

AGENDA
CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 1:30 PM

LEGISLATIVE OFFICE BUILDING
300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford Connecticut
Room 1-A

CALL TO ORDER

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November 19, 2019

II. OPEN FORUM

III. UPDATES

- A. Chair Updates
- B. DPH Updates

IV. HEALTH ASSISTANCE INTERVENTION EDUCATION NETWORK (HAVEN)

Maureen Dinnan, Executive Director

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Review of License Reinstatement Application
Presented by Celeste Dowdell, License and Applications Analyst
 - James Montuorri, DO
- B. Proposed Memorandum of Decision re: License Reinstatement
John Lynch, MD

VI. OFFICE OF LEGAL COMPLIANCE

- A. Cheryl McDonald, PA - Petition No. 2017-1495
Presentation of Consent Order – Brittany Allen, Staff Attorney, DPH
- B. Stephen Zebrowski, MD - Petition No. 2019-278
Presentation of Consent Order – Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, DPH
- C. Sundaramurthy Balachandran, MD - Petition No. 2019-486
Presentation of Consent Order – Brittany Allen, Staff Attorney, DPH
- D. David Marks, MD - Petition No. 2016-791
Presentation of Consent Order – David Tilles, Staff Attorney, DPH

VII 120 DAY EXTENSIONS

ADJOURN

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The following minutes are draft minutes which are subject to revision and which have not yet been adopted by the Board.

**CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES of November 19, 2019**

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, November 17, 2019 at the Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in conference room 1-A.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Chairperson
Raymond Andrews, Jr., Esq.
Allyson Duffy, MD
Carol Ekonomides, PA
Marie C. Eugene, DO
Robert Green, MD
Michele Jacklin
Marilyn Katz, MD
Shawn London, MD
Jean Rexford
Daniel Rissi, MD
C. Steven Wolf, MD
Andrew Yuan, DO
Peter Zeman, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Edward McAnaney, Esq.
Brimal Patel, MD
Harold Sauer, MD
David Schwindt, MD

Ms. Emmett called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

Dr. London was welcomed to his first meeting as a Board member

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the September 17, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Ds. Jacklin to approve the minutes. The motion passed with all in favor.

II. OPEN FORUM

None

III. UPDATES

A. Chair Updates

- Monthly tracking of pending cases.
- Hearing assignments.

B. Department of Public Health

None.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

USE OF WEB-BASED MONITORING SYSTEM: CHANGES IN SCREENING AND REVISION TO THE CONSENT ORDER LANGUAGE

Kathy Boulware Public Health Services Manager for the Department of Public Health Practitioner Investigation Unit reported that the Department is considering transitioning to a new web-based monitoring system program called Recovery Trek. This monitoring system is currently used by the Haven Program.

Recovery Trek incorporates a call-in or log-in system (can be done, via an APP, cell phone, computer, or call in to an 800 number) where the respondent is responsible for calling or logging in daily to determine whether or not he/she has to submit to a urine screen. In addition, the respondent would be provided with a personal confidential web page that is accessible by the department to check and track their progress, and see if there are any missing reports. The respondent can upload 12 step meeting logs, and upload prescriptions to validate urine screens. The system also allows employers and therapists to log in and provide reports, and allows the therapists to see drug screen results so they have first-hand information about a respondent's urine screens.

Additionally, for those professionals whose only substance of dependence is alcohol, the Department is considering using a breathalyzer device as primary mode of monitoring.

V. OFFICE OF LEGAL COMPLIANCE

A. Richard Kravits, MD - Petition No. 2018-909

Principal Attorney Matthew Antonetti, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Patrick Noonan was present with respondent.

Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Mr. Andrews, to the Consent Order for discussion.

During discussion Dr. Green, Ms. Jacklin, Dr. Wolf and Dr. Zeman raised objections to adopting the Consent Order.

Dr. Katz and Dr. Eugene were in favor of adopting the Consent Order, all other Board members were opposed. Approval of the Consent Order failed.

B. Laurence Kirwan, MD - Petition No. 2017-497

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Jennifer Mullen was present on behalf of respondent.

Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Dr. Yuan, to adopt the Consent Order as written. The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Jacklin and Ms. Rexford who were opposed. Ms. Emmett signed the Order which imposes a reprimand and a \$12,500.00 civil penalty.

For review of future Consent Orders, the Board requests that information pertaining to prior disciplinary actions be made part the Consent Order packet.

C. Cornelia Gallo, MD - Petition No. 2018-1213

Principal Attorney Matthew Antonetti, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was not present and was not represented by counsel.

Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, to adopt the Consent Order as written. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Eugene who abstained. Ms. Emmett signed the Order which imposes a reprimand and a \$10,000.00 civil penalty and probation for a period of one year..

D. Ajay Ahuja, M.D. - Petition No. 2017-524

Principal Attorney Matthew Antonetti, Department of Public Health, presented a motion to withdraw the Statement of Charges in this matter based on respondent's voluntary surrender of his license. Respondent was not present nor represented.

Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Dr. Yuan, to adopt the Department's motion to withdraw the charges. The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Emmett who recused herself from voting. Ms. Rexford signed the Order.

E. Prem Nath, MD - Petition No. 2009-2009-1373

Principal Attorney Matthew Antonetti, Department of Public Health, presented a motion to withdraw the Statement of Charges in this matter based on respondent's license having lapsed due to non-renewal and in the interest of administrative efficiency..

Respondent was not present nor represented.

Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Dr. Green, to adopt the Department's motion to withdraw the charges. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Emmett signed the Order.

VI. **120 DAY EXTENSIONS**

Paul Willette, MD - Petition No. 2016-1305

Hearing to be rescheduled to February 2020.

Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Dr. Zeman to grant an extensions in this matter. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. **ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Chairperson