

Business Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2022



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Commission Members

James E. Anderson, PA-C

Christine Blake, Public Member

Toni Borlas, Public Member

Charlie Browne, MD – Absent

Jimmy Chung, MD, 2nd Vice Chair

Diana Currie, MD

Arlene Dorrough, PA-C

Anjali D'Souza

Karen Domino, MD

Harlan Gallinger, MD

April Jaeger, MD

Sarah Lyle, MD

John Maldon, Public Member, Chair

Terry Murphy, MD

Alden Roberts, MD

Scott Rodgers, JD, Public Member

Robert Small, MD

Claire Trescott, MD, 1st Vice Chair

Richard Wohns, MD

Yanling Yu, PhD, Public Member

Commission Staff

Christine Babb, Investigator

Colleen Balatbat, Staff Attorney

Morgan Barrett, MD, Director of Compliance

Jennifer Batey, Legal Support Staff Manager

Amelia Boyd, Program Manager

Kayla Bryson, Executive Assistant

Adam Calica, Chief Investigator

Sarah Chenvert, Performance Manager

Melanie de Leon, Executive Director

Joel DeFazio, Staff Attorney

Anthony Elders, Compliance Officer

Michael Farrell, Policy Development Manager

Gina Fino, MD, Investigator

Ryan Furbush, Paralegal

Rick Glein, Director of Legal Services

George Heye, MD, Medical Consultant

Mike Hively, Director of Operations & Informatics

Jenelle Houser, Legal Assistant

Kyle Karinen, Staff Attorney

Pam Kohlmeier, MD, JD, Attorney

Micah Matthews, Deputy Executive Director

Lynne Miller, Paralegal

Gordon Wright, Staff Attorney

Mahlet Zeru, Equity & Social Justice Manager

Others in Attendance

Heather Cantrell, Policy Analyst, Department of Health

Heather Carter, Assistant Attorney General

Mary Curtis, MD, Pro Tem Commissioner

Katerina LaMarche, Washington State Medical Association

Gregory Terman, MD, Pro Tem Commissioner

1.0 Call to Order

John Maldon, Public Member, Chair, called the meeting of the Washington Medical Commission (Commission) to order at 8:00 a.m. on January 14, 2022.

2.0 Housekeeping

Amelia Boyd, Program Manager, gave an overview of how the meeting would proceed.

3.0 Chair Report

The Chair stated that the March 4, 2022 will be virtual due to current Governor restrictions for in-person meetings.

The Chair reminded the Commissioners of a recent email from Mike Hively, Director of Operations & Informatics, requesting Commissioners with a WMC device log into it at least once every three weeks. If this is not done, the device will need to be brought to the IT department at the Tumwater building. For questions, please reach out to Mike Hively.

The Chair stated that at the Commissioner retreat in December the Code of Conduct was discussed. This document has been revised and the most important change was to the definition of ex parte. The Chair will email the revised document to all Commissioners soon.

4.0 Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda contained the following items for approval:

- 4.1 Minutes from the November 19, 2021 Business Meeting.
- 4.2 Agenda for January 14, 2022.

Motion: The Chair entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

5.0 New Business

5.1 Resolutions for April 2022 Federation of State Medical Boards Meeting

Micah Matthews, Deputy Executive Director, presented the following documents for discussion:

- The National Medical Practice Registry
- Permitting Out-of-State Practitioners to Provide Continuity of Care in Limited Situations

Mr. Matthews explained that these documents will be presented as resolutions at the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) meeting scheduled for April 2022.

Motion: The Chair entertained a motion to approve both proposed resolutions to be provided to the FSMB. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

6.0 Old Business

6.1 Committee/Workgroup Reports

These reports were provided in writing and included in the meeting packet.

In addition to the written reports, Melanie de Leon, Executive Director, reported the Education Committee met in 2019 where the members provided several topics for the Lunch & Learns which are held on the first day of WMC's regular meetings. Most of those topics have been presented over the last two years. The focus of the Lunch & Learns will now shift to Commissioner trainings. Ms. de Leon asked that Commissioners who are interested in serving on the committee to please contact her or if there are any ideas for topics, to please send them to her.

6.2 Rulemaking Activities

The rulemaking progress report was provided in the meeting packet. In addition to the written report, Amelia Boyd reported that the CR-101 (Pre-Proposal) for Clinical Support Program rulemaking has been rescinded.

7.0 Public Comment

No public comment was provided.

8.0 Policy Committee Report

Dr. Karen Domino, Policy Committee Chair, reported on the items discussed at the Policy Committee meeting held on January 13, 2022:

Proposed Policy: Discrimination in Health Care

Dr. Domino stated that this document had been reviewed at the November 2021 meeting where the committee recommended it be edited and brought to a future meeting. Alden Roberts, MD, provided several edits and presented them at the Committee meeting. The Committee recommended forming a workgroup to edit the document further and bring it to a future meeting. Ms. de Leon stated the following Commissioners had volunteered to participate in the workgroup: Jim Anderson, PA; Diana Currie, MD; Christine Blake, Public Member; Scott Rodgers, Public Member; and Dr. Roberts. Arlene Dorrough, PA; Yanling Yu, PhD, Public Member; and Claire Trescott, MD also volunteered to be members.

Proposed Guideline: Termination of the Practitioner-Patient Relationship

Dr. Domino stated the Committee members brought up several issues with this document. The Committee recommended that a workgroup be formed to revise this document and bring it to a future meeting. Commissioners interested in being a member of the workgroup to please reach out to Chair Maldon.

Policy: Self-Treatment or Treatment of Immediate Family Members

Dr. Domino presented the proposed revisions to this policy. She asked Mike Farrell, Policy Development Manager, to review additional suggested revisions he received. Mr. Farrell and Robert Small, MD, presented those revisions. After a discussion by the Commissioners, it was decided that this document will be revised further and brought to a future meeting.

Policy: Use of Notice of Correction

Dr. Domino asked Mr. Farrell to present this item. Mr. Farrell explained the background behind this document and stated the Committee recommended rescinding the policy.

Motion: The Chair entertained a motion to rescind the policy. The motion was approved unanimously.

9.0 Member Reports

Dr. Yu, Public Member, reported that the Patient Safety Action Network followed up on a Consumer Report that evaluated state medical boards' websites: [Looking for Doctor Information Online](#).

10.0 Staff Reports

Mr. Matthews introduced new employee Dr. Pamela Kohlmeier, JD. Dr. Kohlmeier will work in a Staff Attorney role and will be the legal support for Panel L. Her mentors will be Mr. Farrell;

Heather Carter, AAG; and Ms. de Leon.

11.0 AAG Report

Heather Carter, AAG, had nothing to report.

12.0 Adjournment

The Chair called the meeting adjourned at 9:28 am.

Submitted by

(signature on file)

Amelia Boyd, Program Manager

(signature on file)

John Maldon, Public Member, Chair
Washington Medical Commission

Approved March 4, 2022

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