



MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA Licensing Program



LICENSING COMMITTEE

Embassy Suites – San Francisco Airport
Mendocino / Burlingame Room
150 Anza Blvd.
Burlingame, CA 94010

January 27, 2011

MINUTES

Agenda Item 1 Call to Order / Roll Call

Dr. Salomonson called the Licensing Committee meeting to order on January 27, 2011 at 8:33 a.m.
Ms. Humphreys called the roll and a quorum was present.

Members Present:

Janet Salomonson, M.D., Chair
Jorge Carreon, M.D.
Eric Esrailian, M.D.
Gerrie Schipske, R.N.P., J.D.

Staff Present:

Janie Cordray, Research Specialist
Kurt Heppler, Legal Counsel
Breanne Humphreys, Licensing Manager
Teri Hunley, Business Services Manager
Ross Locke, Business Services Office
Armando Melendez, Business Services Office
Letitia Robinson, Licensing Manager
Anita Scuri, Department of Consumer Affairs, Supervising Legal Counsel
Jennifer Simoes, Chief of Legislation
Cheryl Thompson, Executive Assistant
Renee Threadgill, Chief of Enforcement
Linda Whitney, Executive Director
Curt Worden, Chief of Licensing
Barbara Yaroslavsky, Board President

Members of the Audience:

Julie D'Angelo Fellmuth, Center for Public Interest Law
Dean Grafilo, California Medical Association
Cynthia Holden, American University of the Caribbean
Dan Lealox, American University of the Caribbean
Rehan Sheikh, Member of Public

Agenda Item 2 Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda

Dr. Salomonson asked for public comments on items not on the agenda. As there were no public comments, Dr. Salomonson moved to Agenda Item 3.

Agenda Item 3 Approval of Minutes from the November 4, 2010 Meeting

Ms. Scuri made a correction to the minutes. Page 6, Agenda Item 6, Update on Proposed Alternatives to traditional US and IMG Medical Education, the M/S/C was to direct staff to set up an interested parties meeting with a member from the Access to Care Committee and Licensing Committee to work on this issue. Dr. Diego volunteered to assist.

It was M/S/C to approve minutes as corrected.

Agenda Item 4 Update on Application Processing Times for Physician and Surgeon Applications

Mr. Worden referenced the report ending January 8, 2011 (Agenda Item 4). The review of new US/Canadian applications is at 30 days and pending mail is within seven calendar days. New IMG application reviews are at 37 days and pending mail is within seven calendar days. Mr. Worden commended the staff for the great job in maintaining the workload

Agenda Item 5 Update on the Business Process Reengineering (BPR) Primary Recommendations

Mr. Worden said staff is currently working on the five BPR recommendations while maintaining application review dates.

A. Revision of Physician and Surgeon Application and Streamlining Process

Ms. Robinson reported that the Application Revision Committee has held two meetings. The committee has proposed three new addendum forms: Birthmonth Licensure Request, Applicant Address Change Request and a Statement of Professional Activities.

Question #23, criminal history, question #24, pending criminal action, and question #25, sex offender registration, were reviewed. Currently these questions are on separate pages and are often answered incorrectly or skipped. It is proposed that these questions be placed together on one page.

Also proposed is that Question #23 be made a two-part question clarifying what type of criminal history must be disclosed and that any matters adjudicated through the juvenile system should not be disclosed.

B. Web Site Related to Applications

Ms. Robinson reported that the MBC Web Site "Applicants" tab will be updated when there are changes to the application.

C. Study of Postgraduate Training Authorization Letter (PTAL) Process

Ms. Robinson stated that as the Application Revision Committee works on a new application, it will also determine if there is a need to have a separate PTAL application.

D. Implementation of New Management Report

Ms. Humphreys stated that the board's allied health program, Research Psychoanalysts, Registered Dispensing Opticians, Spectacle Lens and Contact Lens, have no automated reports. Data collection and analysis has been performed using spreadsheets where there has been difficulty extracting accurate data. Data entry is now through the software program, Access. Once the data parameters are entered, the nine data elements required by DCA are extracted.

E. Revision of the Policy and Procedure Manual

Ms. Humphreys reported that three chapters have been distributed to staff and three chapters are in the approval process. The fingerprint process has been analyzed, streamlined, and all staff trained.

Agenda Item 6

None provided.

Agenda Items for May 5-6, 2011 Meeting in Los Angeles

Agenda Item 8

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Adjournment

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