

Minutes of the Meeting of the
NYS Medicine Board
June 10, 2022
1411 Broadway NY, NY and via WebEx

Meeting is available via WebEx and being recorded.

Board Members Present: Dr. Berger, Dr. Boursiquot, Dr. Epstein, Dr. Kasinathan, Dr. Mark, Dr. Papa, Dr. Rajan, Dr. Raju, Dr. Rehman, Dr. Sapio, Dr. Shah, Dr. Sharma, Dr. Shelat, Dr. Walther, and Dr. Wlody; PA Greg Shutts; and public members Marian Goldstein and JoAnn Marino.

Board Members Absent: Dr. Autz, Dr. Grayson, Dr. Guthrie, Dr. Lerner, Dr. Plummer, Dr. Sahgal, and Dr. Salemi.

Guests Present: Cassandra Pineda of Greater New York Hospital Association, Shelly Wang Bandago of OPMC, Dr. Jakobowski of BPMC, Dr. Gimpel of NBOME, Doug Murray of NBOME.

Staff Members Present: Stephen Boese, Executive Secretary to the Board; Carla Wells, Education Program Assistant 2; and Heidi Weinman, Secretary.

Meeting is called to order by Dr. Epstein at 9:30 am.

Motion to Accept Minutes: Motion is made, seconded, and passed to accept the minutes from the March 2022 meeting.

Discussion Items:

Chair's Report:

The Advisory Committee on Long Term Clinical Clerkships met in April. They received the final documents from St. George's University from their 2021 Annual Report. Two schools had virtual site visits and the committee reviewed the site visit team reports. The finalized report will go to the Board of Regents at their June meeting for approval.

Executive Secretary's Report:

Mr. Boese reports that this year we're instituting a new board member training specifically for medicine board members instead of the general one for all board members because the medicine board procedures are unique. The training will be July 6th.

We thank all members who have volunteered for hearing panels and invite other members to volunteer as needed. The process is explained for new members.

Accommodations for meeting by WebEx made under the Governor's Executive Orders have been extended again until June 15, 2022. We will notify board members via email if that is not renewed.

Technical Review of Legislation:

- A. 1125 – Allows for pharmacists to dispense contraceptives with a non-patient specific order. Passed the Assembly but not the Senate.
- A. 3040 – Allows for pharmacists to administer mental health injections. The legislature accepted our recommendations to narrow down the parameters to specific administration protocols. It may not happen until the initial injection has been administered by the healthcare provider and then a prescription is issued for further maintenance administration by the pharmacist. This bill has passed both houses.
- A. 3298 – This would require certain information to be provided to patients at risk of sudden Death from epilepsy. Dr. Shelat discusses the pros and cons of this law. This bill has not been approved by the legislature.
- A. 6056 – Allows for PAs to serve as primary care providers for reimbursement by Medicaid. The board discusses concerns of creating a pay wall for access to physicians. This bill has passed both Houses.
- A. 7268 – This bill to create the new profession of Nurse Anesthetists did not pass either House this year.
- A. 8049 – Allows unlicensed personnel to administer seizure rescue medication in schools. It Passed the Senate but not the Assembly.
- A. 9687 – Prohibits misconduct charges for providing reproductive health services to patients who reside in states where such services are illegal. Passed both Houses.
- A. 9818 – Address confidentiality program for reproductive healthcare providers. This will create the ability to use a different address specifically for reproductive health matters. Passed both Houses.
- A. 9828 – This would create a new CE requirement for cultural awareness training for reproductive healthcare providers. It did not pass.
- A. 10372 – Will deny the extradition of NYS providers providing abortion services on patients who are residents of states where it is illegal Passed both Houses.
- A. 10502 – Authorizes certain providers in certain circumstances to file an application for an extreme risk protection order against a patient. Also known as the “red flag” law.

Signed into law.

State Budget Policy Items:

Approved:

- Nurse Practitioner scope expansion allows NPs to practice without physician collaboration.

Not Approved:

- Transfer of regulation of health professions to Department of Health
- Physician and nurse interstate licensure compacts
- Requiring syphilis screening for pregnant patients
- DOH – EMS statutory revisions

Report from the Developmental Disabilities Workgroup:

Dr. Papa reports that the group has created a report and submitted it to the New England Journal of Medicine. It was not accepted, and they will try to submit to other high-impact journals.

Report from the FSMB Annual Meeting:

Dr. Shelat reports that the meeting was very productive. There was an in-depth discussion on telemedicine and best practices. Procedures for COVID care and vaccines were discussed. The unique nature of the NYS board because we don't have a hand in discipline is discussed. The qualities of the OPMC and BPMC are discussed for the new members.

Presentation from the NBOME: Assessment of Clinical Skills:

Dr. Gimpel presents on the current policies of the COMLEX exam. Like most exams, they have been impacted by COVID and had to adjust the standards and policies. He discusses the things that have changed most recently, including the reduction in number of questions, moving from numerical scores to Pass/Fail for Level 1, changes to delivery of the hands-on Clinical Skills Testing Level 2 Exam, and changing from Prometric to Pearson Vue for exam administration. Board members are invited to join the team for question creation and review.

Report from the Perfusion Committee:

Mr. Boese reports there has been no recent meeting.

Report from the Medical Physics Committee:

Mr. Boese reports there has been no recent meeting.

Report from the Pathologists' Assistant Committee:

Mr. Boese reports there has been no recent meeting.

Report from the Athletic Training Committee:

Mr. Boese reports there has been no recent meeting.

Other Issues:

Dr. Epstein has suggested we gather information on state and federal laws regarding controlled substances to post on the website. We are currently doing that research and then will need to send to legal for approval.

Next Meeting Dates:

The next meetings are set for 9/9/22, 12/9/22, 3/3/23, and 6/9/23 at 9:30 am. The upcoming September meeting will be held both in person at 1411 Broadway and via WebEx again unless otherwise directed in email.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 am.

Draft respectfully submitted,

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