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## Application Review and Special Programs Committee Meeting

WebEx Online

June 3, 2021

Open Meeting Minutes

**Thursday, June 3, 2021**

**Members Present:**

Kristina D. Lawson, J.D., Chair  
Randy W. Hawkins, M.D.  
Felix C. Yip, M.D.

**Staff Present:**

Aaron Bone, Chief of Legislation and Public Affairs  
Dalia Demian, Associate Governmental Program Analyst  
Sean Eichelkraut, Information Technology Supervisor I  
Marina O'Connor, Chief of Licensing  
William Prasifka, Executive Director  
Kathryn Taylor, Staff Services Manager I  
Christina Thomas, Staff Services Manager I  
Reji Varghese, Deputy Director  
Kerrie Webb, Staff Counsel

**Agenda Item 1 Call to Order/Roll Call/Establishment of a Quorum**

Ms. Lawson called the meeting of the Application Review and Special Programs Committee (Committee) of the Medical Board of California (Board) to order on June 3, 2021, at 4:02 p.m. A quorum was present and due notice was provided to all interested parties.

**Agenda Item 2 Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda**

Ms. Sandra Perez from Hesperia, California in San Bernardino County spoke of the definition of PG-Y1 residents defined as medical students having no license to practice medicine and later defined as medical students that can practice medicine under the approved program's supervision. Ms. Perez has concerns that unlicensed medical student or PG-Y1 residents have been practicing medicine without any oversight within their approved programs, which is in violation of ACGME. For public safety, she is asking the Board to provide versions that do not provide critical or individual private information such as Forms L3A, Form L1C, Form L1D, and Form L1E so the public is aware of any disciplinary actions or leave of absences taken during residency.

Mr. Collin Roth spoke about the Mexico Physician Pilot Program and his concerns about the program waiving certain criteria when individuals in his group were not afforded the same considerations. Mr. Roth is a member of a group of about 135 bilingual physicians, Latino, non-Hispanic doctors, who were not able to match into training programs and had to pursue other allied health fields to practice. The USMLE examination was not waived for them unlike this criteria is being waived for the Mexico Physician Pilot Program.

Ms. Kristin Ogden spoke of the FDA meeting scheduled for June 7 & 8, 2021 to discuss the morphine milligram equivalents: Applications, Research, and Future Directions. Families for Intractable Pain Relief members support appropriate prescribing of opioids at any dose by well qualified physicians as a last resort to treat those suffering of intractable pain to improve functionality and quality of life. Ms. Ogden is looking for solutions that allow providers to treat patients without fear of reprisal.

**Agenda Item 3      *Approval of the Minutes from the June 3, 2021, Application Review and Special Programs Committee Meeting***

Ms. Lawson asked if there were any edits from the members to the minutes.

**Dr. Hawkins made a motion to approve the Minutes from the January 20, 2021, Application Review and Special Program Committee Meeting; s/Dr. Yip.**

No edits from the members and no public comments.

**Motion carried unanimously (3-0).**

*Open session ended at 4:16 p.m. and the Committee reconvened in Closed Session, pursuant to Government Code section 11126(c)(2), for deliberations under Agenda Item 4.*

**Agenda Item 4      *Closed Session***

Closed Session ended at 4:50 p.m. and the Committee reconvened in Open Session.

**Agenda Item 5      *Adjournment***

Ms. Lawson Adjourned the meeting at 4:56 p.m.