

**CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
January 16, 2001**

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, January 16, 2001 at the Department of Public Health Complex, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room A/B, Building 470, Hartford, Connecticut.

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***BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:*** Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman  
Harriet A. Fellows, DO  
Howard Goodkind  
Velandy Manohar, MD  
Roberto Medina, MD  
Grant H. Miller, Jr., Esq.  
Mary P. Olsen, MD  
John Russell, MD  
Mary L. Warner, PA-C

***BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:*** Sarah E. McGirr  
Pamela A. Nole  
George Terranova, MD  
Michael R. Tesoro, MD

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Dr. O'Neill called the meeting to order at 1:31 PM.

***I. MINUTES***

The draft minutes of the December 19, 2000 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Fellows made a motion, seconded by Dr. Medina, to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed with all in favor except Mr. Goodkind and Ms. Warner who abstained.

***II. CHAIR UPDATES***

Dr. O'Neill reviewed correspondence he received from the Federation of State Medical Boards.

- A. Newslite - November/December 2000.
- B. Memorandum - Foreign School Recertification Project
- C. Legislative Services Report

Correspondence is available to the Board members through the Board Liaison.

The annual meeting of the Federation of State Medical Boards will be held April 19-21, 2001 in Atlanta, Georgia. Ms. Warner volunteered to represent the Board at the meeting.

***III. OLD BUSINESS***

ProfilePlus Program

Karen Buckley-Bates, Legislative Liaison, Department of Public Health provided an update regarding the Department's ProfilePlus Program. Ms. Buckley-Bates reported that dialogue is ongoing with the Connecticut Medical Society regarding language changes to the proposed legislation. The changes concern pending claims information and Peer Review issues. In addition, a Physician Information Advisory Council, which will include the HMO's, hospitals, the Connecticut State Medical Society and the Department of Public Health is proposed. The advisory council will provide advice to the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health regarding the ProfilePlus Program and the promulgation of regulations.

Dr. Manohar arrived at 1:50 p.m.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

Legislative Update

Karen Buckley-Bates, Legislative Liaison, Department of Public Health reported that the Department's Government Relations Office is responsible for tracking bills. For the current legislative session, approximately 250 bills have been proposed that would have some impact on public health. The Government Relations office will monitor any bills of interest to the Board and will provide monthly updates throughout the current session.

**V. OLD BUSINESS (CONTINUED)**

Consultants Update

Kathleen Zarrella, RN, Director, Division of Health Systems Regulation provided an update. The Department of Public Health plans to make presentations to the Connecticut State Medical Society and the County Medical Associations in an effort to find more consultants to advise the Department during the investigatory process. OB-GYN and Internal Medicine are the specialties in which consultants are primarily needed. Regarding the Board's question concerning compensation for consultants, Ms. Zarrella responded that presently the Department has no funding available to provide compensation to physicians who serve as consultants.

Michelle Norbeck, Connecticut Medical Society commented that the Medical Society should be able to make suggestions regarding this issue to the Department of Public Health within a month or two. The Board requests monthly updates on this issue.

Dr. Russell arrived at 2:05 p.m.

Consent Order Criteria

Stanley K. Peck, Director, Legal Office, described the process by which complaints are investigated by the Department of Public Health. Mr. Peck discussed the rationale for why and how a case is prosecuted before the Board and explained the process for negotiating Consent Orders. Mr. Peck commented that the Department decides, on a case by case basis, whether it will issue charges or proceed towards a negotiated settlement. Such decisions are based on the facts unique to each case, and the public safety impact.

**VI. INFORMATION UPDATES**

Department of Public Health

None

The Board requests an update on the Physician Profile at the February 2001 meeting.

Connecticut State Medical Society

None

***VII. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS***

Consent Order - Thomas Cherry, MD, Petition No. 981002-001-188

Staff Attorney Roberta Swafford, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Thomas Cherry, MD. A Consent Order was initially presented to the Board at its October 2000 meeting and again at the December 2000 meeting. Dr. Cherry was not present nor was his attorney.

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

***VIII. TIME EXTENSIONS***

Dr. Medina moved and Ms. Warner seconded to approve a 120-day extension in the following cases:

M. Brook, MD	V. McClain, MD
J. Goldweitz, MD	T. Rehmatullah, MD
M. Lerner, MD	

The motion passed unanimously.

***IX ADJOURNMENT***

It was the unanimous decision of the Board to adjourn this meeting at 2:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman

**CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD  
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February 20, 2001**

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, February 20, 2001 at the Department of Public Health Complex, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room A/B, Building 470, Hartford, Connecticut.

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***BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:*** Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman  
Harriet A. Fellows, DO  
Howard Goodkind  
Velandy Manohar, MD  
Roberto Medina, MD  
Grant H. Miller, Jr., Esq.  
Mary P. Olsen, MD  
John Russell, MD  
Michael R. Tesoro, MD  
Mary L. Warner, PA-C

***BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:*** Sarah E. McGirr  
Pamela A. Nole  
George Terranova, MD

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

***I. MINUTES***

The draft minutes of the January 16, 2001 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Ms. Warner, to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

***II. CHAIR UPDATES***

Dr. O'Neill reviewed correspondence received since the last Board meeting.

- A. Federation of State Medical Boards - Drug Addiction Treatment Act 2000.
- B. Federation of State Medical Boards - Internet Clearing House Project
- C. Letter from Assistant Attorney General, Richard J, Lynch concerning Consent Orders.

Correspondence is available to the Board members through the Board Liaison.

***III. OLD BUSINESS***

***A. Legislative Update***

Karen Buckley-Bates, Legislative Liaison, Department of Public Health, reported that work is ongoing concerning language changes to the proposed legislation regarding the Department's ProfilePlus Program. Ms. Buckley-Bates also reported that the following bills are in various phases of the legislative process.

- Physical Therapy Direct Access
- Use of anesthesia in a physician's office
- Prescriptive Authority for Psychologists
- S.B. 711 - An act concerning the licensing of certain managed care organization personnel.

Following discussion, the Board indicated its support for Senate Bill 711.

- B. Physician Profiling Update  
Debra Tomassone, Public Health Services Manager, Department of Public Health, announced that the Physician Profiles are now available at the Department of Public Health web-site.
- C. Consultants Update  
Kathleen Zarrella, RN, Director, Division of Health Systems Regulation, reported that 162 cases are currently under investigation by the Department of Public Health. 75 of these cases are awaiting review by a consultant.  
During March and April, the Department will be meeting with the County Medical Associations in an effort to find more consultants.

**IV. INFORMATION UPDATES**

Department of Public Health  
None

Connecticut State Medical Society  
None

**V. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS**

- A. Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges Based on Voluntary Surrender of License - Tahir Rehmattulah, MD, Petition No. 2000-0711-001-115  
Staff Attorney Leslie Scoville, presented a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges in the matter of Tahir Rehmattulah, MD. Mr. Goodkind made a motion, seconded by Ms. Warner, to grant the Department of Public Health's Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges based on Dr. Rehmattulah's voluntary surrender of his license. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.
- B. Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges - Philip Shelton, MD, Petition No. 990526-001-114  
Staff Attorney David Tilles, presented a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges in the matter of Philip Shelton, MD. Attorney Hilary Fisher Nelson was present on behalf of Dr. Shelton. Dr. Fellows made a motion, seconded by Dr. Tesoro, to grant the Department of Public Health's Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Medina who recused himself from this matter. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.
- C. Consent Order - Mark Anderson, MD, Petition No. 2000-0119-001-010  
Staff Attorney David Tilles, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Mark Anderson, MD. Dr. Anderson and his attorney were not present. Mr. Goodkind made a motion, seconded by Dr. Manohar, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.
- D. Consent Order - Lakshmi Basu, MD, Petition No. 990428-001-084  
Staff Attorney Stephen Miltimore, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Lakshmi Basu, MD. Attorney Donald Leone, Jr. was present on behalf of Dr. Basu. Dr. Fellows made a motion, seconded by Dr. Olsen, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Manohar who recused himself and Ms. Warner who was opposed. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

- E. Consent Order - Joel Chaise, MD, Petition No. 2000-0720-001-128  
Staff Attorney David Tilles, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Joel Chaise, MD. Dr. Chaise was present without representation. Dr. Manohar made a motion, seconded by Ms. Warner, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Fellows who was opposed. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.
- F. Consent Order - Marvin Lerner, MD, Petition No. 2000-0820-001-145  
Staff Attorney David Tilles, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Marvin Lerner, MD. Dr. Lerner and his attorney were not present. Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Dr. Manohar, that this matter be tabled to the March 20, 2001 meeting. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Olsen and Mr. Goodkind who were opposed. The Board requests that additional information concerning proceedings in New Jersey and respondent's intended employment be presented at the next meeting.
- G. Motion for Summary Suspension – Duncan MacMaster, MD, Petition No. 2000-0914-001-168  
Staff Attorney David Tilles withdrew the Department of Public Health's Motion for Summary Suspension, in the matter of Duncan MacMaster, MD, based on a respondent's representation that he will surrender his physician license in the State of Connecticut.
- H. Interim Consent Order – Malinda Midzenski, MD, Petition No. 2000-0630-001-113  
Department of Public Health, Staff Attorney, David Tilles presented an Interim Consent Order in the matter of Malinda Midzenski, MD. Dr. Midzenski was neither present nor represented. Mr. Goodkind made a motion seconded by Dr. Manohar to accept the Interim Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.
- I. Motion for Summary Suspension – Abraham Solomon, MD, Petition No. 2001-0205-001-022  
Staff Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with the Department of Public Health's Motion for Summary Suspension in the matter of Abraham Solomon, MD. Respondent was neither present nor represented. Assistant Attorney General Marianne Horn was present to provide counsel to the Board. Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Dr. Olsen, to grant the Summary Suspension of Dr. Solomon's physician license. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Summary Suspension Order. A hearing is scheduled for March 7, 2001.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

Memorandum of Decision - William DiFederico, MD

The Board reviewed the Memorandum of Decision in the matter of William DiFederico, MD, Petition No. 990804-001-150. Dr. DiFederico was neither present nor represented. Dr. Russell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Manohar, to approve the Memorandum of Decision. The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Warner who recused herself in this matter. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

**VII. SCHEDULING**

The Board Liaison will coordinate the scheduling of hearing dates for the following case:  
Kenneth Blau, MD, - Petition No. 990428-001-086.

***VIII. TIME EXTENSIONS***

Mr. Goodkind moved and Ms. Warner seconded to approve a 120-day extension in the following cases:

H. Brown, MD	A. Isgut, MD
B. Raxlen, MD	R. Thorsen, MD

The motion passed unanimously.

***IX. ADJOURNMENT***

It was the unanimous decision of the Board to adjourn this meeting at 3:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman

**CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
March 20, 2001**

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***BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:*** Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman  
Velandy Manohar, MD  
Roberto Medina, MD  
Grant H. Miller, Jr., Esq.  
Pamela A. Nole  
John Russell, MD  
George Terranova, MD

***BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:*** Harriet A. Fellows, DO  
Howard Goodkind  
Sarah E. McGirr  
Mary P. Olsen, MD  
Michael R. Tesoro, MD  
Mary L. Warner, PA-C

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Dr. O'Neill called the meeting to order at 1:40 PM.

***I. CHAIR UPDATES***

The following correspondence received from the Federation of State Medical Boards was reviewed.

- A. An announcement of educational programs offered by the Federation for 2001.
- B. Member Board Annual Survey.
- C. The Federation's report on the validity of the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) and the Comprehensive Medical Licensing Examination (COMLEX)
- D. Proposed Amendments to the Federation Bylaws.

Correspondence is available to the Board members through the Board Liaison.

Dr. O'Neill cautioned Board members not to discuss pending disciplinary cases if they receive inquiries and to refer any questions to the Assistant Attorney General or the Department of Public Health.

***II. MINUTES***

The draft minutes of the February 20, 2001 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Russell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Manohar, to approve the minutes as edited. The motion passed unanimously.

***III. OLD BUSINESS***

***A. Consultants Update***

Kathleen Boulware, Supervising Nurse Consultant, Department of Public Health, reported that 167 cases are currently under investigation by the Department of Public Health of which 67 are awaiting review by a consultant.

Since the last update, twelve additional physicians have offered their services as consultants for the following specialties:

Emergency Medicine - 1	Pediatrics - 1
Internal Medicine - 2	Dermatology - 1
Cardiology - 3	Plastic Surgery - 2
Orthopedics - 1	General Surgery - 1



Informational meetings have been scheduled with the New Haven County Medical Association in May and the Hartford County Medical Association in June. Dates for meetings in Fairfield and New London counties have yet to be finalized.

- B. Legislative Update  
The Board was provided with a Bill history summary.

**IV. INFORMATION UPDATES**

Department of Public Health  
None

Connecticut State Medical Society  
None

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Memorandum of Decision - Ventkatach Sreenivas, MD  
The Board reviewed the Memorandum of Decision in the matter of Ventkatach Sreenivas, MD, Petition No. 980609-001-110. Dr. Sreenivas was present with Attorney Gary Kaisen. Dr. Manohar recused himself in this matter. Dr. O'Neill made a motion, seconded by Ms. Nole, to amend paragraph three of the findings of fact. The motion passed with all in favor. Ms. Nole made a motion seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the Memorandum of Decision as amended. The motion passed with all in favor. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

- B. Oral Argument on Proposed Memorandum of Decision - Prem Nath, MD

Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Staff Attorney David Tilles was present for the Department of Public Health. Dr. Nath was present with Attorney Elliott Pollack. The Board heard oral argument from Attorneys Tilles and Pollack with regard to the proposed Memorandum of Decision in Petition No. 2000-0724-001-129. Dr. O'Neill recused himself in this matter. Following oral argument the Board amended the decision by adding paragraph nine to the Order. Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Dr. Manohar, to adopt the decision as amended. The motion passed with all in favor. The decision will be signed by Dr. Manohar on March 21, 2001.

**VI. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS**

- A. Consent Order - Marvin Lerner, MD, Petition No. 2000-0820-001-145  
Staff Attorney David Tilles withdrew the presentation of the Consent Order in the matter of Marvin Lerner, MD. Attorney Tilles reported that the disciplinary proceedings in the State of New Jersey are still pending; a hearing is currently scheduled for June 2001.

- B. Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges Based on Voluntary Surrender of License - Duncan MacMaster, MD, Petition No. 2000-0914-001-168  
Staff Attorney David Tilles, presented a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges in the matter of Duncan MacMaster, MD. Dr. MacMaster was not present or represented. Ms. Nole made a motion, seconded by Dr. Terranova, to grant the Department of Public Health's Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges based on Dr. MacMaster's voluntary surrender of his license. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

***VII. TIME EXTENSIONS***

Mr. Miller moved and Ms. Nole seconded to approve a 120-day extension in the following cases:

J. August, MD

J. Densen-Gerber, MD

C. Beaumont, MD

B. Sandridge, MD

J. Christoforo, MD

The motion passed unanimously.

***VIII. ADJOURNMENT***

It was the unanimous decision of the Board to adjourn this meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman

**CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**April 17, 2001**

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, April 17, 2001 at the Department of Public Health Complex, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room A/B, Building 470, Hartford, Connecticut.

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***BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:*** Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman  
Howard Goodkind  
Mary P. Olsen, MD  
John Russell, MD  
Mary L. Warner, PA-C

***BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:*** Harriet A. Fellows, DO  
Velandy Manohar, MD  
Roberto Medina, MD  
Grant H. Miller, Jr., Esq.  
Pamela A. Nole  
George Terranova, MD  
Sarah E. McGirr

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Dr. O'Neill called the meeting to order at 1:35 PM.

***I. CHAIR UPDATES***

Dr. O'Neill announced that Michael Tesoro, MD, resigned from the Board effective March 25, 2001.

Mary Warner, PA-C will be attending this week's annual meeting of the Federation of State Medical Board, which is being held in Atlanta, Georgia. Ms. Warner will report on her trip at the May 15, 2001 Board meeting.

The next meeting of the Eastern Region Boards is scheduled for September 13-14, 2001 in Durham, New Hampshire. Anyone interested in representing Connecticut should contact Randal Manning at the Maine Board by May 15, 2001. Connecticut has not been represented since hosting a meeting in October 1998. Dr. O'Neill encouraged members to attend.

A summary of disciplinary actions by state medical boards for the year 2000 has been received and is available to the Board members through the Board Liaison.

Dr. O'Neill reported he is having ongoing discussions with Assistant Attorney General Richard Lynch regarding Consent Orders.

***II. MINUTES***

Due to the lack of a quorum, the minutes from March 20, 2001 will be reviewed at the May 15, 2001 Board meeting.

***III. OLD BUSINESS***

***A. Consultants Update***

Kathleen Boulware, Supervising Nurse Consultant, Department of Public Health, reported that 158 cases are currently under investigation by the Department of Public Health of which 50 are awaiting review by a consultant. 46 cases have been opened thus far in the year 2001.

The Department of Public Health is continuing with its efforts to obtain additional consultants.

***B. Legislative Update***

The Board reviewed the Bill history summary provided by the Office of the Department's Legislative Liaison.

***IV. INFORMATION UPDATES***

***Department of Public Health***

None

***Connecticut State Medical Society***

Michelle Norbeck reported that the Medical Society has developed a workgroup to look for consultants for the Department and to offer the Department suggestions regarding the investigatory process.

***V. ADJOURNMENT***

It was the unanimous decision of the Board to adjourn this meeting at 1:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman

**CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
May 15, 2001**

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, May 15, 2001 at the Department of Public Health Complex, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room A/B, Building 470, Hartford, Connecticut.

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***BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:*** Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman  
Harriet A. Fellows, DO  
Velandy Manohar, MD  
Roberto Medina, MD  
Grant H. Miller, Jr., Esq.  
Mary P. Olsen, MD  
John Russell, MD

***BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:*** Howard Goodkind  
Sarah E. McGirr  
Pamela A. Nole  
George Terranova, MD  
Mary L. Warner, PA-C

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Dr. O'Neill called the meeting to order at 1:42 PM.

***I. CHAIR UPDATES***

A. Dr. O'Neill reported on the discussions he had with Assistant Attorney General Richard Lynch regarding the issue of the Board's need for adequate information when approving Consent Orders. Various options were discussed.

1. The Board can designate a member to review a case to determine if a proposed Consent Order is appropriate. The Board member would be recused if the case subsequently went to hearing.
2. A pre-hearing review format could be used during which the entire Board would review a case and make recommendations for a proposed Consent Order.
3. Respondent and respondent's attorney should be present when a Consent Order is presented to the Board so that any questions can be answered.
4. Dr. O'Neill has received inquiries from attorneys representing respondents asking if the Board can be involved in negotiating a Consent Order. This option would need to be explored by the Attorney General's Office to determine if and how this could be accomplished. Mr. Miller suggested that a regulation be promulgated requiring that nothing said to the Board during the negotiation of a Consent Order would be admissible during any subsequent hearing.

B. The following correspondence was received and reviewed:

1. Federation of State Medical Boards Newsline - March/April 2001 issue.
2. Idaho State Board of Medicine Newsletter.

Correspondence is available to the Board members through the Board Liaison.

***II. INFORMATION UPDATES***

Department of Public Health

Kathleen Boulware, Supervising Nurse Consultant, Department of Public Health, reported that from January 1, 2001 through March 31, 2001 a total of 54 petitions were received by the Department's investigations unit. During the same period 73 cases were closed. 161 medical cases are currently under investigation by the Department.

### Connecticut State Medical Society

Michelle Norbeck reported that the House of Delegates meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2001. The Medical Society will be issuing a statement that it will be considered a professional obligation of its members to provide consultative services to the Department of Public Health.

Ms. Norbeck informed the Board that a bill establishing an intervention program for impaired nurses is pending in the legislature.

### Legislative Update

The Board reviewed the Bill history summary provided by the Department's Legislative Liaison's Office.

### **III. MINUTES**

The draft minutes of the March 20, 2001 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Manohar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Fellows and Dr. Olsen who abstained.

The draft minutes of the April 17, 2001 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Manohar made a motion, seconded by Mr. O'Neill, to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Fellows, Dr. Medina and Mr. Miller who abstained.

### **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

#### Memorandum of Decision - Michael Feuer, MD

The Board reviewed the Memorandum of Decision in the matter of Michael Feuer, MD, Petition No. 981127-001-218. Mr. Miller, a hearing panelist in this matter, provided a synopsis of the case. Dr. Russell made a motion seconded by Dr. Fellows to approve the Memorandum of Decision. The motion passed with all in favor. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

### **V. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS**

#### **A. Consent Order - Robert Gennaro, MD, Petition No. 2000-1011-001-185**

Staff Attorney Roberta Swafford, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Robert Gennaro, MD. Dr. Gennaro was not present and was not represented. Dr. Russell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Manohar, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Fellows who was opposed and Dr. Medina who abstained. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

#### **B. Consent Order - Brian Sandridge, MD, Petition No. 2000-0608-001-185**

Staff Attorney Leslie Scoville, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Brian Sandridge, MD. Dr. Sandridge was not present and was not represented. Dr. Fellows recused herself in this matter. After much discussion, Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Dr. Russell, to table this matter to the June 19, 2001 meeting. The motion passed with all in favor. The Board requests that respondent and respondent's attorney be present at the next meeting. The Board also requests additional information be provided concerning respondent's recovery.

***VI. TIME EXTENSIONS***

Mr. Miller moved and Dr. Olsen seconded to approve a 120-day extension in the following cases:

Kenneth Blau, MD

Mark Brook, MD

Richard Fischer, MD

Marvin Lerner, MD

Vincent McClain, MD

Tadeusz Skowron, MD

Abraham Solomon, MD

Michael Tinkler, MD

The motion passed unanimously.

***VII. SCHEDULING***

The Board Liaison will coordinate the scheduling of hearing dates for the following case:

Robert Harkins, MD, - Petition No. 990428-001-086.

***VIII. ADJOURNMENT***

It was the unanimous decision of the Board to adjourn this meeting at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman

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Grant H. Miller, Jr., Esq.  
John Russell, MD  
George Terranova, MD  
Mary L. Warner, PA-C

***BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:*** Roberto Medina, MD  
Sarah E. McGirr  
Mary P. Olsen, MD  
Pamela A. Nole

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Dr. O'Neill called the meeting to order at 1:38 PM.

***I. CHAIR UPDATES***

- A. Dr. O'Neill reported that language concerning licensing requirements for individuals who make final utilization review determinations is included in Public Act 01-174.
- B. Dr. O'Neill requested that the Board, at its August 2001 meeting, begin discussion towards formulating a policy regarding "Internet Prescribing."
- C. Ms. Warner reported on her April 2001 trip to Atlanta, Georgia as the Board's representative at the annual meeting of the Federation of State Medical Boards.

***II. INFORMATION UPDATES***

Department of Public Health

Kathleen Boulware, Supervising Nurse Consultant, Department of Public Health, reported that 142 medical cases are currently under investigation of which 43 are awaiting review by a consultant. Since the last report to the Board, the number of OB/GYN cases needing consultant review has dropped from 14 to 7.

Jennifer Filippone, Health Program Manager, Department of Public Health, informed the Board as to the managerial changes within the Division of Health Systems Regulation.

Ms. Filippone informed the Board that §20-13c of the Connecticut General Statutes has been amended pursuant to Public Act 01-50. The amendment provides that the Board may impose disciplinary action against a physician who operates magnetic resonance imaging equipment without having obtained magnetic resonance imaging accreditation by the American College of Radiology.

Connecticut State Medical Society

None

Legislative Update

The legislative summary is being prepared by the Department's Legislative Liaison's Office. A copy will be forwarded to the Board.



Dr. Manohar arrived at 1:49 p.m.

Mr. Miller arrived at 1:52 p.m.

**III. MINUTES**

The draft minutes of the May 15, 2001 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Fellows made a motion, seconded by Dr. Manohar, to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed with all in favor except Mr. Goodkind and Ms. Warner who abstained.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Permit to Practice in a Connecticut Medical School - Sandra Iragorri, MD

Shi-Yu Giannola, Health Program Assistant I, presented a medical school permit application of Sandra Iragorri, MD to allow her to practice at the Yale University School of Medicine. Dr. Terranova made a motion, seconded by Dr. Fellows, to grant the medical school permit for Dr. Iragorri. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Motion for Reinstatement - Scott Teitelbaum, MD

Assistant Attorney General Henry Salton and Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro were present to provide counsel to the Board. Staff Attorney David Tilles was present for the Department of Public Health. Dr. Teitelbaum was present with Attorney Michael Neubert.

Dr. O'Neill made a motion, seconded by Dr. Fellows, to enter executive session to obtain legal advice from the Assistant Attorney General. The motion passed unanimously. The Board entered executive session from 1:55 p.m. to 2:20 p.m.

Dr. Russell arrived during executive session.

Following executive session, the Board heard argument from Attorney Neubert and Attorney Tilles.

Ms. Warner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Miller, to hold a hearing to consider whether there is sufficient basis to reopen the 1997 Board decision revoking Dr. Teitelbaum's license. Dr. O'Neill, Dr. Terranova, Mr. Miller and Dr. Russell voted in favor of the motion. Ms. Warner and Mr. Goodkind were opposed. Dr. Manohar and Dr. Fellows recused themselves from this matter.

Mr. Goodkind made a motion, seconded by Dr. Terranova, that a panel of two Board members, consisting of a physician member and a public member, hear this matter. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Manohar and Dr. Fellows who were recused.

Mr. Goodkind made an amended motion, seconded by Dr. Russell, that the panel of two Board members hearing this matter shall consist of a physician member and a non-physician member. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Manohar and Dr. Fellows who were recused.

**V. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS**

A. Motion to Modify Memorandum of Decision - Mohinder Chadha, MD,

Assistant Attorney General Henry Salton was present to provide counsel to the Board. Staff Attorney David Tilles was present for the Department of Public Health. Dr. Chadha was present without representation. Dr. Manohar and Mr. Miller recused themselves in this matter.

Mr. Tilles presented the Department of Public Health's Motion to modify a Memorandum of Decision issued by the Board on January 2, 1998, placing Dr. Chadha's license on probation. The Board heard argument from Attorney Tilles and Dr. Chadha.

During argument Dr. Chadha made a request that the Board expunge the Memorandum of Decision issued on January 2, 1998. Upon advice from the Assistant Attorney General, the Board will not act on Dr. Chadha's request.

Dr. Russell made a motion that the Board terminate the probation of Dr. Chadha's license. There was no second to the motion, therefore, the motion failed.

Mr. Goodkind made a motion, seconded by Dr. O'Neill that the Department's motion to modify the Memorandum of Decision be rejected. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Russell who was opposed, and Dr. Manohar and Mr. Miller who were recused. Dr. O'Neill signed an Order denying the Department of Public Health's Motion to Modify Memorandum of Decision.

B. Consent Order - Brian Sandridge, MD, Petition No. 2000-0608-001-185

Staff Attorney Leslie Scoville, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Brian Sandridge, MD. Dr. Sandridge was present with Attorney Kristin Connors. Dr. Fellows recused herself in this matter. Attorney Connors provided the Board with information concerning respondent's recovery.

Dr. Russell left for the day at 3:52 p.m.

Mr. Miller made a motion seconded by Ms. Warner, to enter executive session to obtain legal advice from Assistant Attorney General Henry Salton. The motion passed and the Board entered executive session from 3:53 p.m. until 3:59 p.m.

Following executive session Dr. Terranova made a motion, seconded by Ms. Warner, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor except Mr. Miller who was opposed and Dr. Fellows who was recused. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

The Board commented that the Department of Public Health's Consent Order cover sheet was insufficient. Had the information provided by Attorney Connors been included in the cover sheet, the Board would have approved this Consent Order at the May meeting.

The Board suggests that for future Consent Orders, respondent and/or respondent's attorney shall contribute and/or agree to the cover sheet contents. The Board will continue to require that respondent and/or respondent's attorney be present when a Consent Order is presented to the Board.

Dr. Terranova left for the day at 4:01 p.m.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Being that a quorum was no longer present, a Consent Order in the matter of Kenneth Blau, MD and the matters of scheduling and time extensions will be taken up at the July 17, 2001 meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman



**CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**July 17, 2001**

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, July 17, 2001 at the Department of Public Health Complex, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room A/B, Building 470, Hartford, Connecticut.

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***BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:*** Harriet A. Fellows, DO  
Howard Goodkind  
Velandy Manohar, MD  
Roberto Medina, MD  
Grant H. Miller, Jr., Esq.  
Pamela A. Nole  
John Russell, MD  
George Terranova, MD  
Mary L. Warner, PA-C

***BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:*** Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman  
Sarah E. McGirr  
Mary P. Olsen, MD

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The meeting was called to order at 1:38PM by John Russell, MD. Dr. Russell chaired this meeting in the absence of Dr. O'Neill.

***I. MINUTES***

The draft minutes of the June 19, 2001 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Fellows made a motion, seconded by Dr. Terranova, to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

***II. CHAIR UPDATES***

None

***III. INFORMATION UPDATES***

Department of Public Health

None

Connecticut State Medical Society

Michelle Norbeck reported that the Connecticut State Medical Society (CSMS) is in the process of developing a brochure to be used by respondents and attorneys explaining the hearing/disciplinary process. An ad-hoc committee has been formed to work on this project with the Department of Public Health. Ms. Norbeck further reported that the House of Delegates, on May 16, 2001, passed a resolution that the CSMS will work towards forming a pool of consultants that will be available to the Department of Public Health for use in review of standard of care issues. The CSMS may attempt to offer some amount of financial remuneration for consultants.

Legislative Update

A summary of the 2001 legislative session prepared by the Department's Legislative Liaison's Office was provide to the Board.

#### **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **A. Policies /Procedures for conducting hearings**

Dr. Terranova commented that the procedure for conducting hearings must be changed to avoid inconveniencing parties and hearing panelists due to last minute continuance requests being filed. Dr. Terranova reported that at a hearing scheduled for this morning a request for continuance was presented to the hearing panel because a Consent Order had been agreed to. In addition to Dr. Terranova, Dr. Fellows and Ms. Nole were on the hearing panel. Dr. Fellows commented that respondent's counsel was not prepared to go forward with the hearing had the continuance request been denied.

Dr. Terranova suggested that policies/procedures be formulated in conjunction with the Office of the Attorney General regarding how hearings will be conducted and that deadlines be imposed regarding the filing of requests for continuances. Mr. Miller volunteered to work on this matter. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro, who was present for this discussion, will report the Board's concerns to his office.

Ms. Warner made a motion, seconded by Dr. Fellows, authorizing Mr. Miller to communicate with the Office of the Attorney General regarding this issue on behalf of the Board. The motion passed unanimously.

##### **B. Memorandum of Decision - Robert Thorsen, MD**

The Board reviewed the Memorandum of Decision in the matter of Robert Thorsen, MD Petition No. 970520-001-109. Dr. Terranova, a hearing panelist in this matter, provided a synopsis of the case. Mr. Goodkind made a motion seconded by Dr. Fellows to approve the Memorandum of Decision. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Terranova signed the Order.

##### **C. Memorandum of Decision - Mark Miner Brook, MD**

The Board reviewed the Memorandum of Decision in the matter of Mark Miner Brook, MD, Petition No. 2000-0925-001-174. Mr. Miller, a hearing panelist in this matter, provided a synopsis of the case. Mr. Goodkind made a motion seconded by Dr. Terranova to approve the Memorandum of Decision. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Miller signed the Order.

#### **V. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS**

##### **A. Consent Order - Kenneth Blau, MD, Petition No. 990428-001-086**

Staff Attorney M. J. McCarthy presented a Consent Order in the matter of Kenneth Blau, MD. Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald was present for Dr. Blau. Dr. Terranova recused himself in this matter.

Dr. Fellows made a motion, seconded by Dr. Medina, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Terranova who was recused. Dr. Russell signed the Order.

##### **B. Motion for Summary Suspension – Ralph Deutchman, MD, Petition No. 2000-1129-001-086**

Staff Attorney Roberta Swafford presented the Board with the Department of Public Health's Motion for Summary Suspension in the matter of Ralph Deutchman, MD. Respondent was neither present nor represented. Assistant Attorney General Paul Lahey was present to provide counsel to the Board.

Dr. Manohar made a motion, seconded by Ms. Warner, to grant the Summary Suspension of Dr. Deutchman's physician license. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Russell signed the Summary Suspension Order. A hearing is scheduled for August 7, 2001.

- C. Consent Order - Harry Brown, MD, Petition No. 980819-001-165  
Staff Attorney Ellen Shanley presented a Consent Order in the matter of Harry Brown, MD. Attorney Linda Wihbey was present for Dr. Brown. Mr. Goodkind made a motion to approve the Consent Order in this matter. There was no second to the motion, therefore, the motion failed.  
Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Dr. Manohar, to table this matter to the August meeting to allow the Department of Public Health and respondent to renegotiate the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor except Mr. Goodkind who abstained.

***VI. TIME EXTENSIONS/SCEDULING***

Mr. Miller moved and Dr. Medina seconded to approve a 120-day extensions in the following cases:

Jeremy August, MD	Jonathan Goldweitz, MD
Charles Beaumont, MD	Robert Harkins, MD
Harry Brown, MD	Alejandro Isgut, MD
John Christoforo, MD	Bernard Raxlen, MD
Judianne Densen-Gerber, MD	

The motion passed unanimously.

***VII. SCHEDULING***

The Board Liaison will coordinate the scheduling of hearing dates for the following case:

Charles Gianetti, MD, - Petition No. 2000-0323-001-056

Hearing panelists will be Ms. Warner, Dr. Fellows and Emily Littman, Ph.D.

***VIII. ADJOURNMENT***

Mr. Goodkind made a motion, seconded by Dr. Terranova, to adjourn the meeting at 2:55 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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John Russell, MD

**CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**August 21, 2001**

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, August 21, 2001 at the Department of Public Health Complex, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room I, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Hartford, Connecticut.

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Howard Goodkind  
Velandy Manohar, MD  
Sarah E. McGirr  
Grant H. Miller, Jr., Esq.  
Pamela A. Nole  
Mary P. Olsen, MD  
John Russell, MD  
George Terranova, MD  
Mary L. Warner, PA-C

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman  
Harriet A. Fellows, DO  
Roberto Medina, MD

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The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m. by John Russell, MD. Dr. Russell chaired this meeting in the absence of Dr. O'Neill.

**I. MINUTES**

The draft minutes of the July 17, 2001 meeting were reviewed. Item III of the minutes was edited to reflect that the Connecticut State Medical Society "may" attempt to offer some amount of financial remuneration for consultants.

Mr. Goodkind made a motion, seconded by Ms. Nole, to approve the minutes as edited. The motion passed unanimously.

**II. CHAIR UPDATES**

None

**III. INFORMATION UPDATES**

Department of Public Health

None

Connecticut State Medical Society

None

**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Policies /Procedures for conducting hearings**

Mr. Miller reported that proposed rules and procedures for conducting hearings are being reviewed by the office of the Attorney General.

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS

##### A. Reinstatement Application - Anantesh Patel, MD

Jennifer Filippone, Health Program Manager, Department of Public Health, presented a synopsis of Dr. Patel's licensure history. Ms. Filippone indicated that the Department intends to deny the reinstatement request due Dr. Patel's problems in another state. The Department seeks any recommendations the Board may have. Dr. Terranova made a motion, seconded by Dr. Manohar, that the Board not make a recommendation unless documentary information is shared with the Board. The motion passed unanimously.

##### E. Endorsement Application - Anna Duncan, DO

Shi-Yu Kettering, Health Program Assistant I, presented an endorsement application of Anna Duncan, DO. Dr. Manohar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Terranova, to approve Dr. Duncan's endorsement application. The motion passed unanimously. Jennifer Filippone, Health Program Manager reported that the regulations pertaining to equivalency training are to be updated to allow certification by the American Osteopathic Association.

#### V. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

##### A. Motion for Summary Suspension – Dudley Hall, MD, Petition No. 2001-0503-001-064

Staff Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with the Department of Public Health's Motion for Summary Suspension in the matter of Dudley Hall, MD. Respondent was neither present nor represented. Assistant Attorney General Henry Salton was present to provide counsel to the Board.

Dr. Terranova made a motion, seconded by Ms. McGirr, to grant the Summary Suspension of Dr. Hall's physician license. The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Warner who recused herself. Dr. Russell signed the Summary Suspension Order. A hearing in this matter is scheduled for September 13, 2001.

##### B. Consent Order - Jeffrey Harris, MD, Petition No. 2001-0508-001-065

Staff Attorney David Tilles presented a Consent Order in the matter of Jeffrey Harris, MD. Dr. Harris who was present, authorized Mr. Tilles to provide a synopsis of the State of New York allegations and disciplinary action against Dr. Harris.

Dr. Terranova made a motion, seconded by Dr. Manohar, to deny acceptance of the Consent Order and recommend that this matter be dismissed. The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Warner who abstained.

#### VI. ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM

##### Internet Prescribing

Assistant Attorney General Henry Salton advised the Board that it cannot adopt a policy on Internet prescribing. The Board can however pursue issuing a declaratory ruling or it can recommend to the Department of Public Health that the Department pursue legislation concerning Internet Prescribing.

Attorney Salton indicated that the State of Connecticut Pharmacy Commission is reviewing Internet prescribing issues. This matter will be discussed further at the September meeting.



**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Nole made a motion, seconded by Ms. Warner, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 2:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Russell, MD

**CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**September 18, 2001**

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, September 18, 2001 at the Department of Public Health Complex, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room A/B, Building 470, Hartford, Connecticut.

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman  
Howard Goodkind  
Velandy Manohar, MD  
Sarah E. McGirr  
Roberto Medina, MD  
Grant H. Miller, Jr., Esq.  
Mary P. Olsen, MD  
George Terranova, MD

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Harriet A. Fellows, DO  
Pamela A. Nole  
John Russell, MD  
Mary L. Warner, PA-C

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Dr. O'Neill called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. Dr. O'Neill expressed his thanks to Dr. Russell for chairing the July and August meetings.

**I. MINUTES**

The draft minutes of the August 21, 2001 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Goodkind made a motion, seconded by Ms. McGirr, to approve the minutes as edited. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. O'Neill and Dr. Medina who abstained.

**II. CHAIR UPDATES**

The following correspondence from the Federation of State Medical Boards was received and reviewed:

1. Legislative Services Report - May/June 2001 issue.
2. Model Policy Guidelines for Opioid Addiction Treatment in Medical Offices.
3. Call for Nominations and Appointment Recommendations
4. Call for Resolutions/2002 Annual Meeting of the House of Delegates

Correspondence is available to the Board members through the Board Liaison.

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

**III. INFORMATION UPDATES**

Department of Public Health

Donna Brewer, Director, Public Health Hearing Office provided the Board with an analysis of the time line for cases which have gone to hearing before the Board.

#### Connecticut State Medical Society

Michelle Norbeck reported that the Medical Society will be meeting with Department of Public Health representatives on Monday September 24, 2001 to discuss issues regarding the Department's need for consultants.

#### **IV. OLD BUSINESS**

##### A. Policies /Procedures for conducting hearings

Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro reported that this issue is still being reviewed by his office. It is hoped that proposed language can be presented to the Board at the October meeting.

##### B. Internet Prescribing

The Board requests information from the Office of the Attorney General regarding this issue, which is pending before the Connecticut Commission of Pharmacy.

#### **V. NEW BUSINESS**

##### A. Motion to Modify Consent Order - Randolph Ramirez, MD

Attorney Philip S. Walker presented a Motion to Modify Consent Order on behalf of Randolph Ramirez, MD. Dr. Ramirez was present. Staff Attorney Leslie Scoville was present on behalf of the Department of Public Health. On April 18, 2000, the Board approved a Consent Order in the matter of Randolph Ramirez, MD, Petition No. 990303-001-044. Dr. Manohar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Olsen, to grant respondent's Motion to Modify Consent Order. Following discussion, Dr. Manohar withdrew his motion to grant the modification. The Board recommended changes to the Consent Order.

##### B. Oral Argument on Proposed Memorandum of Decision - Scott Teitelbaum, MD

Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Staff Attorney Leslie Scoville was present for the Department of Public Health. Dr. Teitelbaum was present with Attorney Michael Neubert. The Board heard oral argument from Attorneys Scoville and Neubert with regard to the proposed Memorandum of Decision in the matter of Dr. Teitelbaum's request for reinstatement of his license. Dr. Manohar recused himself in this matter.

Following oral argument, Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Dr. Terranova, to amended paragraph 1.b.(1) of the Order. The motion passed with all in favor except Mr. Goodkind who abstained. Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Dr. Medina, to adopt the decision as amended. The motion passed with all in favor except Mr. Goodkind who abstained. Dr. O'Neill signed the Memorandum of Decision.

**VI. TIME EXTENSIONS**

Ms. McGirr moved and Dr. Medina seconded to approve a 120-day extensions in the following cases:

Fischer, R.	Solomon, A.
Lerner, M.	Skowron, T.
McClain, V.	Tinkler, M

The motion passed unanimously.

**VII. SCHEDULING**

The Board Liaison will coordinate the scheduling of hearing dates for the following case:

David Simon, MD, - Petition No. 2000-0309-001-042.

Dr. Manohar will chair the hearing panel.

**VIII. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS**

**A. Interim Consent Order - Louis Telesford, MD, Petition No. 2001-0612-001-079**

Staff Attorney M. J. McCarthy presented an Interim Consent Order in the matter of Louis Telesford, MD. Neither Dr. Telesford nor his attorney were present.

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

**B. Motion for Summary Suspension - Enrico Khu, MD, Petition No. 2001-0404-001-052**

Staff Attorney M. J. McCarthy presented the Board with the Department of Public Health's Motion for Summary Suspension in the matter of Enrico Khu, MD. Respondent was present with Attorney Joseph Musco. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Attorney Musco presented documentation objecting to the Motion for Summary Suspension.

Following argument from Attorneys McCarthy and Musco and the review of supporting documentation Dr. Terranova made a motion to grant the Summary Suspension of Dr. Khu's license. There was no second; therefore, the motion failed.

Following further discussion, the Board commented that it has concerns with respondent's practice; however, the information presented does not indicate an immediate danger to public health and safety. Mr. Miller suggested that an Interim Consent Order in which respondent agrees not to practice pain management, until the Statement of Charges is resolved, would be appropriate.

Mr. Goodkind made a motion, seconded by Ms. McGirr, to reject the Motion for Summary Suspension of Dr. Khu's license. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Terranova who was opposed.

The Board Liaison will coordinate the scheduling of hearing dates for this case. The hearing panelists will be John Russell, MD, Grant Miller, Jr. Esq., and Maxine Borghesi, DVM

Dr. Terranova left for the day at 4:00 p.m.

C. Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges Based on Voluntary Surrender of License - Ralph Deutchman, MD, Petition No. 2000-1129-001-200

Staff Attorney Leslie Scoville, presented the Department of Public Health's Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges in the matter of Ralph Deutchman, MD. Neither Dr. Deutchman nor his attorney were present. Ms. McGirr made a motion, seconded by Dr. Manohar, to grant the Department of Public Health's Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges based on Dr. Deutchman's voluntary surrender of his license. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

IX. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

Motion to Modify Consent Order - Randolph Ramirez, MD

Attorney Philip S. Walker and Department of Public Health Staff Attorney Leslie Scoville informed the Board that the Board's recommended modification to the paragraph 3 of the Consent Order has been agreed to.

Ms. McGirr made a motion, seconded by Dr. Medina, to approve the modification to the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. McGirr made a motion, seconded by Dr. Manohar, authorizing Dr. O'Neill to sign the modified Consent Order after it has been signed by the parties. The motion passed unanimously.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. McGirr made a motion, seconded by Dr. Manohar, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman

**CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
October 16, 2001**

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, October 16, 2001 at the Department of Public Health Complex, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room A/B, Building 470, Hartford, Connecticut.

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman  
Harriet A. Fellows, DO  
Howard Goodkind  
Sarah E. McGirr  
Roberto Medina, MD  
Grant H. Miller, Jr., Esq.  
Mary P. Olsen, MD  
John Russell, MD  
Mary L. Warner, PA-C

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Velandy Manohar, MD  
Pamela A. Nole  
George Terranova, MD

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Dr. O'Neill called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

**I. MINUTES**

The draft minutes of the September 18, 2001 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Ms. McGirr, to approve the minutes as edited. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Fellows, Dr. Russell and Ms. Warner who abstained.

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

**II. INFORMATION UPDATES**

Department of Public Health

Donna Brewer, Director, Public Health Hearing Office provided the Board with a written analysis of the time frames for the processing of cases before the Board. Following review of the analysis, the Board discussed ways to decrease the time frame from the filing of a Statement of Charges with the Board, to the issuance of a Memorandum of Decision. The Board commented that the Department of Public Health should also explore ways for decreasing the time needed to investigate cases

Kathleen Boulware, RN, Supervising Nurse Consultant, Department of Public Health reported there are 13 cases awaiting consultants. Six months ago 57 cases were awaiting review by consultants. There are 183 cases currently under investigation. The average time for completion of an investigation is six months. During the last three months, 60 cases have been closed.

### Connecticut State Medical Society

Michelle Norbeck reported that the Medical Society met with Department of Public Health representatives Debra Turcotte and Kathleen Boulware regarding the Department's need for consultants.

### **III. CHAIR UPDATES**

Dr. O'Neill reported that Richard Ratzan, MD and Emily Littman, Ph.D. have resigned as hearing panelists for the Board. Letters have been sent thanking them for their service. Three Board member positions are vacant. It is hoped that these vacancies will soon be filled by the Governor's office.

The following correspondence was received and reviewed:

1. Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) - Patients Rights Legislation.
2. FSMB Legislative Services Report - July/ August 2001 issue.
3. FSMB Newslite - September 2001 issue.
4. Institute for Quality Improvement - Medical Event Reporting/Spring 2001.

Correspondence is available to the Board members through the Board Liaison.

### **IV. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **A. Internet Prescribing**

Assistant Attorney General Henry Salton was present to advise the Board in this matter. Attorney Salton reported that there is a case pending in Superior Court involving internet prescribing by an out-of-state physician who does not hold a Connecticut license. This case could ultimately have a bearing on how Internet prescribing is regulated in a Connecticut. With regard to the Board's questions on how to proceed towards enacting an Internet prescribing policy, Attorney Salton advised that the Board has four options.

1. Await the adjudication of a Statement of Charges filed with the Board in which Internet prescribing is an issue.
2. Issue a declaratory ruling.
3. Ask the Department of Public Health to promulgate regulations.
4. Make a recommendation to the Legislature to enact legislation.

Prior to deciding how to proceed, the Board will monitor the pending Superior Court action, and how this issue is being dealt with nationally.

#### **B. Policies /Procedures for conducting hearings**

Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to advise the Board.

The Board reviewed proposed changes to the Notice of Hearing and suggested revisions. Ms. McGirr made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goodkind, to adopt the Notice of Hearing as revised. The motion passed unanimously.

During discussion, Mr. Miller suggested that the Department of Public Health revise the regulations regarding rules of practice.

Dr. Russell made a motion, seconded by Ms. Warner, that the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health be asked to revise the regulations as they pertain to hearing procedures. Mr. Miller will draft a letter to be sent to the Commissioner.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Oral Argument on Proposed Memorandum of Decision  
Judianne Densen -Gerber, MD

Assistant Attorney General Marianne Horn was present to provide counsel to the Board. Staff Attorney Roberta Swafford was present for the Department of Public Health. Dr. Densen-Gerber was present with Attorney George Weinbaum. The Board heard oral argument from Attorneys Swafford and Weinbaum. Dr. O'Neill, who chaired the hearing panelist in this matter, provided a detailed synopsis of the panels findings and recommendations.

Dr. Fellows made a motion, seconded by Ms. McGirr, to adopt the Memorandum of Decision with corrections to Count Two paragraph 11 and to Findings of Fact paragraph 32. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Memorandum of Decision.

Dr. Fellows left for the for the day at 3:23 p.m.

B. Mohindar Chahda, MD

Ms. McGirr made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goodkind, to enter executive session to receive legal advice from Assistant Attorney General Henry Salton concerning the probation of Dr. Chahda's physician license. The motion passed unanimously and the Board entered executive session from 3:25 p.m. to 3:40 p.m.

VI. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

A. Consent Order - Charles Gianetti, MD, Petition No. 2000-0323-001-056

Staff Attorney M. J. McCarthy presented a Consent Order in the matter of Charles Gianetti, MD. Neither Dr. Gianetti nor his attorney was present.

Ms. McGirr made a motion, seconded by Dr. Russell, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Warner who was opposed. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

The Board commented that earlier this year it was requested that when a Consent Order is presented to the Board for consideration, respondent and respondent's counsel should be present to answer questions. The Board asks that the Department adhere to this request.



- B. Consent Order - Bradley Rosenberg, MD, Petition No. 990514-001-105  
Staff Attorney M. J. McCarthy presented a Consent Order in the matter of Bradley Rosenberg, MD. Attorney Robert Clemente was present on behalf of Dr. Rosenberg. Ms. Warner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.
- C. Consent Order - Michael Tinkler, MD, Petition No. 2000-0621-001-108  
Staff Attorney M. J. McCarthy presented a Consent Order in the matter of Michael Tinkler, MD. Attorney Eric Stockman was present on behalf of Dr. Tinkler. Dr. Russell made a motion, seconded by Ms. McGirr, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

Ms. Warner left for the for the day at 4:00 p.m.

- D. Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges - Charles Beaumont, MD, Petition No. 2000-0621-001-108  
Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Department of Public Health's Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges in the matter of Charles Beaumont, MD, Petition No. 2000-0621-001-108. Attorney John McDonald was present on behalf of Dr. Beaumont. Following discussion Ms. McGirr made a motion, seconded by Dr. Russell, to grant the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order granting the motion to withdraw the statement of charges.

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. McGirr made a motion, seconded by Dr. Russell, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman

**CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
November 20, 2001**

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, November 20, 2001 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  
Howard Goodkind  
Velandy Manohar, MD  
Grant H. Miller, Jr., Esq.  
John Russell, MD  
George Terranova, MD  
Mary L. Warner, PA-C

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Harriet A. Fellows, DO  
Sarah E. McGirr  
Roberto Medina, MD  
Pamela A. Nole  
Mary P. Olsen, MD

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Dr. O'Neill called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

**I. BIOTERRORISM PRESENTATION**

Cynthia Denne, RN, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Regulatory Service presented an overview of the Department of Public Health's Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Program.

**II. MINUTES**

The draft minutes of the October 16, 2001 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Russell made a motion, seconded by Ms. Warner, to approve the minutes. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Manohar and Dr. Terranova who abstained.

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Credentials Verification Service for Physicians Assistants**

Stephen Carragher, Health Program Supervisor and Shiu-Yu Kettering, Health Program Assistant for the Department of Public Health described the Federation of State Medical Board's credentials verification service for physician assistants. The Department will be accepting the service. Use of the service is not mandatory for physician assistant licensure.

Ms. Warner expressed concerns that this service is not comprehensive and should not be used as a basis for developing physician assistant profiles.

**B. Reinstatement Application - John Whalen, MD**

Dr. Terranova made a motion, seconded by Dr. Manohar, to approve Dr. Whalen's license reinstatement application. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **IV. CHAIR UPDATES**

The following correspondence was received and reviewed:

1. Program Outline for the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) Annual meeting scheduled for April 25-27, 2002, in San Diego California. Any Board member interested in attending this meeting should contact Dr. O'Neill as soon as possible.
2. FSMB, Report of the Special Committee for the Study of Unconventional Health Care Practices, with attached Model Guidelines.
3. FSMB, Model Guidelines for the Appropriate Use of the Internet in Medical Practice.
4. FSMB, Report of the Special Committee on Outpatient Surgery.
5. FSMB, Call for Nominations for Awards and for Appointment Recommendations.

#### **V. INFORMATION UPDATES**

##### **A. Department of Public Health**

The Department has received a letter from Patricia Nolan, MD, MPH, Director of Health for the State of Rhode Island, inviting interested persons to attend a presentation on physician competence to be held on January 9, 2002 or February 13, 2002.

Kathleen Boulware, RN, Supervising Nurse Consultant, Department of Public Health, reported there are 136 physician cases currently under investigation. The average time to complete an investigation has decreased from six to five months.

##### **B. Connecticut State Medical Society**

Michelle Norbeck distributed copies of the Society's newsletter, Physician Health Matters. Ms. Norbeck indicated that contributions to the newsletter by Board members are welcome.

#### **VI. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS**

##### **Consent Order - Harry Brown, MD, Petition No. 980819-001-165**

Staff Attorney Ellen Shanley presented a Consent Order in the matter of Harry Brown, MD.

Attorney Linda Wihbey was present for Dr. Brown. Dr. Russell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Manohar, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

#### **VII. ADDITIOANL ITEM**

Dr. Terranova expressed concerns about the time period between fact-finding and when a draft Memorandum of Decision is presented to a hearing panel for review. Dr. O'Neill requests that Donna Brewer, Director, Public Health Hearing Office address this issue at the next meeting.

***VIII. TIME EXTENSIONS***

Ms. Warner moved and Dr. Manohar seconded to approve 120-day extensions in the following cases:

J. August, MD

R. Harkins, MD

J. Christoforo, MD

A. Isgut, MD

J. Goldweitz, MD

B. Raxlen, MD

The motion passed unanimously.

***IX. ADJOURNMENT***

Dr. Russell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Manohar, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 2:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman

**CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
December 18, 2001**

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, December 18, 2001 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  
Howard Goodkind  
Velandy Manohar, MD  
Roberto Medina, MD  
Grant H. Miller, Jr., Esq.  
Mary P. Olsen, MD  
George Terranova, MD

***BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:*** Harriet A. Fellows, DO  
Sarah E. McGirr  
Pamela A. Nole  
John Russell, MD  
Mary L. Warner, PA-C

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Dr. O'Neill called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

***I. CHAIR UPDATES***

The following correspondence was received and reviewed:

1. Superior Court Decision dismissing the appeal of a Memorandum of Decision in the matter of Tom Bell, MD.
2. American Society of Anesthesiologists correspondence regarding physician supervision of nurse anesthetists.
3. Correspondence from Patricia Nolan, MD, MPH, Director of Health for the State of Rhode Island, inviting interested persons to attend a presentation on physician competence.
4. Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) annual meeting notice.  
Any Board member interested in attending the Federation meeting should contact Dr. O'Neill no later than the January 2002 Board meeting.
5. FSMB - Board of Directors minutes.
6. FSMB - Legislative Newsletter, September/October 2001.
7. Citizen Advocacy Newsletter.

***II. INFORMATION UPDATES***

A. Department of Public Health

Donna Brewer, Director, Public Health Hearing Office presented the Board with an analysis of the time frames for the disposition of cases before the Board. Suggestions for ways to decrease the time frames for the processing of cases were discussed, including possible statutory changes. The Board requests that it be given a quarterly report regarding these issues.

Kathleen Boulware, RN, Supervising Nurse Consultant, Department of Public Health, reported there are 131 physician cases currently under investigation; 37 of these cases are being reviewed by consultants. The average time to complete an investigation is five months.

B. Connecticut State Medical Society

None

**III. MINUTES**

The draft minutes of the November 20, 2001 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Manohar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Terranova, to approve the minutes. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Medina and Dr. Olsen who abstained.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Endorsement Application - Lucas Anisian, MD

Shiu-Yu Kettering, Health Program Assistant for the Department of Public Health presented an endorsement application of Lucas Anisian, MD.

Dr. Terranova made a motion, seconded by Dr. Olsen, recommending approval of Dr. Anisian for licensure by endorsement. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Memorandum of Decision - Robert Harkins, MD

The Board reviewed the Memorandum of Decision in the matter of Robert Harkins, MD Petition No. 2000-0511-001-086. Dr. Terranova, a hearing panelist in this matter, provided a synopsis of the case. Mr. Goodkind made a motion, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve the Memorandum of Decision. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Memorandum of Decision.

C. Oral Argument on Proposed Memorandum of Decision - Jeremy August, MD

Assistant Attorney General Patrick Kwanashie was present to provide counsel to the Board. Staff Attorney Roberta Swafford was present for the Department of Public Health. Dr. August was present with Attorney Richard Tynan. The Board heard oral argument from Attorneys Swafford and Tynan. Dr. O'Neill and Mr. Goodkind, hearing panelists in this matter, provided a detailed synopsis of the panel's findings and recommendations.

Dr. Terranova made a motion, seconded by Mr. Miller, to adopt the Memorandum of Decision as written. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Memorandum of Decision.

**V. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS**

A. Consent Order - Jeffrey Simpson, MD, Petition No. 2000-0112-001-007

Staff Attorney Leslie Scoville presented a Consent Order in the matter of Jeffrey Simpson, MD. Attorney Thomas Boyce, Jr. was present with Dr. Simpson. Dr. Terranova made a motion, seconded by Dr. Manohar, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

B. Consent Order - Michael Teiger, MD, Petition No. 2000-0521-001-071

Staff Attorney Leslie Scoville presented a Consent Order in the matter of Michael Teiger, MD. Attorney Thomas Murphy was present with Dr. Teiger. Mr. Goodkind made a motion, seconded by Dr. Terranova, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

During review of this Consent Order, issues were raised concerning whether a civil penalty is an action that ought to be included in a physician profile. Also raised was the question of whether there exists a mechanism for a physician to include an explanation regarding any adverse information contained in a profile.

The Board would like to discuss these issues with the Department of Public Health at the January 2002 meeting.

***VI. TIME EXTENSIONS***

Mr. Goodkind moved and Dr. Manohar seconded to approve 120-day extensions in the following cases:

D. Hall, MD - second day of hearing to be scheduled.

E. Khu, MD - first day of hearing has been scheduled.

D. Simon, MD - second day of hearing has been scheduled.

The motion passed unanimously.

***VII. ADJOURNMENT***

Dr. Medina made a motion, seconded by Dr. Manohar, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman