wisconsin Act 382, the physicians' duty to report act, and took questions from the audience.

**ITEMS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION**

**Wis. Admin. Code Chapter MED 10 Rule Review Workgroup Report**

Dr. Gene Musser spoke regarding Wis. Admin. Code Chapter MED 10. The workgroup members are Dr. Musser, Dr. Sheldon Wasserman, Mr. LaMarr Franklin and Attorney Michael Berndt. The workgroup is in the process of reviewing practice acts from other states and the goal is to have a preliminary work product to present to the Board at the November 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Maintenance of Licensure and Continuing Medical Education**

Dr. Raymond Mager spoke about maintenance of licensure and continuing medical education. As physicians renew their license, the Medical Examining Board wants to ensure each licensee meets minimum standards and that the public is protected. The field of medicine is always changing with new techniques and practices, and it is important to keep abreast of these changes. The Medical Examining Board continues to discuss this subject and it is a work in progress.

**Legislative Activity**

Dr. Sheldon Wasserman reported that Wisconsin is the only state that allows physicians to apply for licensure after only one year of approved post-graduate training, and the Medical Examining Board (MEB) is aware that this requirement needs to be changed to be in line with licensure requirements in other states. The MEB is also looking at whether or not there should be a resident and fellow license.

## ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

### **Board Chair, Vice Chair and Public Member Training – December 2-3, 2010**

Tom Ryan stated the Department of Regulation and Licensing will be offering training to all board chairs, vice chairs and public members on December 2-3, 2010, at the Concourse Hotel in Madison. Invitations will be sent soon.

Dr. Sandra Osborn has been re-appointed to the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) Editorial Committee.

## SCREENING PANEL REPORT

Ms. Jude Genereaux reported the screening panel met on October 19 and reviewed 29 cases, opened 12 cases and sent one 10-day letter.

## INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

The informational items were noted.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

## OTHER BUSINESS

### **2009 Wisconsin Act 382-Request for Written Article**

Dr. Jerold Harter presented a draft article on 2009 Wisconsin Act 382. The law requires licensed physicians report to the MEB if they have knowledge of a colleague who engages in a pattern of unprofessional conduct, creates an immediate or continuing danger to one or more patients or to the public, may be medically incompetent or may be mentally or physically unable to safely engage in the practice of medicine or surgery.

## RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

**MOTION:** Sandra Osborn moved, seconded by Ian Munro, to convene to closed session to deliberate on cases following hearing (Wis. Stat. § 19.85 (1) (a)); consider closing disciplinary investigation(s) with administrative warning(s) (Wis. Stat. § 19.85 (1) (b), and Wis. Stat. § 440.205); consider individual histories or disciplinary data (Wis. Stat. § 19.85 (1) (f)); and to confer with legal counsel (Wis. Stat. § 19.85 (1) (g)). Roll call: Carolyn Bronston-yes; James Conterato-yes; LaMarr Franklin-yes; Jude Genereaux yes; Jerold Harter-yes; Sujatha Kailas-yes; Raymond Mager-yes; Suresh Misra-yes; Ian Munro-yes; Gene Musser-yes; Sandra Osborn-yes; Sheldon Wasserman-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Open session recessed at 3:30 p.m.

**RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

**MOTION:** LaMarr Franklin moved, seconded by Jerold Harter, to reconvene in open session. Motion carried unanimously.

Open session reconvened at 3:43 p.m.

**VOTING ON ITEMS CONSIDERED/DELIBERATED IN CLOSED SESSION**

**MOTION:** Jude Genereaux moved, seconded by Jerold Harter, to reaffirm all motions made in closed session. Motion carried unanimously.

**PROPOSED STIPULATIONS, FINAL DECISIONS AND ORDERS**

**ANDREW BEAUTIN, MD  
10 MED 048**

**MOTION:** Carolyn Bronston moved, seconded by Suresh Misra, to adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Final Decision and Order in the disciplinary proceedings against Andrew Beautin, MD. Motion carried unanimously.

**ALFRED NEUHOFF, MD  
09 MED 307**

**MOTION:** Suresh Misra moved, seconded by Ian Munro, to adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Final Decision and Order in the disciplinary proceedings against Alfred Neuhoff, MD. Motion carried. Jerold Harter was excused during deliberation and abstained from voting.

**LEONAS P SULAS, MD  
08 MED 152**

**MOTION:** Suresh Misra moved, seconded by Ian Munro, to adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Final Decision and Order in the disciplinary proceedings against Leonas P. Sulas, MD. Motion carried unanimously.

**GEORGE SONCRANT, DO  
06 MED 192 & 09 MED 195**

**MOTION:** Raymond Mager moved, seconded by LaMarr Franklin, to adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Final Decision and Order in the disciplinary proceedings against Andrew Beautin, MD. Motion carried. Ian Munro was excused during deliberation and abstained from voting.

**PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF MEDICAL PRACTICE**

**DAVID B GATTUSO, MD**

**MOTION:** Jude Genereaux moved, seconded by Suresh Misra, to approve the Petition for Approval for Medical Practice for David B. Gattuso, MD. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE WARNING**

**09 MED 426**

**MOTION:** James Conterato moved, seconded by Jerold Harter, to issue an administrative warning in case **09 MED 426**. Motion carried unanimously.

**RATIFYING LICENSES AND CERTIFICATES**

**MOTION:** Ian Munro moved, seconded by Jerold Harter, to ratify all licenses and certificates presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** LaMarr Franklin moved, seconded by Ian Munro, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 3:44 p.m.

**THE NEXT BOARD MEETING IS NOVEMBER 17, 2010**