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Business Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2019

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James E. Anderson, PA-C
Toni Borlas, Public Member
Charlie Browne, MD – Absent
Jason Cheung, MD
Jimmy Chung, MD
Karen Domino, MD
Patrick España, JD, Public Member – Absent
Harry Harrison, Jr., MD
Warren Howe, MD
April Jaeger, MD
Charlotte Lewis, MD, 2nd Vice Chair

John Maldon, Public Member, 1st Vice Chair
Peter Marsh, MD – Absent
Terry Murphy, MD
Kathleen O’Connor, Public Member
Alden Roberts, MD, Chair
Theresa Schimmels, PA-C – Absent
Robert Small, MD
Claire Trescott, MD
Mimi Winslow, JD, Public Member
Yanling Yu, PhD, Public Member – Absent

Medical Commission Staff

Colleen Balatbat, Staff Attorney
Morgan Barrett, Director of Compliance
Jennifer Batey, Paralegal Supervisor
Jim Burkholder, Investigator Supervisor
Jimi Bush, Director of Quality & Engagement
Sarah Chenvert, Performance Manager
Melanie de Leon, Executive Director
Mike Farrell, Policy Development Manager
Ryan Furbush, Paralegal
Rick Glein, Director of Legal Services
George Heye, MD, Medical Consultant
Mike Hively, Information Liaison
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Kyle Karinen, Staff Attorney
Kayla LaRue, Executive Assistant
Stephanie MacManus, Public Relations &
Legislative Liaison
Micah Matthews, Deputy Executive Director
Jim Noss, Investigator
Ariele Page Landstrom, Staff Attorney
Freda Pace, Director of Investigations
Kimberly Romero, Licensing Manager
Daidria Amelia Underwood, Program Manager
Diana Whitaker, Paralegal
Trisha Wolf, Staff Attorney
Gordon Wright, Staff Attorney

Others in Attendance

Chris Bundy, Washington Physician’s Health
Program (WPHP)
Chris Gerard, Assistant Attorney General (AAG)

Shae Fitzgerald, WPHP
Jim Rooks, MD, Pro Tem Commissioner
Gregory Terman, MD, Pro Tem Commissioner

Call to Order

Alden Roberts, MD, Chair, called the meeting of the Washington State Medical Quality Assurance Commission (Commission) to order at 8:00 a.m. on January 18, 2019, at the Capital Event Center, 6005 Tye Drive SW, Tumwater, WA 98512.

1.0 Chair Report

Dr. Roberts welcomed everyone to the meeting. He then introduced Terry Murphy, MD as the newest appointed Commissioner.

Dr. Roberts reminded the Commissioners of the importance of reviewing the information included in the meeting packet.

2.0 Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda contained the following items for approval:

- 2.1** Minutes from the November 16, 2018 Business Meeting.
- 2.2** Amended agenda for January 18, 2019. The Chapter 246-919 WAC item was removed from the Policy Committee agenda.
- 2.3** Ratification of the licenses issued to Physicians, Limited Physicians and Physician Assistants From November 16, 2018 through January 17, 2019.

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

3.0 Old Business

3.1 Telemedicine Workgroup

Micah Matthews, Deputy Executive Director, provided an update on the Commission's resolution that was sent to the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) regarding telemedicine and continuity of care.

3.2 2018 Educational Conference Planning Committee

There was nothing further 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 further to report.

3.6 Reduction of Medical Errors Subcommittee

Dr. Roberts asked Mike Farrell, Policy Development Manager, to report on this item. Mr. Farrell reported the subcommittee met recently to discuss developments in in the Communication Resolution Program (CRP). He also stated the subcommittee has been invited to make a presentation at an upcoming CRP stakeholder meeting.

3.7 Practitioner Competence Workgroup

Dr. Roberts stated there was nothing to report.

3.8 Lists & Labels Request

The following lists and labels request was discussed for possible approval or denial. Approval or denial of this request is based on whether the entity meets the requirements of a “professional association” or an “educational organization” as noted on the application (RCW 42.56.070(9)).

- Northwest Washington Medical Society

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

3.9 Lists & Labels Request – Other Agency

The Department of Children, Youth, & Families (DCYF) request to receive lists and labels was discussed.

Motion: The Chair entertained a motion to deny the request. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

4.0 New Business

4.1 List of Entities

WAC 246-919-945(1)(d)

“...is credentialed in pain management by an entity approved by the commission for an allopathic physician...”

The process for approving requesting entities in this WAC was discussed. The responsibility for this item was delegated to the Opioids Prescribing & Monitoring Committee.

5.0 Public Comment

Dr. Chris Bundy, Executive Medical Director of the Washington Physician’s Health Program (WPHP), spoke about the WPHP and introduced Shae Fitzgerald as the new director of program development.

6.0 Policy Committee Report

Mimi Winslow, JD, Public Member, Policy Committee Chair reported on the items discussed at the Policy Committee meeting held on January 17, 2019:

2019-2021 Strategic Plan

Ms. Winslow asked Melanie de Leon, Executive Director, to report on this item. Ms. de Leon presented the draft 2019-2021 strategic plan. She asked that the Commissioners provide her with input on what other strategies or what the staff can do to implement the objectives. Ms. Winslow stated the committee recommended that questions about the previous strategic plan (2017-2019) be directed to Melanie.

Management of Chronic Noncancer Pain, MD2012-01-IS

Ms. Winslow asked Ms. Underwood to report on this item. Ms. Underwood stated that the new opioid prescribing rules became effective January 1, 2019 and as such, the MD2012-01-IS interpretive statement is no longer relevant as it interprets language in the prior pain management rule. Ms. Winslow reported the committee recommended rescission of this interpretive statement.

Motion: The Chair entertained a motion to rescind this interpretive statement. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Effects of State Medical Board Disciplinary Orders on ABMS Specialty Board Certification

Ms. Winslow stated that the author, Mr. Farrell, requested an endorsement of the paper as the Commission's position and its publication. Ms. Winslow stated that the committee recommended endorsement.

Motion: The Chair entertained a motion to endorse the paper as the Commission's position and its publication. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mandatory CME Regarding Medical Error Prevention

Ms. Winslow stated the committee discussed the idea of mandatory CME regarding medical error prevention. She reported there was no consensus from the committee on this subject and the committee had no recommendation.

A Collaborative Approach to Reducing Medical Error and Enhancing Patient Safety, MD2015-08

Ms. Winslow reported the committee recommended reaffirming this guideline as written.

Motion: The Chair entertained a motion to reaffirm the guideline as written. The motion was approved unanimously.

Stipulations to Informal Disposition, MD2015-05

Ms. Winslow asked Mr. Farrell to present on this item. Mr. Farrell presented the proposed changes.

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

7.0 MEMBER REPORTS

There were no member reports.

8.0 STAFF MEMBER REPORTS

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

8.1 Executive Director

Melanie de Leon, Executive Director, reported on the Commissioner "Boot Camp" which was held in December.

8.2 Assistant Attorney General

Chris Gerard, AAG, had nothing to report.

8.3 Deputy Executive Director

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

8.4 Program Manager

Ms. Underwood had nothing further to report.

8.5 Director of Operations & Informatics

Melissa McEachron, Director of Operations and Informatics, had nothing further to report.

8.6 Medical Consultant, Dr. Heye

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

8.7 Director of Compliance & Medical Consultant, Dr. Barrett

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

8.8 Director of Legal Services

Rick Glein, Director of Legal Services, introduced a new Paralegal, Ryan Furbush.

8.9 Director of Investigations

Freda Pace, Director of Investigations, presented information on a new process for notifying Commissioners of new cases. She also introduced a new Investigator, Jim Noss.

8.10 Policy Development Manager

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

8.11 Director of Quality & Engagement

Jimi Bush, Director of Quality & Engagement, had nothing further to report.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

The Chair called the meeting adjourned at 9:33 am.

Submitted by

(Signature on file)

Daidria Underwood, Program Manager

(Signature on file)

Alden Roberts, MD, Chair
Washington Medical Commission

Approved March 8, 2019