

CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
January 16, 2007

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, January 16, 2007 at the Department of Public Health Complex, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room A/B, Building 470, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman
Richard Bridburg, MD
Anne Doremus
Robert Fuller, MD
Harold Hebb
Patricia Loving, PA
Velandy Manohar, MD
Regina Stankaitis
C. Steven Wolf, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT David M. Goldenberg, MD
Steven Hanks, MD
Pamela A. Nole
George Terranova, MD

Dr. O'Neill called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the December 19, 2006 meeting were reviewed. Dr. O'Neill made a motion, seconded by Ms. Stankaitis, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

II. CHAIR UPDATES

The following correspondence/information was received and reviewed:

1. Monthly tracking of pending cases.
2. Hearing assignments.

Dr. O'Neill requested that the Board be provided with a list of the number of physician licensure actions for the last five years.

III. INFORMATION UPDATES

A. Department of Public Health

Donna Brewer, Section Chief, Public Health Hearing Office (PHO) reported that the PHHO will be able to provide electronic copies of transcripts to Board members by email. Dr. Manohar suggested that copies be provided on CD if possible.

B. Legislative Update

None

B. Connecticut State Medical Society

Douglas Gibson, MD and Maureen Dinnan, Esq. made a presentation on behalf of the Coalition of Health Care Professionals regarding its proposed legislation “An Act Concerning a Professional Assistance Program for Health Care Professionals.” The coalition is made up of the Connecticut State Medical Society (CSMS), Connecticut Veterinary Medical Association, Connecticut Nurses Association, Connecticut State Dental Association and the Connecticut Association of Physician Assistants.

Attorney Dinnan provided a comparison between the coalition’s proposed legislation and that of the Department of Public Health’s proposal, “An Act Concerning Patient Protection and Health Care Practitioner Security Fund.”

Jean Rexford, Connecticut Center for Patient Safety addressed the Board and stated that her organization supports the DPH proposed legislation.

Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, DPH commented that the DPH proposal provides a greater level of public protection and accountability than that of the coalition proposal.

Wendy Furniss, Branch Chief, Healthcare Systems commented as to why there are two legislative proposals as opposed to one compromise proposal.

Dr. Wolf strongly suggested that the DPH and the coalition work towards the submission of one bill.

Dr. O’Neill commented that in his opinion neither bill by itself will pass because of opposition from the other side and that a compromise bill should be sought.

Dr. Manohar, Ms. Stankaitis, Ms. Doremus and Dr. Bridburg concurred with Dr. O’Neill’s and Dr. Wolf’s comments.

Dr. O’Neill stated that the Board would not lend its support to either proposal and strongly encouraged the leadership of the DPH and the CSMS to direct their staffs to integrate their efforts on behalf of the healthcare professionals and the patients they serve.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Assign Hearing Panels

- Ernest Squatrito, DO – Petition No. 2005-0809-001-206
Dr. Manohar and Mr. Hebb will serve as hearing panelists in this matter. Dr. Manohar will chair the panel. The Board Liaison will coordinate the scheduling of hearing dates. Dr. O’Neill stated he is recused in this matter.
- Robert Golenbock, MD – Petition No. 2004-1112-001-256
Ms. Loving will serve as a hearing panelist in this matter. The Board Liaison will coordinate assignment of panelists and the scheduling of hearing dates.
- Nandini Kokegar, MD – Petition No. 2005-0722-001-189
The Board Liaison will coordinate assignment of panelists and the scheduling of hearing dates.

V. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

A. Vasant Khachane, MD – Petition No. 2005-0809-001-206

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Vasant Khachane, MD. Attorney Maureen Dinnan was present on behalf of Dr. Khachane.

Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Dr. Manohar, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O’Neill signed the Order.

B. Balakrisnan Sathishchandar, MD – Petition No. 2005-0505-001-121

Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Balakrisnan Sathishchandar, MD. Respondent was present with Attorney Jay Malcynski.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hebb, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O’Neill signed the Order.

VI. TIME EXTENSIONS

Dr. O’Neill moved and Ms. Stankaitis seconded to approve 120-day extensions in the following cases: The motion passed unanimously.

Joel Allen, MD – Petition No. 2000-0906-001-157. Memorandum of Decision being drafted

Joel Allen, MD – Petition No. 2005-0209-001-049. Hearing to be rescheduled

Mary Ellen Albin (unlicensed) - Memorandum of Decision being reviewed by the Assistant Attorney General.

Charles Jones, MD – Hearing scheduled for January 18 and 25, 2007.

JoAnne. Mershon (unlicensed) - Memorandum of Decision being reviewed by the Assistant Attorney General.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis G. O’Neill, MD, Chairman

CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
February 20, 2007

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, February 20, 2007 at the Department of Public Health Complex, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room A/B, Building 470, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman
Richard Bridburg, MD
Anne Doremus
Steven Hanks, MD
Harold Hebb
Patricia Loving, PA
Velandy Manohar, MD
Pamela A. Nole

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Robert Fuller, MD
David M. Goldenberg, MD
Regina Stankaitis
George Terranova, MD
C. Steven Wolf, MD

Dr. O'Neill called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

I. CHAIR UPDATES

The following correspondence/information was received and reviewed:

1. Monthly tracking of pending cases.
2. Hearing assignments.
3. Licensure Actions 2002-2006
4. DPH Quarterly Investigations Update
5. Connecticut State Board of Chiropractic Examiners - Declaratory Ruling Notice of Hearing
6. Legislation – Bill No. 5769

II. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the January 16, 2007 meeting were reviewed. Dr. O'Neill made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bridburg, to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Nole who abstained.

III. INFORMATION UPDATES

A. Department of Public Health

Stanley Peck reported that the Department of Public Health and the Coalition of Health Care Professionals have met and are meeting again on February 21, 2007 to discuss a compromise to proposed legislation regarding a program for impaired healthcare practitioners.

B. Connecticut State Medical Society

None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Oral Argument Proposed Memorandum of Decision
Randy Hassen, MD - Petition No. 2005-1117-001-271

Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office was present on behalf of the Department of Public Health. Dr. Hassen was present without representation.

The Board heard comments from Dr. Hassen in support of his request for license reinstatement. Attorney Peck spoke in favor of the proposed Memorandum of Decision denying Dr. Hassen's request.

Dr. Bridburg and Dr. Manohar, hearing panelists in this matter, provided a synopsis of the panel's findings and recommendation for denial of Dr. Hassen's request. Dr. Bridburg and Dr. Manohar also provided recommendations to Dr. Hassen, relevant to a subsequent application for reinstatement. Mr. Hebb made a motion, seconded by Ms. loving, to adopt the proposed Memorandum of Decision as written.

The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Memorandum of Decision.

B. Charles Jones, MD - Petition Nos. 2004-0917-001-221; 2006-0111-001-010
2006-0401-011-069; 2006-0407-001-068

Respondent's Motion for Reconsideration

Assistant Attorney General Tanya DeMattia was present to provided counsel to the Board. Attorney Elliott Pollack was present on behalf of Dr. Jones. Attorney David Tilles was present for the Department of Public Health.

The Board heard comments from Attorneys Pollack and Tilles regarding respondent's motion that the Board reconsider its December 19, 2006 decision consolidating the above-referenced petitions.

Dr. O'Neill made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bridburg, to enter executive session to obtain legal advice from the Assistant Attorney General. The motion passed unanimously. The Board entered executive session from 2:28 p.m. until 2:45 p.m.

Following executive session Dr. Manohar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hebb, to rescind its December 19, 2006 ruling consolidating the above petitions. The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Doremus who was opposed.

The Statement of Charges in Petition No. 2004-0917-001-221, which is currently being heard by a hearing panel and the Statement of Charges in Petition Nos. 2006-0111-001-010, 2006-0401-011-069 and 2006-0407-001-068 will be heard separately and will result in separate Memoranda of Decision.

V. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

A. Tom Coffey, MD – Petition No. 2006-0418-001-077

Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Department of Public Health. Legal Office presented a Consent Order in the matter of Tom Coffey, MD. Dr. Coffey was neither present nor represented.

Dr. O'Neill made a motion, seconded by Dr. Manohar, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

B. Department of Public Health Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges
Joel Allen, MD – Petition No. 2005-0209-001-049

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, presented a Department of Public Health Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges in the matter of Joel Allen, MD. Neither Dr. Allen nor his attorney was present. Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hebb, to grant the Department's motion. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

VI. TIME EXTENSIONS

Dr. O'Neill moved and Ms. Stankaitis seconded to approve 120-day extensions in the following cases: The motion passed unanimously.

J. August, MD - Memorandum of Decision being drafted

B. Raxlen, MD – Hearing scheduled for February 27, 2007.

J. Singer, MD – Hearing to be scheduled.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman

CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
March 20, 2007

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, March 20, 2007 at the Department of Public Health Complex, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room A/B, Building 470, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman
Richard Bridburg, MD
Anne Doremus
Robert Fuller, MD
David M. Goldenberg, MD
Steven Hanks, MD
Harold Hebb
Patricia Loving, PA
Velandy Manohar, MD
Regina Stankaitis
George Terranova, MD
C. Steven Wolf, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT Pamela A. Nole

Dr. O'Neill called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the February 20, 2007 meeting were reviewed. Dr. O'Neill made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bridburg, to approve the minutes. The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Stankaitis, Dr. Goldenberg, Dr. Terranova and Dr. Wolf who abstained.

II. CHAIR UPDATES

The following correspondence/information was received and reviewed:

1. Monthly tracking of pending cases.
2. Hearing assignments.
3. Letter from Ian Lawson, MD resigning as a hearing panelist.
4. House Bill 7155 - AN ACT CONCERNING A PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS
5. Ms. Doremus, Dr. Bridburg and Ms. Loving announced that they attended confirmation hearings regarding their appointments to the Board.
6. Dr. Goldenberg, Dr. Wolf, Ms. Stankaitis and Dr. Fuller are scheduled for conformation hearings on March 22, 2007.
7. Dr. O'Neill and Dr. Terranova announced that they have been informed by the Governor's Office that they will not be reconfirmed for another term as Board members but will remain on the Board until replacements are appointed.

Dr. Fuller arrived at 1:40 p.m.

III. INFORMATION UPDATES

A. Legislative Updates

Karen Buckley-Bates, Office of Government Relations, Department of Public Health reported on various issues before the legislature this session.

B. Department of Public Health

None

C. Connecticut State Medical Society

None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Ronald Gross, MD – Petition No. 2005-0531-001-143

Motion to Vacate Consent Order and Petition for Hearing

There was discussion as to why this item is on the agenda. Dr. Hanks made a motion seconded by Dr. O’Neill to table this matter until an Assistant Attorney General is present to provide counsel to the Board. The motion passed with the exception of Dr. Fuller, Ms. Stankaitis and Dr. Terranova who abstained and Dr. Wolf who recused himself.

V. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

A. Todd Bickmore, PA – Petition No. 2006-0515-023-007

Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Department of Public Health. Legal Office presented a Consent Order in the matter of Todd Bickmore, PA. Mr. Bickmore was neither present nor represented. Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hanks, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O’Neill signed the Order.

B. Mitchell Moffat, MD – Petition No. 2007-0206-001-021

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public Health, presented an Interim Consent Order in the matter of Mitchell Moffat, MD. Neither Dr. Moffat nor his attorney was present. Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Ms. Doremus, to approve the Interim Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O’Neill signed the Order.

C. Arthur Rosenstock, MD – Petition No. 2005-1213-001-295

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Arthur Rosenstock, MD. Neither Dr. Rosenstock nor his attorney was present. Dr. Fuller made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O’Neill signed the Order.

D. James E. Sullivan, MD – Petition No. 2004-0211-001-036

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of James E. Sullivan, MD. Dr. Sullivan was present with Attorney Donald Leone. Dr. Hanks made a motion, seconded by Ms. Stankaitis, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Bridburg who abstained. Dr. O’Neill signed the Order.

VI. TIME EXTENSIONS

Dr. O'Neill moved and Dr. Bridburg seconded to approve a 120-day extension in the following case: The motion passed unanimously.

J. Yue, MD – First day hearing held today, continued to April 17, 2007.

Break 2:25 p.m. to 2:35 p.m.

VII. NEW BUSINESS cont.

Ronald Gross, MD – Petition No. 2005-0531-001-143

Motion to Vacate Consent Order and Petition for Hearing

Dr. Gross was present with Attorney Richard Tynan. Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, was present for the Department of Public Health.

Dr. Hanks made a motion, seconded by Dr. O'Neill, to enter executive session to obtain legal advice from Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro. The motion passed unanimously. The Board entered executive session from 2:36 p.m. until 2:50 p.m.

Following executive session Dr. Manohar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bridburg, to deny respondent's motion to vacate Consent Order and petition for hearing.

The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Terranova who was opposed and Dr. Fuller and Dr. Wolf who were recused.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman

CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
April 17, 2007

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, April 17, 2007 at the Department of Public Health Complex, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room A/B, Building 470, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman
Richard Bridburg, MD
Anne Doremus
David M. Goldenberg, MD
Patricia Loving, PA
Velandy Manohar, MD
C. Steven Wolf, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT Robert Fuller, MD
Steven Hanks, MD
Regina Stankaitis
George Terranova, MD
Susan Wernick

Dr. O'Neill called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the March 20, 2007 meeting were reviewed. Dr. O'Neill made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bridburg, to approve the minutes. The motion passed.

II. CHAIR UPDATES

The following correspondence/information was received and reviewed:

1. Pam Nole and Harold Hebb are no longer members of the Board. They have been notified by the Governor's Office that their terms as Board members have expired.
2. On April 11, 2007, the Senate confirmed Susan Wernick, Vernon, Connecticut as public member to the Board.
3. Edward Osswalt, Esq. as been appointed as a hearing panelist by the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health.
4. Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) NewsLine and BoardNet News.
5. The Connecticut State Board of Chiropractic Examiners held a declaratory ruling hearing on March 22, 2007 concerning Manipulation Under Anesthesia. Dr. O'Neill presented testimony on behalf of the CMEB.

III. INFORMATION UPDATES

A. Legislative Updates

Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief Office of Practitioner Licensing and Investigation, Department of Public Health reported that House Bill 7155 - AN ACT CONCERNING A PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS – is progressing through legislature.

B. Department of Public Health

None

C. Connecticut State Medical Society

None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Ruling on Respondent's Motion to Dismiss

Joel Allen, MD – Petition No. 2000-0906-001-157

Alice Vautour, Esq. was present on behalf of Dr. Allen. David Tilles, Staff Attorney was present on behalf of the Department of Public Health.

Dr. O'Neill, a hearing panelist in this matter, provided a synopsis of the hearing panel's findings and recommendation for dismissal.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Manohar, to adopt the ruling on the motion to dismiss.

The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

V. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

Donald Evans, MD – Petition No. 2000-0515-023-007

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public Health. Legal Office presented a Consent Order in the matter of Donald Evans, MD. Attorney John Keefe was present with Dr. Evans.

Dr. Manohar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Goldenberg who recused himself in this matter.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman

CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
May 15, 2007

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, May 15, 2007 at the Department of Public Health Complex, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room A/B, Building 470, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman
Richard Bridburg, MD
Anne Doremus
Robert Fuller, MD
Steven Hanks, MD
Velandy Manohar, MD
George Terranova, MD
Susan Wernick
C. Steven Wolf, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT David M. Goldenberg, MD
Patricia Loving, PA
Regina Stankaitis

Dr. O'Neill called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the April 17, 2007 meeting were reviewed. Dr. O'Neill made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bridburg, to approve the minutes as edited. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Fuller, Ms. Wernick and Dr. Terranova who abstained.

II. CHAIR UPDATES

The following correspondence/information was received and reviewed:

1. Monthly tracking of pending cases.
2. Hearing assignments.
3. DPH Quarterly Investigations Update
4. Legislative email update
5. Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) BoardNet News - April 20, 2007.
6. FSMB 2006 Board Action Summary
7. Dr. O'Neill announced that representatives of the FSMB will be attending the August 2007 meeting.

III. INFORMATION UPDATES

A. Department of Public Health
None

B. Connecticut State Medical Society
None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Reinstatement Application – Wilhelm Woolery, MD

Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health, presented a license reinstatement application of Wilhelm Woolery, MD. Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Manohar to recommend approval of Dr. Woolery's reinstatement application. The motion passed unanimously.

A. Medical School Permit Application – Maggie Nellissery, MD

Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health, presented a medical school permit application of Maggie Nellissery, MD to allow her to practice solely at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine in a research position.

Dr. Terranova made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, to grant Dr. Nellissery's application for a permit to practice in a Connecticut medical school. Dr. Hanks spoke in opposition to the motion citing that Dr. Nellissery has not practiced clinically since August 2004.

The motion passed with Dr. Manohar, Dr. Terranova, Dr. Bridburg, Dr. Wolf and Dr. O'Neill voting in favor; Ms. Doremus, Ms. Wernick and Dr. Hanks were opposed. Dr. Fuller abstained..

V. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

A. Vivian Mihailescu, MD – Petition No. 2007-0116-001-010

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public Health Legal Office, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Vivian Mihailescu, MD. Neither respondent nor her attorney was present.

Dr. Manohar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Fuller, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

B. Joel Singer, MD – Petition No. 2005-0104-001-003

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health Legal Office, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Joel Singer, MD. Dr. Singer was present with Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt.

Dr. Hanks made a motion, seconded by Dr. Fuller, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Bridburg who abstained. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

C. Motion for Summary Suspension – Jeremy August, MD – Petition No. 2007-0226-001-029

Roberta Swafford, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health, presented a Motion for Summary Suspension in the matter of Jeremy August, MD. Attorney Richard Tynan was present on behalf of Dr. August. Assistant Attorney General Tanya DeMattia was present to provide counsel to the Board.

Attorney Swafford presented argument supporting the Motion for Summary Suspension.

Attorney Tynan presented argument in opposition to the Summary Suspension.

Dr. Terranova made a motion that, based on the documents presented, there exists a threat to public health and safety which warrants the Summary Suspension of Dr. August's license, therefore, the Department's motion to summarily suspend the physician license of Dr. August should be granted. Dr. Bridburg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Summary Suspension Order.

The hearing panel in this matter will be Dr. Terranova, Dr. Hanks and non-Board panelist Elliott Alter, OD. The hearing is scheduled for May 29, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.

VI. NEW BUSINESS cont.**Charles Jones, MD, – Petition No. 2004-0917-001-221**

- a. Respondent's Request for an Independent Hearing Officer and Motion to Disqualify
- b. Respondent's Request for an Independent Hearing Officer and Motion to Dismiss
- c. Respondent's Motion to Dismiss Specific Counts

Assistant Attorney General Tanya DeMattia and Assistant Attorney General Richard Lynch were present to provide counsel to the Board. Attorney Elliott Pollack was present on behalf of Dr. Jones. Attorney David Tilles was present for the Department of Public Health.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Manohar, to enter executive session to obtain legal advice from the Assistant Attorneys General. The motion passed unanimously. The Board entered executive session from 2:20 p.m. until 2:42 p.m.

Respondent's Request for an Independent Hearing Officer and Motion to Disqualify

Upon advice from the Assistant Attorney General, Dr. O'Neill stated that he would recuse himself in any deliberations or decision making with regard to the current and/or any future matters involving Dr. Jones.

Dr. Terranova made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bridburg, to deny respondent's motion for an independent hearing officer. The motion passed with all in favor. Dr. O'Neill was recused.

Dr. Terranova made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, to deny respondent's request to submit interrogatories to members of the Board. The motion passed with all in favor. Dr. O'Neill was recused.

Dr. Wolf, Ms. Doremus, Dr. Fuller, Dr. Manohar, Ms. Wernick, Dr. Hanks, Dr. Terranova and Dr. Bridburg were polled by Assistant Attorney General DeMattia and stated that they have not read nor were they aware of the journal article referenced in respondent's motion.

Respondent's Request for an Independent Hearing Officer and Motion to Dismiss

Dr. Terranova made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bridburg, to deny respondent's motion for an independent hearing officer to hear respondent's claim that a second Statement of Charges constituted an *ex parte* communication. The motion passed with all in favor. Dr. O'Neill was recused.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hanks, to deny respondent's motion to dismiss. The motion passed with all in favor. Dr. O'Neill was recused.

Respondent's Motion to Dismiss Specific Counts

Attorney Pollack addressed the Board regarding this motion.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, to deny respondent's motion to dismiss specific counts of the Statement of Charges. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Fuller who abstained. Dr. O'Neill was recused.

VII. TIME EXTENSIONS

Dr. Terranova moved and Dr. Hanks seconded to approve 120-day extensions in the following cases: The motion passed unanimously.

M. Albin (unlicensed) – Draft Memorandum of Decision being reviewed by the Assistant Attorney General

J. Mershon (unlicensed) – Draft Memorandum of Decision being reviewed by the Assistant Attorney General

C. Jones, MD (2004-0917-001-221) – Hearing scheduled for May 31, 2007.

C. Jones, MD (2006-0111-001-010) – Hearing to begin following the disposition of the above matter.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman

CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
June 19, 2007

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman
Richard Bridburg, MD
Anne Doremus
Robert Fuller, MD
David M. Goldenberg, MD
Steven Hanks, MD
Patricia Loving, PA
Velandy Manohar, MD
Regina Stankaitis
George Terranova, MD
Susan Wernick
C. Steven Wolf, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT Martin Courneen
Michael Erickson

Dr. O'Neill called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the May 15, 2007 meeting were reviewed. Dr. O'Neill made a motion, seconded by Dr. Manohar, to approve the minutes as edited. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Goldenberg, Ms. Stankaitis and Ms. Loving who abstained.

Dr. Fuller arrived at 1:35 p.m.

II. CHAIR UPDATES

The following correspondence/information was received and reviewed:

1. Monthly tracking of pending cases.
2. Hearing assignments.
3. Public Citizen's Health Research Group report on 2006 physician disciplinary actions.
4. New York Times, June 3, 2007 article - "After Sanctions, Doctors Get Drug Company Pay."
5. Ms. Doremus attended the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) Program Committee meeting. License portability is being explored by the FSMB.
6. Dr. O'Neill reported he conducted a pre-hearing conference in two cases this morning.

III. INFORMATION UPDATES

A. Department of Public Health

None

B. Legislative

Karen Buckley-Bates, Department of Public Health Office of Government Relations provided an update regarding the legislative (regular) session that ended on June 6, 2007.

Bill No 7155 - AN ACT CONCERNING A PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS passed both houses and was signed by the Governor on June 11, 2007.

Public Act -07-119 AN ACT CONCERNING SUPERVISING PHYSICIANS FOR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS was also signed by the Governor on June 11, 2007.

Legislation pertaining to the scope of practice of Podiatrists as it pertains to the ankle has passed both Houses and is awaiting the Governor's signature.

Online license renewal, online vital records and expansion of the physician profile to other professions may be addressed during special session.

Dr. Terranova arrived at 1:45 p.m.

C. Connecticut State Medical Society

None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review of Residency Equivalency – Meyer Proler, MD

Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Applications Specialist, Department of Public Health presented information for the Board for review to determine if Dr. Proler's education and training are equivalent to 2 years of ACGME accredited residency training.

Dr. Hanks made a motion, seconded by Dr. Terranova, to accept Dr. Proler's education and training as being equivalent to the two year ACGME accredited training requirement.

Drs. O'Neill, Wolf and Fuller spoke in opposition to the motion citing a lack of clinical practice by Dr. Proler.

Dr. Hanks and Dr. Terranova voted in favor of accepting Dr. Proler's education and training as being equivalent to the two year ACGME accredited training requirement. Dr. Bridburg, Dr. Fuller, Ms. Doremus, Dr. Goldenberg, Ms. Loving, Dr. Manohar, Ms. Stankaitis, Ms. Wernick, Dr. Wolf and Dr. O'Neill voted in opposition to the motion. The motion failed.

B. Proposed Memorandum of Decision – Jeremy August, MD - Petition No. 2004-1018-001-178

Dr. O'Neill, chair of the hearing panel in this matter, provided a synopsis of the hearing panel's findings and recommendation for a period of suspension followed by probation.

The Board also reviewed a written exception filed by the Department of Public Health asking for a modification to the terms of probation.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, to include the modification to the terms of probation, paragraph 3 of the Order, as requested by the Department. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Manohar to adopt the decision as amended. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill will sign the decision after the modification is made.

V. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

A. George J. Watstein, MD – Petition No. 2006-1018-001-178

This matter will be postponed until the next Board meeting.

B. Clarisse Ferrara, MD – Petition No. 2006-0626-000-028

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public Health Legal Office, presented a Cease and Desist Consent Order in the matter of Clarisse Ferrara, MD. Dr. Ferrara was not present or represented.

Dr. Fuller made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hanks, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

C. Kevin Gendron – Petition No. 2006-0919-000-028

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health, presented a Cease and Desist Consent Order in the matter of Kevin Gendron. Mr. Gendron was not present or represented.

Dr. Fuller made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hanks, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

D. Ian Rubins, MD – Petition No. 2007-0522-001-094

Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, Department of Public Health, presented an Interim Consent Order in the matter of Ian Rubins, MD. Dr. Rubins was not present or represented.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hanks, to approve the Interim Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

E. Kevin P. Shea, MD – Petition No. 2006-0726-001-138

Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, Department of Public Health, presented an Interim Consent Order in the matter of Kevin P. Shea. Neither Dr. Shea nor his attorney was present.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hanks, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Wolf, Ms. Wernick and Dr. Fuller who were recused.

Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

F. Motion for Summary Suspension

Preston Goldsmith, PA – Petition No. 2007-0501-023-005

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health, presented a Motion for Summary Suspension in the matter of Preston Goldsmith, PA. Neither Mr. Goldsmith nor his attorney was present. Assistant Attorney General Jacqueline Hoell was present to provide counsel to the Board.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hanks, that based on the documents presented, there exists a threat to public health and safety which warrants the Summary Suspension of Mr. Goldsmith's license; therefore, the Department's motion to summarily suspend the physician assistant license of Mr. Goldsmith should be granted. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Summary Suspension Order.

The hearing panel in this matter will be Dr. Terranova, non-Board panelists Joseph Kaplowe, PA and Edward Osswalt, Esq. The hearing is scheduled for July 11, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.

VI. TIME EXTENSIONS

Dr. O'Neill moved and Dr. Goldberg seconded to approve 120-day extensions in the following cases: The motion passed unanimously.

B. Raxlen, MD – Hearing completed May 25, 2007. Decision being drafted

E. Squatrito, DO – Third hearing date scheduled for August 17, 2007.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman

CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
August 28, 2007

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, August 28, 2007 at the Department of Public Health Complex, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room A/B, Building 470, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman
Martin Courneen
Anne Doremus
Michael Erickson
David M. Goldenberg, MD
Patricia Loving, PA
Velandy Manohar, MD
George Terranova, MD
Susan Wernick
C. Steven Wolf, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT Richard Bridburg, MD
Robert Fuller, MD
Steven Hanks, MD
Regina Stankaitis

Dr. O'Neill called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Mr. Courneen and Mr. Erickson were welcomed to their first meeting as Board members.

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the June 19, 2007 meeting were reviewed. Dr. O'Neill made a motion, seconded by Dr. Manohar, to approve the minutes. The motion passed with all in favor except Mr. Courneen and Mr. Erickson who abstained.

II. CHAIR UPDATES

The following correspondence/information was received and reviewed:

1. Monthly tracking of pending cases.
2. Hearing assignments.
3. Department of Public Health Quarterly Investigation Report
4. Federation of State Medical Boards news and updates
5. Memorandum from Assistant Attorney General, Richard Lynch reporting that the license revocation appeal filed by Francisco Carbone, MD has been dismissed by the Court
6. The October and November Board meetings are tentatively scheduled to be held at the Legislative Office Building.

III. INFORMATION UPDATES

A. Department of Public Health

Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Office of Practitioner Licensing and Certification reported that the Department of Public Health is participating in a license portability project with the Federation of State Medical Boards.

The Department plans to make a presentation at an upcoming meeting regarding recent legislation, including the impaired practitioner program.

The Board requested an update from the Department concerning adverse event reporting.

B. Connecticut State Medical Society

None

IV. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

A. George J. Watstein, MD – Petition No. 2006-1018-001-178

Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Department of Public Health Legal Office indicated that this matter will be postponed to a future Board meeting.

B. O. Tina Rose, MD – Petition No. 2007-0611-001-108

Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Department of Public Health Legal Office, presented a Consent Order in the matter of O. Tina Rose, MD. Dr. Rose was present with Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt.

Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Dr. Goldenberg, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Loving who recused herself. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

C. Vladimir Coric, MD – Petition No. 2006-0608-001-111

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public Health Legal Office, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Vladimir Coric, MD. Attorney Robert Kiley was present on behalf of Dr. Coric.

Dr. Wolf expressed his concern that this is the third matter involving Dr. Coric that has come before the Board.

Dr. Terranova commented that the lack information that is presented to the Board with a proposed Consent Order inhibits the Board's ability to make an informed decision when reviewing such Orders for approval.

Dr. O'Neill made a motion, seconded by Dr. Manohar, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed with Mr. Erickson, Dr. Goldenberg, Ms. Loving, Dr. Manohar, Dr. O'Neill, and Ms. Wernick voting in favor. Ms. Doremus, Dr. Terranova and Dr. Wolf were opposed, and Mr. Courneen abstained. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposed Memorandum of Decision

Bernard Raxlen, MD - Petition No. 2003-0416-001-089

Heidi Cilano, Esq. was present on behalf of Dr. Raxlen. David Tilles, Staff Attorney, was present on behalf of the Department of Public Health.

Dr. Manohar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Erickson, to adopt the decision dismissing the Statement of Charges in this matter.

The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

B. Assign Hearing Panels

- Deborah Caserta-Brunson, MD - Petition No. 2003-0416-001-089
Dr. Hanks, Mr. Erickson and Joel Goodman, DMD will serve as hearing panelists in this matter. Dr. Hanks will chair the panel. A hearing is scheduled for November 20, 2007.
- Bernard Raxlen, MD - Petition No. 2003-1216-001-286
Dr. Bridburg, Ms. Wernick and Peter Zeman, MD will serve as hearing panelists in this matter. Dr. Bridburg will chair the panel. The Board Liaison will coordinate the scheduling of hearing dates.
- Mejah Soong, MD – Petition No. 2006-0629-001-120
Dr. Bridburg, Dr. Terranova and Ms. Doremus will serve as hearing panelists in this matter. Dr. Bridburg will chair the panel. A hearing is scheduled for September 18, 2007.

VI. TIME EXTENSIONS

Dr. O'Neill moved and Dr. Terranova seconded to approve a 120-day extension in the following case: The motion passed unanimously.

J. Yue, MD – Hearing completed. Decision is being drafted.

VII. NEW BUSINESS - cont.

Federation of State Medical Boards

Freda M. Bush, MD, Board of Directors, and Lisa A. Robin, Vice President, Government Relations, Policy and Education, were present from the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB). Prior to this meeting Dr. Bush and Ms. Robin met with staff from the Department of Public Health.

Dr. Bush and Ms. Robin provided an overview of the programs and services offered to the 70 Medical and Osteopathic Boards that are members of the FSMB. They also discussed FSMB initiatives as well as national issues concerning physician licensure, physician practice and health care. The Board expressed particular interest regarding license portability and legislation concerning Internet prescribing.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman

CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
September 18, 2007

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, September 18, 2007 at the Department of Public Health Complex, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room A/B, Building 470, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dennis G. O’Neill, MD, Chairman
Richard Bridburg, MD
Martin Courneen
Anne Doremus
Michael Erickson
Robert Fuller, MD
Steven Hanks, MD
Patricia Loving, PA
Velandy Manohar, MD
Regina Stankaitis
George Terranova, MD
Susan Wernick
C. Steven Wolf, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT David M. Goldenberg, MD

Dr. O'Neill called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the August 28, 2007 meeting were reviewed. Dr. O’Neill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Courneen, to approve the minutes. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Bridburg and Ms. Stankaitis who abstained.

II. CHAIR UPDATES

The following correspondence/information was received and reviewed:

1. Monthly tracking of pending cases.
2. Hearing assignments.
3. Connecticut Board of Examiners in Podiatry Declaratory Ruling regarding noninvasive vascular testing of the lower extremity.
Connecticut State Board of Chiropractic Examiners Declaratory Ruling regarding laser hair removal.
Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Terranova, requesting other Boards and Commissions of the Department of Public Health to notify the Connecticut Medical Examining Board (CMEB) when they plan to initiate any declaratory ruling proceedings. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Manohar and Ms. Wernick who abstained.
4. Federation of State Medical Boards – “Responsible Opioid Prescribing.” Dr. O’Neill discussed pursuing funding so that a copy of this publication can be sent to all licensed physicians and physician assistants in Connecticut. Any suggestions for funding sources should be directed to Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section, Department of Public Health.

III. INFORMATION UPDATES

A. Department of Public Health Legislative Update

Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing and Investigations provided an overview of legislation passed during the last legislative session.

- The Department of Public Health will receive funding to implement an online license renewal program. The program target date is July 2008 for physician, dentists and nurses. The other professions will follow.
- Public Act 07-82 - This act allows a physician who (1) practices for no fee for at least 100 hours a year at a public health facility and (2) does not otherwise practice medicine, to renew a license without charge.
- Public Act 07-53 - Under prior law, physicians had to order a serum creatinine test as part of each patient's annual physical examination if the patient had not had such a test within the preceding 12 months. The act instead requires that this test be done as part of each patient's routine general medical examination, if not performed within the past 12 months. It also specifies that these medical examinations do not include annual gynecological examinations.
- Public Act 07-252 - This act expands the scope of practice of podiatric medicine to allow podiatrists to engage independently in standard and advanced ankle surgery procedures if they meet certain requirements and qualifications. Under the act, licensed podiatrists with additional qualifications beyond board qualification or certification may be permitted to perform surgical treatment of the ankle. Under the act, a podiatrist cannot engage in independent ankle surgery procedures without receiving a permit from the Department of Public Health.

This act increases, from \$10,000 to \$25,000, the civil penalty DPH and various health professional regulatory boards can assess against a health care professional.

The act allows licensed radiographers to operate a medical x-ray system under the supervision and upon the written order of a physician. The act also allows operation of such a system upon the verbal order of a physician. It also allows licensed radiologic technologists to administer any medications, not just intravenous ones, for diagnostic procedures in various health care settings, not just hospitals.

This act allows the consumer protection (DCP) and public health commissioners to (1) exchange information relating to a license or registration issued by their respective agencies or (2) exchange investigative information concerning violations of the law with each other, the Chief State's Attorney, and with law enforcement agencies.

- Public Act 07-103 - This act allows state or local health care professional societies and organizations to establish a single assistance program to serve all health care professionals. Additional information will be presented at a future meeting.

B. Connecticut State Medical Society

None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review of Residency Equivalency – Antonios Arvelakis, MD

Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented information for the Board to review to determine if Dr. Arvelakis' education and training are equivalent to 2 years of ACGME accredited residency training.

Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hanks, to accept Dr. Arvelakis' education and training as being equivalent to the two year ACGME accredited training requirement and to recommend Dr. Arvelakis for licensure. The motion passed unanimously.

V. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

- A. Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges subsequent to pre-hearing conference
Robert Golenbock, MD – Petition No. 2004-1112-001-256.

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges subsequent to a pre-hearing conference. Neither Dr. Golenbock nor his attorney was present.

Dr. Manohar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bridburg, to grant the Department's motion. The motion passed with all in favor except for Dr. Fuller who abstained. Dr. O'Neill and Dr. Terranova recused themselves from voting. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order withdrawing the Statement of Charges.

- B. Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges subsequent to pre-hearing conference
Nandini Kokegar, MD – Petition No. 2005-0722-001-189.

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges subsequent to a pre-hearing conference. Neither Dr. Kokegar nor her attorney was present.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, to grant the Department's motion. The motion passed with all in favor except for Dr. Fuller who abstained. Dr. O'Neill recused himself from voting. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order withdrawing the Statement of Charges.

VI. TIME EXTENSIONS

Dr. O'Neill moved and Dr. Terranova seconded to approve a 120-day extension in the following case: The motion passed unanimously.

M. Albin, MD – Decision being reviewed by the Assistant Attorney General.

J. Mershon, MD – Decision being reviewed by the Assistant Attorney General.

C. Jones, MD (Petition No. 2004-0917-001-221) - Decision being reviewed by the Assistant Attorney General.

C. Jones, MD (Petition No. 2006-0111-001-010) – On hold pending disposition of the above matter.

VII. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Dr. Manohar mentioned that effective October 1, 2007 federal regulations regarding tamper proof prescriptions take affect. The Board Liaison will make arrangements for the Director of the Department of Consumer Protection, Drug Control Division to attend a future meeting explain these new requirements.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman

CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
November 20, 2007

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, November 20, 2007 at the Department of Public Health Complex, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room A/B, Building 470, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dennis G. O’Neill, MD, Chairman
Richard Bridburg, MD
Martin Courneen
Anne Doremus
Michael Erickson
Robert Fuller, MD
David M. Goldenberg, MD
Steven Hanks, MD
Velandy Manohar, MD
Regina Stankaitis
George Terranova, MD
Susan Wernick
C. Steven Wolf, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT Patricia Loving, PA

Dr. O'Neill called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the September 18, 2007 meeting were reviewed. Dr. O’Neill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Courneen, to approve the minutes as edited. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Goldenberg who abstained.

II. CHAIR UPDATES

The following correspondence/information was received and reviewed:

1. Monthly tracking of pending cases.
2. Hearing assignments.
3. Investigations – Quarterly Update.
4. United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) Pandemic Planning Position Statement.
5. Memorandum from Assistant Attorney General Richard Lynch pertaining to Board member immunity.
6. Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) – Correspondence and News updates.
7. FSMB – Responsible Opioid Prescribing, A Physician’s Guide.
The Board commented that a three to four page summary would be more valuable than the entire publication and that this guide should not be construed as a “standard of care.” Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing and Investigations, Department of Public Health stated that the Board’s comments will be shared with the FSMB.
8. Letter from the American Society for Dermatologic Surgery pertaining to cosmetic treatment spas.
The Board encourages the Department of Public Health to promptly investigate complaints regarding cosmetic medical procedures being performed by unlicensed individuals and/or in unregulated establishments.

9. State Arizona Medical Board guidelines on choosing a cosmetic surgeon.
10. October 2007 Northeast Regional Board Member Meeting Summary

III. INFORMATION UPDATES

A. Department of Public Health Legislative Update

- Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing and Investigations provided an overview of the Department of Public Health's October 2007 report to the General Assembly regarding Adverse Event Reporting. The Board asked if information could be provided as to the actions licensed institutions have taken in addressing the causes of the adverse events identified in the report.
- Ms. Filippone reported that a presentation about the Health Assistance interVention Education Network for Connecticut Health Professionals (HAVEN) is being planned for early 2008.

B. Connecticut State Medical Society

None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review of Residency Equivalency – Allesandro Santin, MD

Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented information for the Board to review to determine if Dr. Santin's education and training are equivalent to 2 years of ACGME accredited residency training.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hanks, to accept Dr. Santin's education and training as being equivalent to the two year ACGME accredited training requirement and to recommend Dr. Santin for licensure. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Tamper proof prescriptions

John Gadea, Director, Drug Control Division, Department of Consumer Protection addressed the Board regarding requirements for tamper proof prescriptions as required by the United States Department of Health & Human Services, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

Dr. Hanks left at 2:05 p.m.

C. Memorandum of Decision Mejah Soong, MD – Petition No. 2006-0629-001-120

Dr. Bridburg, Ms. Doremus and Dr. Terranova, hearing panelists in this matter, provided a synopsis of the hearing panel's findings and recommendation for license revocation.

Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Ms. Stankaitis, to adopt the proposed Memorandum of Decision.

The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

D. Memorandum of Decision James Yue, MD – Petition No. 2005-0406-001-093

Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was present to provide counsel to the Board. Staff Attorney, David Tilles, was present on behalf of the Department of Public Health and presented a Department request for modification of the proposed Memorandum of Decision.

Dr. Yue was not present or represented. Dr. Wolf, chair of the hearing panel in this matter, provided a synopsis of the hearing panel's findings and recommendation for license suspension with concurrent probation.

Dr. Manohar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Terranova, to adopt the proposed Memorandum of Decision with modifications as requested by the Department of Public Health as well as the inclusion of a requirement for a mental health evaluation during the first year of probation. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill will sign the Order upon modification.

V. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

A. Richard Glisson, DO – Petition No. 2007-0215-001-026

Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Department of Public Health Legal Office, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Richard Glisson, DO. Dr. Glisson was not present or represented. Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Courneen, to table this matter to allow the Department to obtain additional information. The motion passed unanimously.

B. George J. Watstein, MD – Petition No. 2006-1018-001-178

Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Department of Public Health Legal Office, presented a Consent Order in the matter of George J. Watstein, MD. Dr. Watstein was not present or represented. Dr. Manohar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bridburg, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O’Neill signed the Order.

C. Arthur Trantolo, MD – Petition No. 2007-0517-001-088

Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Department of Public Health Legal Office, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Arthur Trantolo, MD. Neither Dr. Trantolo nor his attorney was present. Dr. Terranova made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bridburg, to reject the Consent Order with a recommendation that respondent surrender his license. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Deborah Caserta-Brunson, MD – Petition No. 2005-1208-001-287

Mathew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Deborah Caserta-Brunson, MD. Dr. Caserta-Brunson was present with Attorney David Robertson. Dr. Manohar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Goldenberg, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Stankaitis who was opposed and Dr. Fuller who abstained. Dr. O’Neill signed the Order.

E. Mitchell Moffat, MD – Petition No. 2007-0206-001-021

Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Department of Public Health Legal Office, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Mitchell Moffat, MD. Dr. Moffat was not present or represented. Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Terranova, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O’Neill signed the Order.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Terranova, recommending that future Consent Orders include the following or similar language, “respondent shall inform his/her health care professionals of his/her substance abuse history.” The motion passed unanimously.

F. Eric Dieffenbach, MD – Petition No. 2006-0517-001-099

Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Department of Public Health Legal Office, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Eric Dieffenbach, MD. Neither Dr. Dieffenbach nor his attorney was present. Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Courneen, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O’Neill signed the Order.

VI. TIME EXTENSIONS

Dr. O’Neill moved and Dr. Bridburg seconded to approve a 120-day extension in the following cases: The motion passed unanimously.

J. August, MD – Decision being reviewed by the Assistant Attorney General.

P. Goldsmith, PA – Decision being drafted.

E. Squatrito, DO - Decision being reviewed by the Assistant Attorney General.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman

**CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
December 18, 2007**

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, December 18, 2007 at the Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room 2C, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dennis G. O’Neill, MD, Chairman
Martin Courneen
Anne Doremus
Michael Erickson
Robert Fuller, MD
David M. Goldenberg, MD
Steven Hanks, MD
Michael Lindberg, MD
Patricia Loving, PA
Susan Wernick
C. Steven Wolf, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT Richard Bridburg, MD
Regina Stankaitis
George Terranova, MD

Dr. O’Neill called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

Dr. Lindberg was welcomed to his first meeting as a member of the Board.

Dr. O’Neill announced that Velandy Manohar, MD received notification from the Office of the Governor that his term on the Board has ended. Dr. O’Neill expressed the Board’s thanks for Dr. Manohar’s many years of dedicated service to the Board and the citizens of Connecticut.

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the November 20, 2007 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Courneen, to approve the minutes as edited. The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Loving and Dr. Lindberg who abstained.

II. CHAIR UPDATES

The following correspondence/information was received and reviewed:

1. Monthly tracking of pending cases.
2. Hearing assignments.
3. Center for Personalized Education for Physicians – Learning Summit Announcement.
4. Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) – Correspondence and News updates.

III. INFORMATION UPDATES

- A. Department of Public Health Legislative Update
None
- B. Connecticut State Medical Society
None

IV. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

A. Richard Glisson, DO – Petition No. 2007-0215-001-026

Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Department of Public Health Legal Office, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Richard Glisson, DO. This matter was tabled from the November 20, 2007 meeting. Dr. Glisson was not present or represented.

Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Hanks who was recused and Dr. Lindberg who abstained. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

B. Scott Winikoff, MD – Petition No. 2004-0624-001-140

Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Department of Public Health Legal Office, presented a Modification of Consent Order in the matter of Scott Winikoff, MD. Dr. Winikoff was not present or represented. Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Courneen, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Assign Hearing Panel

• Matthew Giles, MD - Petition No. 2006-0926-079-006

Dr. Wolf and Mr. Erickson will serve as hearing panelists in this matter. The Board Liaison will coordinate the selection of a third panelist. Dr. Wolf will chair the panel.

B. Memorandum of Decision Charles R. Jones, MD – Petition No. 2004-0917-001-221

Assistant Attorney General Tanya DeMattia was present to provide counsel to the Board.

Hearing Panelist, John Senechal, MD was present for this matter.

Staff Attorney David Tilles was present for the Department of Public Health. Attorneys Elliott Pollack and Christine Collyer were present with Dr. Jones.

Dr. O'Neill stated he was recused in this matter but would facilitate the Board's discussion of this case.

The Board heard argument from Attorney Tilles and Attorney Pollack regarding the proposed Memorandum of Decision as well as a Department's request for modification.

Dr. Fuller, Ms. Doremus and Dr. Senechal, MD provided a synopsis of the hearing panel's findings and recommendation.

Dr. Fuller made a motion, seconded by Dr. Goldenberg, to modify the proposed decision by adding the requirement that the monitor of respondent's practice be a physician who is board certified in pediatrics. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. O'Neill who was recused and Dr. Lindberg who abstained.

Following comments and discussion by members of the Board, Dr. Hanks made a motion, seconded by Mr. Courneen, to adopt the Memorandum of Decision with the modification as stated above. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. O'Neill who was recused and Dr. Lindberg who abstained. Dr. Goldenberg signed the Order on behalf of the Board.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman