

GUAM BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
Department of Public Health and Social Services
194 Hernan Cortez Ave., Suite 213, Hagatna

VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, June 10, 2020 – 4:00 p.m.

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GBME MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Dr. Nathaniel Berg, Chairperson; Mr. Philip Flores, Vice Chairperson & Public Member; Dr. Annie Bordallo, Member; Dr. Arania Adolphson, Member; Dr. Kia Rahmani, Member; Dr. Annette David, Member

Others Present: Rob Weinberg, Asst. Atty. Gen. (OAG); Zennia Pecina, Administrator, HPLO/EMS; Myrna Leon Guerrero, HPLO/EMS; Eddy Reyes/ John Salas, FTFC.

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| I. CALL TO ORDER | Called to order by 6/10/2020 @ 4:20 pm | Chair Berg | | |
| II. CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC NOTICES POSTED | 1. The Office of the Attorney General Website 2. Department of Administration Website | HPLO | | |
| III. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS PRESENT | See above attendance. | Chair Berg | | |
| IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES | 1. Approved the Meeting Minutes, dated March 11, 2020. (Motion: P. Flores; 2 nd : Dr. Adolphson) | | | Approved |
| V. HPLO ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT | 1. Noted the HPLO Administrator reported that the contract for legal services is in coordination with the Governor's Office | Ms. Pecina | | |
| VI. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT | 1. Noted the Chairman reported that three emergency temporary licenses/extensions were approved out of the meeting cycle and noted that information regarding | Chair Berg | | |

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| | <p>these approvals was exchanged with Board members via email.</p> <p>2. Noted that the Chair is looking forward to the website issued being resolved, especially with regard to the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Licenses however, noted the Chair expressed some concern on the lack of access to information about disciplinary actions that occur in other jurisdictions.</p> <p>3. Noted that Vice Chair Flores term on the Board will expire and is willingness to continue to serve on the Board.</p> | | | |
| VII. OLD BUSINESS | <p>1. CO-20-002 – Response Submitted. The Chairman provided an overview of the response submitted by the Physician in question and a summary of the details as known to-date. Agreed to the following course of action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Vice-Chairman Flores appointed to facilitate the process to support an eventual Board decision b. HPLO Administrator to obtain Records Release from the Complainant c. Dr. Gill to be invited provide a confidential report on her findings d. Vice-Chairman has authority to interview the Physician and Dr. Gill e. HPLO Administrator to provide assistance to the Vice-Chair regarding conversations with the Complainant (e.g. ensure presence of a female during discussions) f. Vice-Chair to provide findings/recommendation to the Board for consideration | Chair Berg | | |
| | <p>2. CO-19-010: Noted Dr. Adolphson's (Investigator) case review power point presentation on the overview of the complaint and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Agreed to seek an independent opinion from an orthopedic surgeon to determine if the procedure | Chair Berg | | |

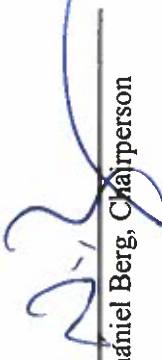
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| VIII. NEW BUSINESS | <p>was done in accordance with the Standards of Care. (Motion: Dr. David;2nd: Vice-Chair Flores)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Agreed to inform the Complainant of the Board's intention to seek an independent review. c. Expressed appreciation to Dr. Adolphson for a thorough case review, which could serve as a standard for addressing future complaints, as well as to other HPLO Boards. d. NOTE: Noted Dr. David's recommendation to adopt the practice of the GBME seek independent assessment, when appropriate. <p>3. Website online applications – Ongoing – Outcome to DPHSS (NOTE: This agenda item was not addressed)</p> | Chair Berg | | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CO-20-003: Noted the Chairman provided an overview of the complaint, where the Complainant (a private Nurse) accused a DPHSS Physician of racist behavior which caused distress. Agreed to the following course of action <i>before</i> taking any GBME actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. HPLO Administrator to determine if the complaint has already been addressed by the Director, DPHSS b. Write a letter to the individual concerned of the Board's course of action. <p>NOTE: In reference to future complaints submitted to the GBME, agreed with the recommendation for the Chair and the AGO determine if the issue warrants the Board's attention and if appropriate bring the complaint to the Board for review. In addition, this procedure will avoid any unnecessary delays in processing future complaints</p> | | | |

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| NEW BUSINESS (Cont'd) | <p>NOTE: Discussed ways the Board could help promote professional ethics and positive behaviors, such as including certain topics to be part of the certification/re-certification requirements. Also, agreed to collaborate with the Guam Medical Association to help promote positive medical practices. Agreed to allocate one (1) to two (2) CME hours that promotes positive behavior practices, such as addressing non-biases issues. Agreed to disseminate the AMA Board of Trustees notice regarding on Racism to the medical community.</p> <p>2. <u>LIMITED TEMPORARY:</u> a. Andrew J. Lopez – Orthopedic Surgery – Shriners Hospital Honolulu.</p> <p>3. <u>TEMPORARY LICENSE:</u> a. Janice A. Verbosky – Pediatrics – SDA b. Herminigildo V. Valle – Internal Medicine – GRMC. <i>Requested post-graduate certificates on where he was trained – APPLICATION INCOMPLETE.</i> c. Elizabeth Tan-Chiu – Hematology / Oncology – GRMC d. Peter M. Peer – Diagnostic Radiology – GRC NOTE: Dr. Berg Recused.</p> | <p>Dr. Adolphson</p> <p>Dr. Adolphson</p> <p>Dr. Adolphson</p> <p>Dr. Adolphson</p> <p>Dr. Adolphson</p> | <p>2a. Approved</p> <p>3a. Approved</p> <p>3b. Tabled</p> <p>3c. Approved</p> <p>3d. Approved</p> | |

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| | <p>4. <u>FULL LICENSE:</u></p> <p>a. Nicholas L. Bandy – General Surgery, Surgical Critical Care – GRMC. <i>NOTE: Requires clarification (does not list residency/evidence of Critical Care)</i></p> <p>b. Jennifer Lynn Davis – Diagnostic Radiology – Telerad <i>(NOTE: No verification of work since 2016; need work verification; no work plan). Assigned case to Dr. Bordallo.</i></p> <p>c. Stephen P. Griffith – Emergency Medicine – GRMC <i>(NPDB finding)</i></p> <p>d. Crystal A. Ingram – Family Medicine – FHP <i>(NOTE: No problems with application; needs to complete residency)</i></p> <p>e. Daniel D. Le – Diagnostic Radiology – GRC <i>(NPDB finding); provided temporary license in Mar 2020</i> <i>NOTE: Dr. Berg Recused.</i></p> <p>f. Chi Chan Lee – Critical Care Medicine – GRMC <i>(Taiwan Passport-need to verify/work visa required; need to clarify applicant's responses to probation since responses are contradictory);</i></p> <p><i>NOTE: Noted GBME general discussion on the relationship between contracts, work-visas and license requirements, e.g. what is the sequential process. Clarification is required</i></p> | <p>Dr. Adolphson</p> <p>Dr. Adolphson</p> <p>Dr. Adolphson</p> <p>Dr. David</p> <p>V-Chair Flores</p> <p>Dr. David</p> <p>Asst AG Weinberg</p> | | <p>4a. Approved</p> <p>4b. Tabled</p> <p>4c. Approved</p> <p>4d. Tabled</p> <p>4e. Approved</p> <p>4f. Tabled</p> |

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| | <p>g. Andrew J. McDonnell – Diagnostic Radiology – GRC (NPDB finding) NOTE: Dr. Berg Recused.</p> <p>h. Amjad Safvi – Diagnostic & Interventional Radiologist – GRC (NPDB finding) NOTE: Dr. Berg Recused.</p> <p>i. Ria Arlina C. Calata – Internal Medicine – GRMC</p> <p>5. <u>IMLC:</u></p> <p>a. Jonathan D. Larson – Emergency Medicine – Washington</p> <p>b. Kevin L. Moore – Family Practice – Iowa</p> <p>c. Elizabeth B. Spencer – Radiology – Colorado</p> <p>d. Ahmad N. Saab – Family Medicine – Nevada</p> <p>e. Nigussie A. Geleta – Internal Medicine – Maryland</p> <p>f. Joseph J. Brakwa – Emergency Medicine – Illinois</p> <p>g. Noted Dr. Garg submitted a request to do internship in Guam. Noted the Chair reviewed the application submitted and determined the applicant to be unqualified.</p> <p>NOTE: Discussed the content of the IMLC applications, its purpose and the GBME actions. All applications appeared to be in order based on information submitted.</p> | <p>V-Chair Flores</p> <p>V-Chair Flores</p> <p>Dr. David</p> <p>Dr. David</p> <p>Dr. David</p> <p>Dr. David</p> <p>V-Chair Flores</p> <p>V-Chair Flores</p> <p>V-Chair Flores</p> <p>Chair Berg</p> | | <p>4g. Approved</p> <p>4h. Approved</p> <p>4i. Approved</p> <p>5a. Approved</p> <p>5b. Approved</p> <p>5c. Approved</p> <p>5d. Approved</p> <p>5e. Approved</p> <p>5f. Approved</p> <p>5g. Unqualified</p> |

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| IX. OTHER BUSINESS | Next regular schedule meeting – <u>Wednesday, July 8, 2020</u> at 4:00 pm in the HPLO, Suite 213, Terlaje Professional Bldg. Hagatna. | Chairman | | Approved |
| ADJOURNMENT | 7:24 pm | Chairman | | Adjourned |

Approved by:  Date: 7/15/20
 Nathaniel Berg, Chairperson