



MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

INTERESTED PARTIES MEETING TO DISCUSS LICENSING APPLICATION QUESTIONS RELATING TO MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH

AGENDA

Tuesday, July 30, 2024

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

(Or Until Conclusion of Business)

Via WebEx:

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*Meeting times and order of agenda items are subject to change.
Please see the last page for information on public participation.*

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1. Opening Remarks and Introduction of Speakers:
 - A. Mark Staz, MA, Chief Learning Officer, Federation of State Medical Boards – Presentation on different approaches to licensing impairment questions
 - B. Janelle A. Rhyne, MD, MA, Director of Innovation, Policy & Strategy, North Carolina Medical Board – Presentation on North Carolina's change to an attestation model regarding impairment
 - C. Stephanie Loucka, JD, Executive Director, State Medical Board of Ohio - Presentation on Ohio's change to impairment questions

2. Public Comments

Note that the Medical Board of California (Board) is seeking feedback on whether the Board should change its introductory statement and/or questions relating to mental and physical health on its licensing applications, which currently state:

An affirmative answer to any of the questions below will not automatically disqualify you from licensure. The Board will make an individualized assessment of the nature, the severity and the duration of the risks associated with an ongoing medical condition to determine whether an unrestricted license should be issued, whether conditions should be imposed, or whether you are eligible for licensure. Please note that a limited practice license may be available.

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- Are you currently enrolled in, or participating in any drug, alcohol, or substance abuse recovery program or impaired practitioner program?
- Do you currently have any condition (including, but not limited to emotional, mental, neurological or other physical, addictive, or behavioral disorder) that impairs your ability to practice medicine safely?
- Do you currently have any other condition that impairs or limits your ability to practice medicine safely?

3. Closing Remarks / Adjournment

Public Participation

The meeting is accessible to the public via Webex. A link to the WebEx Event and [instructions on how to connect](#) will be added to the Medical Board of California's (Board) website approximately one week prior to the meeting date.

While the Board intends to [livestream](#) this meeting, it may not be possible to livestream the entire open meeting due to limitations on resources or technical difficulties.

During the public comment period, each person will be limited to three minutes to provide comments. Please note that the meeting chairs may adjust this time limit, depending upon the number of individuals who wish to speak. For additional information, call (916) 263-2389.

Interested parties are encouraged to submit written comments to the Board to provide feedback on the licensing application questions relating to mental and physical health in advance of the meeting. Please email your comments regarding this topic to the Board at impairment-questions@mbc.ca.gov, or mail your comments to the attention of Angelaya Strother, Medical Board of California, 2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 1200, Sacramento CA 95815. Written comments received by the Board by Wednesday, July 24, 2024, will be shared with the task force members.

NOTICE: The meeting is accessible to the physically disabled. A person who needs a disability-related accommodation or modification in order to participate in the meeting may make a request by contacting Angelaya Strother at (916) 263-2318 or email angelaya.strother@mbc.ca.gov. Providing your request at least five business days before the meeting will help ensure availability of the requested accommodation.

The mission of the Medical Board of California is to protect healthcare consumers and prevent harm through the proper licensing and regulation of physicians and surgeons and certain allied healthcare professionals and through the vigorous, objective enforcement of the Medical Practice Act, and to promote access to quality medical care through the Board's licensing, policy, and regulatory functions.
