

Business Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2019



WASHINGTON
**Medical
Commission**
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Capital Event Center: 6005 Tye Drive SW, Tumwater, WA 98512, (360) 464-6700

Commission Members

James E. Anderson, PA-C

Toni Borlas, Public Member – Absent

Charlie Browne, MD – Absent

Jason Cheung, MD – Absent

Jimmy Chung, MD

Karen Domino, MD

Patrick España, JD, Public Member

Harry Harrison, Jr., MD

Warren Howe, MD – Absent

April Jaeger, MD – Absent

Charlotte Lewis, MD, 2nd Vice Chair

John Maldon, Public Member, 1st Vice Chair

Peter Marsh, MD

Terry Murphy, MD

Alden Roberts, MD, Chair

Theresa Schimmels, PA-C

Robert Small, MD

Claire Trescott, MD

Mimi Winslow, JD, Public Member

Yanling Yu, PhD, Public Member

Commission Staff

Colleen Balatbat, Staff Attorney

Morgan Barrett, Director of Compliance

Jennifer Batey, Paralegal Supervisor

Larry Berg, Staff Attorney

Amelia Boyd, Program Manager

Sarah Chenvert, Performance Manager

Anna Clavel, Staff Attorney

Melanie de Leon, Executive Director

Anthony Elders, Secretary Senior

Mike Farrell, Policy Development Manager

Rick Glein, Director of Legal Services

George Heye, MD, Medical Consultant

Mike Hively, Information Liaison

Kyle Karinen, Staff Attorney

Stephanie MacManus, Public Relations &
Legislative Liaison

Sherrise Martin, Health Services Consultant

Micah Matthews, Deputy Executive Director

Melissa McEachron, Director of Operations
& Informatics

Michelle Moore, Health Services Consultant

Ariele Page Landstrom, Staff Attorney

Freda Pace, Director of Investigations

Kimberly Romero, Licensing Manager

Becca Sasso, Administrative Assistant

Trisha Wolf, Staff Attorney

Gordon Wright, Staff Attorney

Others in Attendance

Heather Carter, Assistant Attorney General (AAG)

Gregory Terman, MD, Pro Tem Commissioner

Call to Order

Alden Roberts, MD, Chair, called the meeting of the Washington Medical Commission (Commission) to order at 8:00 a.m. on April 12, 2019, at the Capital Event Center, 6005 Tye Drive SW, Tumwater, WA 98512.

1.0 Chair Report

Dr. Roberts announced that the Commission's name has been changed from Medical Quality Assurance Commission to Washington Medical Commission.

He next announced that this would be Mimi Winslow's last meeting as her term as a Public Member is due to expire on June 30, 2019. He spoke about Ms. Winslow's service to the

Commission.

He reported on the recent Executive Team meeting.

He spoke about the importance and definition of a highly reliable organization.

2.0 Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda contained the following items for approval:

- 2.1 Minutes from the March 8, 2019 Business Meeting.
- 2.2 Amended Agenda for April 12, 2019. Addition to the Policy Committee agenda of a request to initiate rulemaking on Stem Cells. Addition to Old Business regarding a response letter to the Washington State Medical Association.
- 2.3 Ratification of the licenses issued to Physicians, Limited Physicians and Physician Assistants From March 8, 2019 through April 11, 2019.

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

3.0 Old Business

Add-on Response Letter to the Washington State Medical Association

Dr. Roberts presented a draft response and asked for feedback from the Commissioners on the document.

Motion: The Chair entertained a motion to accept sending the letter with the broad concepts included. The motion was approved by majority.

3.1 Telemedicine Workgroup

There was nothing to report.

3.2 2019 Educational Conference Planning Committee

There was nothing to report.

3.3 Rulemaking Activities

There was nothing further to report.

3.4 Health Equity Workgroup

There was nothing to report.

3.5 Citizen Engagement Workgroup

There was nothing to report.

3.6 Reduction of Medical Errors Subcommittee

There was nothing to report.

3.7 Practitioner Competence Workgroup

Micah Matthews, Deputy Executive Director, reported the Scripps Healthcare in San Diego is instituting a credentialing policy physicians over 70 years of age must be evaluated by the Physician Assessment and Clinical Education (PACE) Fitness for Duty (FFD) Program every two years in order to maintain their privileges.

4.0 Committees and Workgroups Consent Agenda

The Health Equity Workgroup and the Practitioner Competence Workgroup were removed from the consent agenda.

Motion: The Chair entertained a motion to renew the Health Equity Workgroup and the

Practitioner Competence Workgroup. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Motion: The Chair entertained a motion to approve the remaining items on the consent agenda. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

5.0 New Business

Nominating Committee

Dr. Roberts announced the Nominating Committee members:

- Dr. Warren Howe, Chair
- Dr. Harry Harrison, Jr.
- Dr. Karen Domino

Nominees will be announced at the May 17, 2019 Business Meeting.

6.0 Public Comment

Cindi Hoenhous, a member of the Washington Patients in Intractable Pain group, presented information that was recently released by both the Food and Drug Administration and the Centers for Disease Control regarding opioid prescribing.

7.0 Policy Committee Report

Mimi Winslow, JD, Public Member, Policy Committee Chair reported on the items discussed at the Policy Committee meeting held on April 11, 2019:

Stem Cells Rulemaking Request

Ms. Winslow asked Mr. Matthews to report on this item. Mr. Matthews explained the background and reason to initiate rulemaking on this subject. Ms. Winslow stated that the committee recommended approval to initiate rulemaking.

Motion: The Chair entertained a motion to initiate rulemaking on stem cells. The motion was approved unanimously.

Telemedicine Rulemaking Request

Ms. Winslow asked Mr. Matthews to report on this item. Mr. Matthews explained the background and reason to initiate rulemaking on this subject. Ms. Winslow reported the committee recommended approval to initiate rulemaking.

Motion: The Chair entertained a motion to initiate rulemaking for telemedicine. The motion was approved unanimously.

Proposed Self-Reporting Obligations by Respondents on Compliance

Ms. Winslow asked Rick Glein, Director of Legal Services, to report on this item. Mr. Glein presented the background and reasons related to this item. He explained the language that would be added to specific disciplinary documents.

Motion: The Chair entertained a motion to add the language to disciplinary documents. The motion was approved unanimously.

Medical Marijuana Guidelines

Ms. Winslow asked Mike Farrell, Policy Development Manager, to report on this item. Mr. Farrell reported Dr. Harrison suggested adding language related to prescribing medical marijuana to minors to the Department of Health (DOH) guideline. Mr. Farrell reported the DOH did not include

Dr. Harrison's suggestion and so he and Dr. Harrison developed a guideline from the Medical Commission. Mr. Farrell presented that document. Ms. Winslow reported the committee recommends adoption of the Commission's Medical Marijuana Guideline.

Motion: The Chair entertained a motion approve the guideline. The motion was approved unanimously.

Physician & Physician and Physician Assistants' Use of the Electronic Medical Record Guideline, MD2015-09

Ms. Winslow reported the committee discussed the guideline and suggested substantive changes and so this item was deferred to a future meeting.

Reentry to Practice Guideline, MD2015-10

Ms. Winslow asked Mr. Farrell to report on this item. Mr. Farrell presented the changes to the guideline. Ms. Winslow stated that suggested changes should be sent to Mr. Farrell. This item will be deferred to a future meeting.

Reentry to Practice for Suspended Licenses Guideline, MD2015-11

Ms. Winslow asked Mr. Farrell to report on this item. Mr. Farrell presented the changes to the guideline. Ms. Winslow stated the committee recommended approval of the guideline with the reported changes.

Motion: The Chair entertained a motion to approve the guideline with the suggested changes. The motion was approved unanimously.

8.0 MEMBER REPORTS

There were no member reports.

9.0 STAFF MEMBER REPORTS

Staff member reports are provided in writing prior to the meeting. The information below is in addition to the written report.

9.1 Executive Director

Melanie de Leon, Executive Director, reported that Commissioner Jim Anderson, PA-C was appointed to the Federation of State Medical Board's Education Committee.

9.2 Assistant Attorney General

Heather Carter, AAG, had nothing to report.

9.3 Deputy Executive Director

Micah Matthews, Deputy Executive Director, provided an update on his written legislative report.

9.4 Program Manager

Mrs. Boyd had nothing further to report.

9.5 Director of Operations & Informatics

Kimberly Romero, Licensing Manager, introduced Anthony Elders, Secretary Senior.

9.6 Medical Consultant, Dr. Heye

George Heye, MD, Medical Consultant, had nothing further to report.

9.7 Director of Compliance & Medical Consultant, Dr. Barrett

Morgan Barrett, MD, Medical Consultant, had nothing further to report.

9.8 Director of Legal Services

Rick Glein, Director of Legal Services, had nothing further to report.

9.9 Director of Investigations

Freda Pace, Director of Investigations, had nothing further to report.

9.10 Policy Development Manager

Mike Farrell, Policy Development Manager, had nothing further to report.

9.11 Director of Quality & Engagement

Jimi Bush, Director of Quality & Engagement, was absent.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

The Chair called the meeting adjourned at 9:29 am.

Submitted by

(signature on file)

Amelia Boyd, Program Manager

(signature on file)

Alden Roberts, MD, Chair
Washington Medical Commission

Approved May 17, 2019