

**CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
January 20, 2004**

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 2004 at the Department of Public Health Complex, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room C, Building 470, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman
Richard Bridburg, MD
Ann Doremus
Harriet A. Fellows, DO
Harold Hebb
Robert Fuller, MD
Velandy Manohar, MD
Pamela A. Nole
C. Steven Wolf, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: David M. Goldenberg, MD
George Terranova, MD
Mary L. Warner, PA-C

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

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

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the December 16, 2003 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Hebb made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bridburg, to approve the minutes. The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Nole who abstained.

II. CHAIR UPDATES

The following correspondence/information was received and reviewed:

1. Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) – Notice of Annual Meeting
Mary Warner, PA-C will be attending on behalf of the Board and Marianne Horn, Esq., will attend as the Department's representative.
2. Letter of resignation from John Russell, MD.
3. Memorandum from Richard Lynch, Assistant Attorney General regarding the matter of Robban Sica, MD.
4. FSMB - Legislative Update.
5. FSMB – Correspondence pertaining to the scheduling of a visit to Connecticut by the Federation.

III. INFORMATION UPDATES

A. Department of Public Health

Donna Brewer, Esq., Director, Public Health Hearing Office reported that an orientation program for new Board members was held on January 7, 2004 at the Legislative Office Building.

B. Legislative Update

The Board reviewed a report from the Legislative Program Review & Investigations Committee regarding medical malpractice. The report included a section pertaining to physician discipline and the structure of the Connecticut Medical Examining Board.

The Department of Public Health has been asked to comment on this report at the February 17, 2004 Board meeting.

C. Connecticut State Medical Society

Michelle Norbeck reported that the Society has had numerous discussions with various entities concerning potential malpractice legislation. Information can be found at the Society's website, at www.csms.org.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Permit to Practice in a Connecticut Medical School – Maggie Nellissery, MD

Shiu-Yu Kettering, Health Program Assistant I, presented a medical school permit application of Maggie Nellissery, MD to allow her to practice at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine. Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hebb, to deny Dr. Nellissery's application for a permit to practice in a Connecticut medical school. The motion passed unanimously. The Board recommends that Dr. Nellissery pass the USMLE Step III examination.

B. Proposed Memorandum of Decision – Dennis Lansang, MD, 2003-0507-001-110

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. Fuller and Ann Doremus, hearing panelists in this matter, provided a synopsis of the panel's findings and recommendations. Dr. Fellows made a motion, seconded by Ms. Nole, to adopt the Memorandum of Decision in this matter. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the order.

V. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

A. Consent Order – Joseph Spinella, MD, Petition No. 2003-0702-001-110

Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Joseph Spinella, MD. Respondent was not present or represented.

Mr. Hebb made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bridburg to reject the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously.

It was the consensus of the Board that there be some monitoring of respondent's practice to ensure patient safety. The Board recommends that respondent notify the Department prior to returning to practice in Connecticut and that his license then be placed on probation for least two years with a quarterly review of records.

VI. TIME EXTENSIONS

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

M. Albini/J Mershon, (unlicensed)– hearing scheduled for January 23, 2004.

K. Atta-Mensah, MD – hearing scheduled for March 16, 2004.

J. August, MD – hearings scheduled for March and April 2004.

L. Pachter, MD – hearing completed awaiting Memorandum of Decision.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman

CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
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February 17, 2004

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman
Richard Bridburg, MD
Ann Doremus
Harriet A. Fellows, DO *via telephone*
David M. Goldenberg, MD
Harold Hebb
Mary L. Warner, PA-C

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Robert Fuller, MD
Velandy Manohar, MD
Pamela A. Nole
George Terranova, MD
C. Steven Wolf, MD

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

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the January 20, 2004 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hebb, to approve the minutes as edited. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Goldenberg and Ms. Warner who abstained.

II. NEW BUSINESS

Motion to Modify Memorandum of Decision – Reynaldo Dimen, MD, 2001-0802-001-113
Staff Attorney David Tilles addressed the Board concerning the Department of Public Health's motion to modify the December 16, 2003 Memorandum of Decision in the matter of Reynaldo Dimen, MD. The Department requested that the word "redacted" be deleted from paragraph 2(a) of the Order. Assistant Attorney General Henry Salton was present to provide counsel to the Board. Neither respondent nor his attorney was present.
Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Fellows, to adopt the Memorandum of Decision in this matter. The motion passed unanimously.

III. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

A. Consent Order – Charles Baker, MD, Petition No. 2002-1009-001-194
Stanley Peck, Director, Legal Office, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Charles Baker, MD. Respondent was present but not represented. Assistant Attorney General Henry Salton was present to provide counsel to the Board.
The Board heard comments from Dr. Baker and Attorney Peck.
Ms. Doremus made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hebb, to reject the Consent Order. The motion passed with Ms. Doremus, Mr. Hebb, Ms. Warner and Dr. Fellows voting in favor of the motion. Dr. O'Neill, Dr. Goldenberg and Dr. Bridburg were opposed to the motion.
It was the consensus of the members voting to reject the Consent Order that additional information is necessary to allow the Board to make an informed decision.

B. Interim Consent Order– Jay Angeluzzi, MD, Petition No. 2003-1028-001-241

Staff Attorney David Tilles presented an Interim Consent Order in the matter of Jay Angeluzzi, MD. Attorney Tilles indicated the Department was withdrawing a Motion for Summary Suspension based on respondent's execution of the Interim Consent Order. Neither Dr. Angeluzzi nor his attorney was present. Assistant Attorney General Henry Salton was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Warner made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bridburg, to approve the Interim Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order which suspends Dr. Angeluzzi's license until June 15, 2004.

The Board requests that the Department present an update in this matter at the May 18, 2004 meeting.

C. Motion for Summary Suspension – Enrico Khu, MD, Petition No. 2003-0217-001-037

Assistant Attorney General, Henry Salton was present to provide counsel to the Board. Staff Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with the Department of Public Health's Motion for Summary Suspension and accompanying documentation in the matter of Enrico Khu, MD. Respondent was not present or represented.

Dr. O'Neill reviewed the summary suspension packet with Dr. Fellows by phone.

Following discussion, Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Ms. Warner, to grant the Department's Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Summary Suspension Order. A hearing in this matter will be scheduled for March 9, 2004 at 9:00 a.m.

Ms. Doremus will chair the hearing panel. The other panelists will be Dr. Bridburg and Elliott Alter, OD.

IV. TIME EXTENSIONS

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

L. Leedom, MD – hearing scheduled for May 18, 2004.

F. Mayeda, MD – hearing completed proposed Memorandum of Decision being reviewed by the Assistant Attorney General.

V. ASSIGN HEARING PANELISTS

Bradford Martin, MD - Petition No. 2002-0722-001-141

Dr. Fuller, Dr. Bridburg and Maxine Borghesi, DVM will be hearing panelists in this matter. Dr. Fuller will chair the panel. The Board Liaison will coordinate the scheduling of hearing dates.

Jan Silberstein, MD - Petition No. 2002-1226-001-272

Dr. Goldenberg, Dr. Manohar and Denise Ward, RPT, will be hearing panelists in this matter. Dr. Goldenberg will chair the panel. The Board Liaison will coordinate the scheduling of hearing dates.

Steve Tu, DO - Petition No. 2002-0918-001-181

Ms. Doremus, Dr. Wolf and Elliott Alter, OD, will be hearing panelists in this matter. Ms. Doremus will chair the panel. The Board Liaison will coordinate the scheduling of hearing dates.

VI. CHAIR UPDATES

The following correspondence/information was received and reviewed:

6. Letter from the Connecticut Cancer Pain Initiative, dated February 3, 2004, asking for support in its goal to achieve guidelines for the use of controlled substances in the treatment of pain.

7. Letter from the Center for Professional Education for Physicians, dated January 29, 2004, regarding a reduction in its fee schedule for assessment and education services.

VII. INFORMATION UPDATES

A. Department of Public Health

Jennifer Filippone, Public Health Services Manager, Department of Public Health reported that the Department is working, along with the Iowa Medical Board, to co-sponsor a resolution at the Federation of State Medical Board annual meeting concerning accreditation standards for foreign medical schools. The Board indicated it will support such a resolution.

Kathleen Boulware, Supervising Nurse Consultant, Department of Public Health provided an update regarding the number of physician investigations being conducted by the Department.

B. Connecticut State Medical Society

None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS (cont.)

Legislative Program Review & Investigations Committee Report

Wendy Furniss, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Healthcare Systems and Karen Buckley-Bates, Legislative Liaison, Office of Government Relations were present to discuss the December 18, 2003 report of the Legislative Program Review & Investigations Committee (LPRIC). A section of the report addresses physician disciplinary process and the related activities of the Department of Public Health and the Board. Ms. Buckley-Bates presented a summary of bills proposed during the current legislative session. Senate Bills 60, 61, and 141 are a result of the LPRIC report. A public hearing on these bills is scheduled for February 19, 2004.

Ms. Furniss reported that the Department is in the process of developing a response to legislature regarding the LPRIC report.

Ms. Buckley-Bates reported that J. Robert Galvin, M.D., M.P.H., Commissioner, Department of Public Health has directed that the process of investigation and adjudication of complaints concerning health care practitioners be reviewed.

Board members expressed an interest in working with the Department to address issues raised in the report. Dr. O'Neill proposed a work group of Board members and Department staff to work on these issues. Board members will be contacted with dates for proposed meetings.

Ms. Buckley-Bates reported that proposals have been suggested to change requirements of the adverse reporting legislation. The changes would address standardizing of reporting and confidentiality issues.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Goldenberg, to enter executive session to obtain legal advice from the Assistant Attorney General. The motion passed unanimously and the Board entered executive session from 3:20 p.m. until 3:44 p.m.

X. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman

**CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
March 16, 2004**

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, March 16, 2004 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
Ann Doremus
David M. Goldenberg, MD
Harold Hebb
Velandy Manohar, MD
Pamela A. Nole
George Terranova, MD
C. Steven Wolf, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Harriet A. Fellows, DO
Robert Fuller, MD
Mary L. Warner, PA-C

Dr. O'Neill called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the February 17, 2004 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Hebb made a motion, seconded by Dr. Manohar, to approve the minutes as edited. The motion passed with all in favor.

II. NEW BUSINESS

Presentation - Federation of State Medical Boards

James Thompson, MD, President and CEO, and Reverend Daniel W. Morrissey, OP were present from the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB). Prior to this meeting Dr. Thompson and Reverend Morrissey met with staff from the Department of Public Health and members of the Board who are participating in a workgroup regarding the disciplinary process.

Dr. Thompson and Reverend Morrissey provided an overview of the programs and services offered by the FSMB to the 70 Medical and Osteopathic Boards that are members of the FSMB.

Dr. Thompson also discussed the FSMB's initiatives toward enactment of federal legislation that would protect consumers from dangerous Internet drug prescribing practices.

The Board expressed its support for such legislation.

III. CHAIR UPDATES

The following correspondence/information was received and reviewed:

1. FSMB legislative updates.
2. Article from the Denver Post regarding the Colorado Medical Board.
3. Dr. O'Neill reported that a workgroup of Board members, which includes himself, Dr. Bridburg, Ms. Doremus and Dr. Wolf, met with representatives for the Department of Public Health to discuss issues concerning the disciplinary process.

IV. INFORMATION UPDATES

A. Department of Public Health

Donna Brewer, Director, Public Health Hearing Office, reported that an additional meeting of the workgroup discussing disciplinary process issues will be scheduled before the next Board meeting. Ms. Brewer also reported that the Department is contemplating putting a physician on staff to review physician cases as part of the investigatory process.

B. Connecticut State Medical Society

Michelle Norbeck reported that the Medical Society is in support of changes in the disciplinary process being proposed by various workgroups.

Ms. Norbeck provided the Board with a copy of a March 15, 2004 editorial from the American Medical News regarding absolute immunity protection for physicians.

C. Legislative Update

Karen Buckley-Bates, Office of Government Relations provided an update and discussed proposed changes to the adverse event reporting legislation.

The bills currently being tracked by the Department will be emailed to the Board.

V. NEW BUSINESS (cont)

Proposed Memorandum of Decision – Francis Mayeda, MD, 2001-0316-001-042

Dr. Goldenberg, a hearing panelist in this matter, provided a synopsis of the panel's findings and recommendations.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Terranova, to adopt the Memorandum of Decision in this matter. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the order.

VI. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

A. Consent Order – Joseph Spinella, MD, Petition No. 2003-0702-001-156

Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Joseph Spinella, MD. At the January 20, 2004 meeting the Board reviewed this matter and suggested modifications. Dr. Spinella was not present or represented.

Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Ms. Nole, to adopt the Consent Order in this matter. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the order.

B. Consent Order – Barry Lobovits, MD, Petition No. 2002-0918-001-183

Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Barry Lobovits, MD. Dr. Lobovits was not present or represented.

Dr. Manohar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hebb, to adopt the Consent Order in this matter. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the order.

C. Consent Order – Donald Maxwell, MD, Petition No. 2003-0325-001-069

Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney and Stanley Peck, Director, Legal Office, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Donald Maxwell, MD. Attorney Jeffrey Pingpank was present on behalf of Dr. Maxwell.

Following considerable discussion Dr. Terranova made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bridburg to reject the Consent Order. Dr. Bridburg, Dr. Terranova and Dr. Wolf voted in favor of the motion. Dr. O'Neill, Dr. Goldenberg, Ms. Nole, Mr. Hebb, Ms. Doremus and Dr. Manohar voted in opposition to the Motion. Therefore, the motion failed.

Ms. Nole made a motion, seconded by Dr. Goldenberg, to adopt the Consent Order in this matter. The motion passed with Dr. O'Neill, Dr. Goldenberg, Ms. Nole, Mr. Hebb, Ms. Doremus and Dr. Manohar voting in favor. Dr. Bridburg, Dr. Terranova and Dr. Wolf were opposed.

Dr. O'Neill signed the order.

D. Interim Consent Order– Alan Cohen, MD, Petition No. 2003-0313-001-062

Staff Attorney David Tilles presented an Interim Consent Order in the matter of Alan Cohen, MD.

Neither Dr. Cohen nor his attorney was present. Assistant Attorney General Henry Salton was present to provide counsel to the Board.

Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bridburg, to approve the Interim Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order which suspends Dr. Cohen's license for 120 days or until July 21, 2004 whichever is later.

E. Motion for Summary Suspension – Jan Silberstein, MD, Petition No. 2004-0203-001-021

Assistant Attorney General, Henry Salton was present to provide counsel to the Board. Staff Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with the Department of Public Health's Motion for Summary Suspension and accompanying documentation in the matter of Jan Silberstein, MD. Respondent was not present or represented.

Following discussion, Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Manohar, to grant the Department's Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Summary Suspension Order. A hearing in this matter will be scheduled for April 2, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Goldenberg will chair the hearing panel. The other panelists will be Dr. Manohar and Denise Ward, RPT.

VII. TIME EXTENSIONS

Ms. Nole moved and Dr. Goldenberg seconded to approve 120-day extensions in the following case:

J. Christoforo, MD – draft Memorandum of Decision being reviewed by the Assistant Attorney General.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman

CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
April 20, 2004

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, April 20, 2004 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
Ann Doremus
Harriet A. Fellows, DO
Robert Fuller, MD
Harold Hebb
Velandy Manohar, MD
George Terranova, MD
Mary L. Warner, PA-C
C. Steven Wolf, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: David M. Goldenberg, MD
Pamela A. Nole

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

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the March 16, 2004 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, to approve the minutes as edited. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Fuller and Dr. Fellows who abstained.

II. CHAIR UPDATES

The following correspondence/information was received and reviewed:

1. Dr. O'Neill announced that he has received a letter of resignation from Dr. Fellows, who will be resigning from the Board at the conclusion of today's meeting.
Dr. O'Neill expressed thanks to Dr. Fellows for her dedicated service as the osteopathic physician member of the Board since her appointment in 1999.
2. Dr. O'Neill received an email from Patricia Trotta, RN, MSN of the Connecticut Cancer Pain Initiative regarding the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) "Model Policy on the Use of Controlled Substances for the Treatment of Pain". A copy of the guidelines are available at the FSMB website. A hard copy will be mailed to the Board members in the next agenda packet. The email has been forwarded to Assistant Attorney General Henry Salton for advice and comment.
3. March 18, 2004 letter from the American Society of Interventional Pain Physicians expressing its objection to a proposal by the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists to develop an Accreditation Program for Fellowships in Interventional Pain Management.
4. FSMB report regarding physician discipline. This report can be found at the FSMB web-site
5. FSMB Legislative Services Report for February 2004.
6. Dr. O'Neill reported that the next disciplinary workgroup meeting with the Department of Public Health is scheduled for May 11, 2004.

III. INFORMATION UPDATES

A. Department of Public Health

None

B. Connecticut State Medical Society

None

C. Legislative Update

An update of the bills tracked by the Department of Public Health was emailed to the Board.

Board member Mary Warner, PA-C arrived at 1:40 p.m.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposed Memorandum of Decision – Lee Pachter, DO, 990707-004-002

Dr. O’Neill and Dr. Fellows, hearing panelists in this matter, provided a synopsis of the panel’s findings and recommendations.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Manohar, to adopt the Memorandum of Decision in this matter. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O’Neill signed the order.

B. Reinstatement Application – Joseph Zeppieri, MD

Shiu-Yu Kettering, Health Program Assistant I, presented a reinstatement application for Joseph Zeppieri, MD. Dr. Terranova made a motion, seconded by Ms. Warner to recommend approval of Dr. Zeppieri’s physician license.

Dr. Terranova made a suggestion that the Department of Public Health include an insert with renewal applications informing physicians that if they let their license lapse, Board review and re-examination may be required as part of the reinstatement process.

V. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

A. Consent Order – Carol Cooper, MD, Petition No. 2002-0403-001-066

Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Carol Cooper, MD. Attorney Michael Kogut was present on behalf of Dr. Cooper.

Dr. Manohar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Terranova, to adopt the Consent Order in this matter. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Fellows who was opposed. Dr. O’Neill signed the order.

Board member Harold Hebb left for the day at 2:25 p.m.

B. Consent Order – Bipin Dalal, MD, Petition No. 2003-1118-001-256

Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Bipin Dalal, MD. Attorney Daniel Shapiro was present on behalf of Dr. Dalal.

Following much discussion Dr. Fellows made a motion, seconded by Dr. Manohar, to reject the Consent Order as written. The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Warner who recused herself in this matter.

Dr. Terranova recommended that the proposed probation be increased to five years.

Dr. Bridburg made a recommendation that the Consent Order require that respondent undergo a physical and mental status examination

Dr. Fuller recommended that the Consent Order include a provision that respondent complete course work relating to office management.

C. Consent Order – William O’Connor, MD, Petition No. 2003-0421-001-090

Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in the matter of William O’Connor, MD. Dr. O’Connor was not present or represented. The Board reviewed this matter at its December 2003 meeting and recommended changes to a proposed Consent Order

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Ms. Warner, to adopt the Consent Order in this matter. The motion passed with all in favor. Dr. O’Neill signed the order.

D. Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges Based on Voluntary Surrender of License - Jan Silberstein, MD, Petition Nos. 2004-0203-001-021; 2002-1226-001-272

Staff Attorney David Tilles, presented the Department of Public Health’s Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges in the matter of Jan Silberstein, MD. Neither Dr. Silberstein nor his attorney was present.

Dr. Fuller made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, to grant the Department of Public Health’s Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges based on Dr. Silberstein’s surrender of his license to practice medicine in Connecticut. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O’Neill signed the Order.

Mr. Tilles reported that Dr. Silberstein is being investigated by the East Hartford Police Department for practicing medicine after his license was summarily suspended by the Board on March 16, 2004.

The Board recommends that the Department of Public Health monitor Dr. Silberstein’s activities on a regular basis to ensure he is not continuing to practice medicine without a license.

Attorney Tilles reported that Jay Angeluzzi, MD (Petition No. 2003-1028-001-241), for whom the Board granted an Interim Consent Order at the February 17, 2004 meeting, has voluntarily surrendered his license to practice medicine in Connecticut.

VI. TIME EXTENSIONS

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

C. Baker, MD – hearing date to be rescheduled.

F. Carbone, MD – 1st hearing held today, 2nd hearing to be scheduled for May 26, 2004.

M. Jones, MD – hearing completed, fact-finding to be scheduled.

E. Khu, MD – hearing dates scheduled for June 2004.

R. Sica, MD – hearing dates to be rescheduled for July and August 2004.

R. Zborowski, MD – hearing on hold pending Connecticut State Dental Commission Declaratory Ruling.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis G. O’Neill, MD, Chairman

CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
May 18, 2004

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, May 18, 2004 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
Ann Doremus
David M. Goldenberg, MD
Velandy Manohar, MD
Pamela A. Nole
George Terranova, MD
C. Steven Wolf, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Robert Fuller, MD
Harold Hebb
Mary L. Warner, PA-C

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

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the April 20, 2004 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Ms. Doremus, to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Goldenberg and Ms. Nole who abstained.

II. CHAIR UPDATES

The following correspondence/information was received and reviewed:

1. Dr. O'Neill reported that Robert Galvin, MD, Commissioner, Department of Public Health has submitted to the Governor's office, the name of an osteopathic physician for consideration as a replacement for the Board member position vacated by Harriet Fellows, DO.
2. Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) Legislative Services Report for April 2004.
3. An article from *amednews.com* regarding disciplinary actions in various states.
4. Quarterly Investigations report from Kathleen Boulware, Supervising Nurse Consultant, Department of Public Health. Currently 235 physician cases are open with the DPH.
5. Letter from the Alabama Physician Health Program concerning a course on professional boundaries being offered by the University of Alabama.

III. INFORMATION UPDATES

A. Department of Public Health

Donna Brewer, Esq., Director, Public Health Hearing Office, Department of Public Health reported on the progress of the workgroup reviewing the investigatory, hearing and disciplinary process. Input has been received from the Office of the Attorney General. It is hoped that proposals – many of which will not require legislative action – will be presented to the Board at the June 15, 2004 meeting.

B. Legislative Update

House bill No. 5669 – An Act Concerning Medical Malpractice Insurance Reform was vetoed by the Governor on May 13, 2004.

C. Connecticut State Medical Society

Michelle Norbeck commented that the Medical Society is pleased that bill No. 5669 was vetoed.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Application for Stay – Enrico Khu, MD, 2004-0217-001-037

This matter will be taken up at the June 15, 2004 meeting

V. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

A. Motion for Summary Suspension – Tadeusz Skowron, MD, Petition No. 2003-1211-001-271

Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Staff Attorney Roberta Swafford presented the Board with the Department of Public Health's Motion for Summary Suspension in the matter of Tadeusz Skowron, MD. Respondent was present but was not represented. The Board heard comments from Attorney Swafford and Dr. Skowron.

Dr. Goldenberg, made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bridburg, to grant the Department's Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

Dr. Skowron was advised that the hearing in this matter will be scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on June 3 and June 10, 2004.

Panelists for this hearing will be Ms. Doremus, who will chair the panel, and hearing panelists John Senechal, MD and Denise Ward, RPT.

B. Consent Order – William Elman, MD, Petition No. 2002-1227-001-273

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in the matter of William Elman, MD. Attorney William Grickis was present on behalf of Dr. Elman.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Manohar, to adopt the Consent Order in this matter. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the order.

C. Consent Order – Gregory Smith, MD, Petition No. 2003-1120-001-259

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Gregory Smith, MD. Dr. Smith was neither present nor represented.

Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bridburg, to adopt the Consent Order in this matter. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the order.

D. Interim Consent Order – Carlos Vildozola, MD, Petition No. 2004-0406-001-069

Stanley Peck, Director, Legal Office, Department of Public Health presented an Interim Consent Order in the matter of Carlos Vildozola, MD. Dr. Vildozola was neither present nor represented. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board.

Dr. Terranova made a motion, seconded by Ms. Nole, to approve the Interim Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. O'Neill who recused himself from voting in this matter. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order which suspends Dr. Vildozola's license until a final resolution of this matter.

VI. TIME EXTENSIONS

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

M. Albin (unlicensed) – hearing held on May 14, 2004.

J. August, MD – 2nd hearing date to be scheduled.

B. Martin, MD – hearing scheduled for June 11, 2004.

J. Mershon (unlicensed) – hearing held on May 14, 2004.

S. Tu, DO – hearing scheduled for July 13, 2004.

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
June 15, 2004

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, June 15, 2004 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
Harold Hebb
Velandy Manohar, MD
C. Steven Wolf, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Pamela A. Nole
George Terranova, MD
Mary L. Warner, PA-C

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

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the May 18, 2004 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed with all in favor except Mr. Hebb who abstained.

II. CHAIR UPDATES

The following correspondence/information was received and reviewed:

1. Connecticut State Dental Commission – Declaratory Ruling regarding oral and maxillofacial surgeons.
2. Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) Legislative Services Report.
3. FSMB announcement of regional workshops regarding the regulatory oversight of pain management.
4. FSMB Board of Directors Highlights
5. Joint letter from the American Society of Anesthesiologists and the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists regarding the administration of Propofol.
6. FSMB memorandum regarding “Increasing Scope of Practice: Critical Questions in Assuring Public Safety.”
7. Unsigned letter regarding complementary and alternative medicine.

III. INFORMATION UPDATES

- A. Department of Public Health
None

B. Legislative Update

Karen Buckley-Bates presented a synopsis of legislation from the 2004 session, which is of interest to the Board.

C. Connecticut State Medical Society

None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Investigation/Adjudication/Hearing– process and procedures

Wendy Furniss, Bureau Chief, Healthcare Systems, Department of Public Health discussed proposed revisions to the process by which physician complaints are investigated and adjudicated. The revisions are a product of the workgroup which has been meeting over the last few months concerning these issues. The Board requested that the proposals be implemented at this time with an ongoing evaluation of the processes.

V. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

A. Consent Order – Bipin Dalal, MD, Petition No. 2003-1118-001-256

Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Bipin Dalal, MD. Attorney Daniel Shepro was present on behalf of Dr. Dalal.

This matter was presented to the Board at its April 2004 meeting, during which the Board recommended changes to a proposed Consent Order.

Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Manohar, to adopt the Consent Order in this matter. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the order.

B. Consent Order – Jack Hauser, MD, Petition No. 2002-0410-001-071

Mathew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Jack Hauser, MD. Dr. Hauser was represented by Jacob Zeldes, Esq.

Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro provided counsel to the Board.

Upon review by the Board Dr. Manohar suggested that the word “permanently” be added to paragraph 4 on page 2.

Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bridburg, to adopt the Consent Order with the revision as suggested by Dr. Manohar. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Wolf who was opposed.. Dr. O'Neill signed the order.

C. Motion for Summary Suspension – Steven Herman, MD, Petition No. 2004-0503-001-083

Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Staff Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with the Department of Public Health's Motion for Summary Suspension in the matter of Steven Herman, MD. Respondent was present and was represented by Priya Morganstern, Esq.. The Board reviewed the Statement of Charges and supporting documents presented by the Department of Public Health as well as a written objection and supporting documents from respondent. The Board heard argument from attorneys Antonetti and Morganstern.

Dr. Goldenberg made a motion seconded by Dr. Fuller, to enter executive session to obtain legal advice from the Assistant Attorney General. The motion passed unanimously and the Board entered executive session from 2:55 p.m. until 3:01 p.m.

Following executive session Dr. Goldenberg, made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hebb, to grant the Department's Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Fuller who was opposed. Dr. O'Neill signed the Summary Suspension Order.

A hearing in this case will be scheduled for June 29, 2004. Panelists for this hearing will be Dr. Goldenberg, who will chair the panel, Dr. Fuller and Mr. Hebb.

Dr. Goldenberg left for the day at 3:30 p.m.

VI. NEW BUSINESS (cont)

A. Application for Stay – Enrico Khu, MD, 2004-0217-001-037

Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Attorney Joseph Musco was present on behalf of Dr. Khu. Staff Attorney David Tilles was present on behalf of the Department of Public Health.

The Board heard argument from Attorneys Musco and Tilles.

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 and the Board entered executive session from 4:10 p.m. until 4:56 p.m.

Following executive session, and after much discussion Dr. Bridburg made a motion seconded by Mr. Hebb to grant the stay of the Summary Suspension ordered on February 17, 2004.

The motion failed. Mr. Hebb, Dr. Bridburg and Dr. Manohar voted in favor of the motion. Dr. Fuller, Ms. Doremus, Dr. Wolf and Dr. O'Neill voted in opposition to the motion.

VII. ASSIGN HEARING PANELISTS

Kay Johnson-Keys, MD - Petition No. 2002-1113-001-226

Ms. Doremus and Dr. Wolf will be hearing panelists in this matter. Ms. Doremus will chair the panel. The Board Liaison will coordinate the scheduling of hearing dates.

Robert J. Lucas, PA – Petition No. 2002-1209-023-007

Ms. Warner and Mr. Hebb will be hearing panelists in this matter. Ms. Warner will chair the panel. The Board Liaison will coordinate the scheduling of hearing dates.

Narendra Tohan, MD - Petition No. 2002-0509-001-087

Dr. Manohar will chair the hearing panel in this matter. The Board Liaison will coordinate the scheduling of hearing dates.

The Board requests that the new adjudication/hearing procedures be used in the above matters.

VIII. TIME EXTENSIONS

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

K. Atta-Mensah, MD – hearing to be scheduled for September 2004.

L. Leedom, MD – hearing scheduled for October 19, 2004.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, Dr. Fuller made a motion seconded by Ms. Doremus to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman

CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
July 20, 2004

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, July 20, 2004 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
Harold Hebb
Velandy Manohar, MD
George Terranova, MD
C. Steven Wolf, MD
Mary L. Warner, PA-C

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Pamela A. Nole

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

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the June 15, 2004 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Goldenberg, to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed with all in favor.

II. CHAIR UPDATES

The following correspondence/information was received and reviewed:

1. Hartford Courant articles pertaining to Jay Angeluzzi, MD.
2. New York Times article regarding expert medical testimony.
3. Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) Board of Director Highlights.
4. FSMB Legislative Services Report.
5. FSMB Newslines.
6. Citizen Advocacy Center – Annual Meeting Announcement

III. INFORMATION UPDATES

A. Department of Public Health

Wendy Furniss, Bureau Chief, Healthcare Systems, Department of Public Health reported that the recommendations from the Department/Board disciplinary workgroup are beginning to be implemented. An internal quality assurance committee has been designated to review physician investigation cases that have been dismissed by the Department. The committee will be expanded to include Board members.

The Department has contracted with two surgeons and two internal medicine physicians who will review physician cases as part of the investigatory process.

B. Legislative Update

None

C. Connecticut State Medical Society

None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Department of Public Health update on the Reporting of Adverse Events

Wendy Furniss, Bureau Chief, Healthcare Systems, Department of Public Health provided the Board with a summary of reported adverse events for January through June 2004. Ms. Furniss also reported that new legislation pertaining to the reporting requirements and corrective action plans took effect July 1, 2004. The new legislation addresses when reports can be released to the public. Copies of the adverse event reporting form and corrective action plan were provided.

The new legislation will also make it possible for the Department to track events by category and location.

A training session for Connecticut hospitals has been held concerning compliance with reporting requirements.

The Board requests an update at the January 2005 meeting during which it would like a comparison of reported events in Connecticut with those of other states that have similar reporting requirements.

B. Reinstatement Application – Alan Goodman, MD

Shiu-Yu Kettering, Health Program Assistant I, presented a reinstatement application for Alan Goodman, MD. Dr. Terranova made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bridburg to recommend reinstatement of Dr. Goodman's physician license. The motion passed.

C. Reinstatement Application – John Olmstead, DO

Shiu-Yu Kettering, Health Program Assistant I, presented a reinstatement application for John Olmstead, DO. Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Terranova to recommend reinstatement of Dr. Olmstead's physician license. The motion passed.

V. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

D. Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges Based on Voluntary Surrender of License - Enrico Khu, MD, Petition No. 2004-0217-001-037

Staff Attorney David Tilles, presented the Department of Public Health's Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges in the matter of Enrico Khu, MD. Neither Dr. Khu nor his attorney was present.

Dr. Terranova made a motion, seconded by Ms. Warner, to grant the Department of Public Health's Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges based on Dr. Khu's surrender of his license to practice medicine in Connecticut. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

B. Consent Order – Ronald Archibold, MD, Petition No. 2002-0220-001-028

Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Ronald Archibold, MD. Dr. Archibold was represented by Paul Nowasodko, Esq. During discussion Stanley Peck, Director, Legal Office, Department of Public Health addressed the Board concerning the criteria used by the Department in negotiating the Consent Order in this matter. Dr. Terranova made a motion, seconded by Dr. Fuller, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Manohar and Ms. Warner who were opposed. Dr. O'Neill signed the order.

C. Consent Order – Eliahu Koren, MD, Petition No. 2002-0523-001-103

Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Eliahu Koren, MD. Dr. Koren was represented by Lawrence Greenberg, Esq. Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bridburg, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Manohar who was opposed. Dr. O'Neill signed the order.

D. Consent Order – Bharat Patel, MD, Petition No. 2002-1118-001-236

Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Bharat Patel, MD. Neither Dr. Patel nor his attorney was present.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Terranova, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor except Mr. Hebb who was opposed. Dr. O'Neill signed the order.

E. Consent Order – Kevin Boucher, DO, Petition No. 2002-1113-001-225

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Kevin Boucher, DO. Dr. Boucher was represented by Donald Leone, Esq.

Following much discussion Dr. Goldenberg made motion, seconded by Dr. Terranova, to reject the Consent Order. Dr. Goldenberg, Dr. Terranova, Dr. Bridburg and Ms. Warner voted in favor of the motion. Ms. Doremus, Dr. Manohar, Mr. Hebb, Dr. Fuller, Dr. Wolf and Dr. O’Neill voted in opposition to the motion. The motion to reject the Consent Order failed.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Manohar, to adopt the Consent Order with a change to paragraph 7 on page 2. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Goldenberg, Dr. Bridburg, Dr. Terranova and MS. Warner who were opposed.. Dr. O’Neill signed the order.

F. Interim Consent Order – Alan Cohen, MD, Petition No. 2003-0313-001-062

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health, in lieu of a motion for Summary Suspension presented an Interim Consent Order in the matter of Alan Cohen, MD. Neither Dr. Cohen nor his attorney was present.

Dr. Fuller made a motion, seconded by Ms. Warner, to adopt the Interim Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously.. Dr. O’Neill signed the order.

Because a Statement of Charges has been issued in this matter, the Board Liaison will coordinate the scheduling of a hearing. Dr. Bridburg will chair the hearing panel.

G. Consent Order – Steven Klausner, MD, Petition No. 2004-0712-001-153

Stanley Peck, Director, Legal Office, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Steven Klausner, MD. Dr. Klausner was represented by Lawrence Dubin, Esq.

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

VI. TIME EXTENSIONS

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

J. Christoforo, MD – a draft Memorandum of Decision is being reviewed by the Assistant Attorney General.

T. Skowron, MD – proposed Memorandum of Decision being drafted.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, Dr. Fuller made a motion seconded by Ms. Doremus to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis G. O’Neill, MD, Chairman

CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
August 17, 2004

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, August 17, 2004 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
Harold Hebb
Velandy Manohar, MD
Pamela A. Nole
George Terranova, MD
C. Steven Wolf, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Mary L. Warner, PA-C

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

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the July 20, 2004 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Goldenberg, to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Nole who abstained.

II. CHAIR UPDATES

The following correspondence/information was received and reviewed:

1. Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) announcement regarding Pain Management workshops. Ms. Doremus has indicated her interest in attending one of the workshops.
2. FSMB – Liaison Program
3. Comments from the Connecticut Cancer Pain Initiative regarding a proposed statement by the Board concerning the use of controlled substances for the treatment of pain.
4. Quarterly Investigations summary report from Kathleen Boulware, Supervising Nurse Consultant, Department of Public Health
5. Letter from Steven Klausner commenting on the Consent Order negotiation process.

Dr. O'Neill commented that the recent Declaratory Ruling issued by the Connecticut State Dental Commission concerning oral and maxillofacial surgery has been appealed. Various parties in the matter are working to address the issues, which were the subject of the ruling.

The agenda item concerning the Consent Order Information Template will be deferred to the September meeting to allow time for the Department of Public Health and Assistant Attorney General to review and comment.

III. INFORMATION UPDATES

A. Department of Public Health

Donna Brewer, Director, Public Health Hearing Office, Department of Public Health reported that recommendations from the Department/Board disciplinary workgroup have been reviewed with the Assistant Attorney General. Additional information is being gathered before implementation of the proposed changes regarding the hearing process.

B. Connecticut State Medical Society

Michelle Norbeck reported that the Medical Society is working with the State Dental Association and other parties regarding changes to the Dental Practice Act. This will address some of the issues raised in the Connecticut State Dental Commission's Declaratory Ruling.

IV. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

A. Consent Order – Bradford Martin, MD, Petition No. 2002-0722-001-141

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Bradford Martin, MD. Attorney Gus Southworth was present on behalf of Dr. Martin.

Dr. Terranova made a motion, seconded by Dr. Goldenberg, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed with Dr. O'Neill, Dr. Terranova, Dr. Goldenberg, Dr. Fuller, Mr. Hebb and Dr. Manohar voting in favor of adopting the Consent Order. Ms. Doremus, Ms. Nole and Dr. Wolf were opposed. Dr. Bridburg abstained. Dr. O'Neill signed the order.

B. Motion for Summary Suspension – Martin Frank, MD, Petition No. 2004-0112-001-009

Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Staff Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with the Department of Public Health's Motion for Summary Suspension in the matter of Martin Frank, MD. Respondent was present and was represented by George Spreca, MD, JD. The Board reviewed the Statement of Charges and supporting documents presented by the Department of Public Health as well as documents from respondent. The Board heard argument from attorneys Antonetti and Spreca.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Manohar, to enter executive session to review confidential medical/treatment records. The motion passed unanimously and the Board entered executive session from 2:20 p.m. until 3:20 p.m.

Mr. Hebb left for the day at 3:00 p.m.

Following executive session Dr. Terranova made a motion, seconded by Dr. Manohar, to reject the Department's Motion for Summary Suspension but to expedite the scheduling of hearing. The motion passed with Dr. O'Neill, Dr. Terranova, Dr. Goldenberg, Dr. Manohar, Dr. Bridburg and Dr. Wolf voting in favor of rejecting the motion for Summary Suspension. Dr. Fuller, Ms. Doremus and Ms. Nole were opposed.

A hearing in this matter will be scheduled for September 3, 2004. Panelists for this hearing will be Dr. Terranova, who will chair the panel, Dr. Bridburg and Ms. Nole.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Motion to Vacate Summary Suspension – Steven Herman, MD, Petition No. 2004-0503-001-083

Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Respondent was present and was represented by Elliot Pollack, Esq. Staff Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present for the Department of Public Health. The Board heard argument from attorneys Pollack and Antonetti.

Dr. Goldenberg and Dr. Fuller, hearing panelists in this matter provided a synopsis of the hearing panel's findings and recommendations. Dr. Goldenberg and Dr. Fuller also expressed their opinions, based on the panel's findings, regarding respondent's motion to vacate the summary suspension of his physician license.

Ms. Nole made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bridburg, to deny respondent's motion to vacate the summary suspension ordered by the Board on June 15, 2004. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Fuller who was opposed.

VI. TIME EXTENSIONS

Dr. Goldenberg moved and Dr. Terranova seconded to approve 120-day extensions in the following cases:

- C. Baker, MD – proposed decision being drafted
- F. Carbone, MD - hearing scheduled for September 17, 2004
- S. Herman, MD – proposed decision being drafted
- M. Jones, MD - proposed decision being drafted
- R. Lucas, PA – hearing scheduled for September 8, 2004
- R. Sica, MD - hearing scheduled for October 19 and 26 2004.
- R. Zborowski, DDS – on hold pending resolution of Connecticut State Dental Commission declaratory ruling.

The motion passed unanimously.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, Dr. Goldenberg made a motion seconded by Ms. Nole to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman

**CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
September 21, 2004**

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, September 21, 2004 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
Anne Doremus
Robert Fuller, MD
David M. Goldenberg, MD
Harold Hebb
George Terranova, MD
C. Steven Wolf, MD
Mary L. Warner, PA-C

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Richard Bridburg, MD
Velandy Manohar, MD
Pamela A. Nole

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

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the August, 17, 2004 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Dr. Goldenberg, to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed with all in favor except Mr. Hebb who abstained.

II. CHAIR UPDATES

The following correspondence/information was received and reviewed:

1. Letter from Steven Klausner, MD commenting on Connecticut State Medical Society's Physician Health Program (PHP).
Wendy Furniss, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Healthcare Systems, Department of Public Health discussed the relationship between the Department and the PHP in matters involving physician impairment issues. The Department is currently in discussion with the PHP regarding the current protocol for physician impairment cases. Updates on these discussions will be shared with the Board.
2. Dr. O'Neill reported that a meeting of the Board/Department disciplinary workgroup was held this morning to discuss Consent Order issues.

III INFORMATION UPDATES

A. Department of Public Health

Stanley Peck, Director, Legal Office, Department of Public Health reported that an update on the Consent Order information template will be given at the October 19, 2004 meeting.

B. Connecticut State Medical Society

None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposed Memorandum of Decision – Steven Herman, MD, 2004-0503-001-083

Assistant Attorney General Thomas Ring was present to provide counsel to the Board. Staff Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present for the Department of Public Health. Attorney Elliott Pollack was present on behalf of Dr. Herman. The Board heard argument from attorneys Antonetti and Pollack. Following oral argument, Dr. Goldenberg, Dr. Fuller and Mr. Hebb, hearing panelists in this matter, provided a synopsis of the panel's findings and recommendations. Following discussion the Board made typographical edits to the proposed decision.

Dr. Terranova made a motion, seconded by Ms. Warner, to adopt the proposed Memorandum of Decision as edited. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Wolf who was opposed. Dr. O'Neill signed the decision.

B. Request for Reinstatement of revoked License– Marc Doura, MD,

Assistant Attorney General Thomas Ring was present to provide counsel to the Board. Staff Attorney Roberta Swafford was present for the Department of Public Health. Dr. Doura was neither present nor represented. Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Dr. Terranova, to reject Dr. Doura's request for reinstatement of his revoked Connecticut physician license. The motion passed unanimously.

V. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

A. Consent Order – Douglas Karel, MD, Petition No. 2002-0722-001-141

Stanley Peck, Director, Legal Office, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Douglas Karel, MD. Dr. Karel was neither present nor represented.

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

B. Consent Order – Marc Feldmeirer, PA, Petition No. 2003-0107-023-001

Staff Attorney Leslie Scoville, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Marc Feldmeirer, PA. Neither Mr. Feldmeirer nor his Attorney was present.

This matter will be postponed until the October 19, 2004 meeting to allow respondent and his attorney to be present.

C. Consent Order – Cornelio Hong, MD, Petition No. 2003-1202-001-266

Staff Attorney Roberta Swafford, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Cornelio Hong, MD. Dr. Hong was present with Attorney Donald Leone.

Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Fuller, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed with Dr. O'Neill, Dr. Goldenberg, Dr. Fuller, Dr. Wolf, and Mr. Hebb voting in favor. Dr. Terranova, Ms. Doremus, and Ms. Warner were opposed. Dr. O'Neill signed the order.

D. Consent Order – Monica Villegas, DO, Petition No. 2004-0426-001-081

Staff Attorney Diane Wilan, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Monica Villegas, DO. Dr. Villegas was present with Attorney John McKenna.

Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Terranova, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the order.

E. Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges – Kay Johnson-Keys, MD, Petition No. 2002-1113-001-226

Staff Attorney Leslie Scoville, presented the Department of Public Health's Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges in the matter of Kay Johnson-Keys, MD. Neither Dr. Johnson-Keys nor her attorney was present. Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Dr. Fuller, to grant the Department's motion to withdraw the Statement of Charges. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the order.

F. Interim Consent Order – Sushil Gupta, MD, Petition No. 2004-0901-001-195

Staff Attorney David Tilles, Department of Public Health, presented an Interim Consent Order in the matter of Sushil Gupta, MD. Dr. Gupta was present with Attorney Hugh Keefe.

Dr. Terranova made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, to grant the Interim Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the order.

It was noted by Dr. O'Neill, and agreed to by Attorneys Tilles and Keefe, that if information develops to suggest that a Summary Suspension is warranted, the Department can move to modify or withdraw the Interim Consent Order.

G. Motion for Summary Suspension – Scott Winikoff, MD, Petition No. 2004-0624-001-140
Assistant Attorney General Thomas Ring and Assistant Attorney General Michael J. Sullivan were present to provide counsel to the Board. Staff Attorney David presented the Board with the Department of Public Health's Motion for Summary Suspension in the matter of Scott Winikoff, MD. Respondent was present and was represented by Attorney Paul Shaw. The Board reviewed the Statement of Charges and supporting documents presented by the Department of Public Health as well as documents submitted by respondent in opposition to the motion for Summary Suspension. The Board heard argument from attorneys Tilles and Shaw.

Following discussion the Assistant Attorney General and the Board suggested that an Interim Consent Order be drafted in which respondent agrees to refrain from the practice of medicine pending a disposition in this matter.

Dr. Terranova made a motion, seconded by Dr. Goldenberg, to table the motion for Summary Suspension and to authorize Dr. O'Neill to sign an Interim Consent Order prohibiting respondent from practicing medicine, and which includes a provision that should respondent violate the terms of the Interim Consent Order that the Department may move for Summary Suspension of respondent's license. In addition, a hearing in this matter will be expedited.

The motion passed with all in favor.

A hearing in this matter will be scheduled for October 13, 2004. Panelists for this hearing will be Dr. Terranova, who will chair the panel, and panelists Joseph Kaplowe, PA and Maxine Borghesi, DVM.

VI. ASSIGN HEARING PANELISTS

William DeFederico, MD - Petition No. 2002-0523-000-032

The Board Liaison will coordinate the scheduling of hearing dates and assignment of panelists.

Brian Michael, MD – Petition No. 2002-1205-001-211

The Board Liaison will coordinate the scheduling of hearing dates and assignment of panelists.

Ms. Warner has recused herself in this matter.

VII. TIME EXTENSIONS

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

M. Albini, (unlicensed) – awaiting advice from the Assistant Attorney General.

J. Mershon, (unlicensed) – awaiting advice from the Assistant Attorney General.

J. August, MD – hearing completed, awaiting fact-finding.

S. Tu, DO – proposed decision to be presented at the October meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, Dr. Goldenberg made a motion seconded by Ms. Doremus to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman

CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
October 19, 2004

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, October 19, 2004 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
Harold Hebb
Velandy Manohar, MD
Pamela A. Nole
C. Steven Wolf, MD
Mary L. Warner, PA-C

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Robert Fuller, MD
George Terranova, MD

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

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the September 21, 2004 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Nole and Dr. Bridburg who abstained.

II. CHAIR UPDATES

The following correspondence/information was received and reviewed:

1. Dr. O'Neill read comments prepared by himself and Dr. Wolf in response to recent articles and editorials appearing in the Hartford Courant, New Haven Register and the Danbury News-Times relating to the Board and physician discipline. Various Board members also expressed their views and concerns. A letter to the editor of the Hartford Courant, from Dr. O'Neill and Dr. Wolf, will appear in the October 23, 2004 edition.
The Board invites Robert Galvin, MD, MPH, Commissioner, Department of Public Health and Norma Gyle, RN, PhD, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Public Health to the next scheduled Board meeting to discuss issues raised in the media.
Dr. O'Neill further reported that James Thompson, MD, Chief Executive Officer of the Federation of State Medical Boards, Inc. (FSMB) has been contacted by Commissioner Galvin asking for assistance from the FSMB in reviewing the current physician disciplinary structure in Connecticut.
2. FSMB email -call for resolutions and awards
3. FSMB Legislative Services Report for October 2004.
4. Letter to Lillian Kaminsky, MD from Donna Brewer, Esq., Director, Public Health Hearing Office regarding the laser hair removal declaratory ruling.

III INFORMATION UPDATES

A. Department of Public Health

None

B. Connecticut State Medical Society

None

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Consent Order Information Template

Stanley Peck, Director, Legal Office, Department of Public Health distributed a draft of the Consent Order information template. The Board made suggestions for revisions and additions.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Ms. Warner, to approve the use of the template for the presentation of future Consent Orders. The motion passed unanimously.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Common Credentialing in times of Emergency

Jennifer Filippone, Public Health Services Manager, and Karen Buckley-Bates, Legislative Liaison, Department of Public Health reported on the Emergency Credentialing Program. The program is a pre-event identification of qualified healthcare professionals who agree to volunteer their services to facilities, other than their principle place of employment, in the event of a large scale disaster in Connecticut. To date 30 hospitals and 1400 healthcare professionals have signed up to participate.

B. Reinstatement Application – Victor Cohen, MD

Shiu-Yu Kettering, Health Program Assistant I, presented a reinstatement application for Victor Cohen, MD. Dr. Manohar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf to recommend reinstatement of Dr. Cohen's physician license. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Proposed Memorandum of Decision – Steve Tu, DO, 2002-0918-001-181

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. Attorney Kerry Callahan was present with Dr. Tu. The Board heard argument from attorneys Tilles and Callahan.

Dr. O'Neill recused himself from the discussion and vote in this matter.

Following oral argument, Dr. Wolf and Ms. Doremus, hearing panelists in this matter, provided a synopsis of the panel's findings and recommendations. Following discussion the Board made edits to findings of fact 3 and 5 as suggested by Attorney Salton.

Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Manohar, to adopt the proposed Memorandum of Decision as edited. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. O'Neill who was recused.

Dr. O'Neill signed the decision.

VI. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

A. Consent Order – Martin Frank, MD, Petition No. 2004-0112-001-009

Staff Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented a Consent Order in the matter of Martin Frank, MD. Attorney Jeffrey Pingpank was present on behalf of Dr. Frank.

The Board made suggestions clarifying the language pertaining to the required testing set forth in the proposed Order. The Board requested that the Consent Order be modified and returned to the Board for review and approval.

B. Consent Order – Jacob Zamstein, MD, Petition No. 2003-0807-001-188

Staff Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented a Consent Order in the matter of Jacob Zamstein, MD. Attorney Austin McGuigan was present on behalf of Dr. Zamstein.

Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Ms. Warner, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Doremus and Dr. Bridburg who abstained. Dr. O'Neill signed the order.

C. Consent Order – Marc Feldmeier, PA, Petition No. 2003-0107-023-001

Staff Attorney Leslie Scoville presented a Consent Order in the matter of Marc Feldmeier, PA. Mr. Feldmeier was present.

Dr. Manohar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bridburg, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Wolf who was recused. Dr. O'Neill signed the order.

D. Consent Order – Brian Baxt, MD, Petition No. 2003-1118-001-258

Staff Attorney David Tilles presented a Consent Order in the matter of Brian Baxt, MD. Attorney Jeffrey Pingpank was present on behalf of Dr. Baxt.

Ms. Nole made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the order.

E. Consent Order – Robert Stark, MD, Petition No. 2003-0917-001-223

Staff Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented a Consent Order in the matter of Robert Stark, MD. Attorney Daniel Ryan was present on behalf of Dr. Stark.

Mr. Hebb made a motion, seconded by Dr. Manohar, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Warner who was opposed. Dr. O'Neill signed the order.

F. Consent Order – Kofi Atta-Mensah, MD, Petition No. 2000-0807-001-188

Staff Attorney David Tilles presented a Consent Order in the matter of Robert Stark, MD. Attorney Cornelius Danaher was present on behalf of Dr. Atta-Mensah.

Ms. Nole made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hebb, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Wolf who was recused. Dr. O'Neill signed the order.

VII. ASSIGN HEARING PANELISTS

Michael Cafaro, MD - Petition No. 2002-0710-001-129

This is a companion case to that of William DeFederico, - Petition No. 2002-0523-000-032.

The hearing panelists will be Robert Fuller, MD, Anne Doremus and Peter Zeman, MD.

Mervyn Rimai, MD – Petition No. 2003-0124-001-018

The Board Liaison will coordinate the scheduling of hearing dates and assignment of panelists.

Ms. Warner has recused herself in this matter.

VIII. TIME EXTENSIONS

Dr. Manohar moved and Dr. Wolf seconded to approve 120-day extensions in the following case:

L. Leedom, MD – hearing scheduled for March 2005.

The motion passed unanimously.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, Dr. Goldenberg made a motion seconded by Ms. Nole to adjourn.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman

**CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
November 16, 2004**

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, November 16, 2004 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
Velandy Manohar, MD
Pamela A. Nole
George Terranova, MD
C. Steven Wolf, MD
Mary L. Warner, PA-C

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: David M. Goldenberg, MD

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

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the October 19, 2004 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, to approve the minutes. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Fuller who abstained.

II. CHAIR UPDATES

Dr. O'Neill will send a letter to Robert Galvin, MD, MPH, Commissioner, Department of Public Health requesting a meeting to discuss issues that have recently appeared in the media.

The Board would like an update from the Commissioner's Office as to whether the Federation of State Medical Boards, Inc. (FSMB) has begun its review of the current physician disciplinary structure in Connecticut.

The following correspondence/information was received and reviewed:

1. Hearing assignment roster.
2. Pain Management Guidelines - Assistant Attorney General Henry Salton and Stanley Peck, Director, Legal Office, Department of Public Health are still working on various issues.
3. Letter from the Office of the Governor in response to Dr. O'Neill's request for a meeting.
4. International Association of Medical Boards – Newsletter
5. Quarterly Investigations Report from Kathleen Boulware, Public Health Services Manager, Department of Public Health.
6. Memo from Richard Lynch, Assistant Attorney General with Appellate Court decision upholding the revocation of Abraham Solomon, MD.

III **INFORMATION UPDATES**

A. Department of Public Health
None

B. Connecticut State Medical Society
None

IV. **LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS**

A. Consent Order – Martin Frank, MD, Petition No. 2004-0112-001-009
Staff Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented a Consent Order in the matter of Martin Frank, MD. Attorney Jeffrey Pingpank was present on behalf of Dr. Frank. This matter was reviewed by the Board at the October 19, 2004 meeting during which the Board made suggestions clarifying the language pertaining to the testing set forth in the proposed Order. Mr. Hebb made a motion, seconded by Dr. Manohar, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O’Neill signed the order.

B. Consent Order – Nathan Valin, MD, Petition No. 2002-0522-001-101
Staff Attorney David Tilles presented a Consent Order in the matter of Nathan Valin, MD. Attorney Maureen Dinan was present on behalf of Dr. Valin who was not present. Mr. Hebb made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bridburg, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O’Neill signed the order.

C. Consent Order – Alan Cohen, MD, Petition No. 2003-0313-001-062
Staff Attorney David Tilles presented a Motion to Amend the Statement of Charges and a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges based on a voluntary agreement not to renew or reinstate his license in the matter of Alan Cohen, MD. Neither Dr. Cohen nor his attorney was present. Dr. Fuller made a motion, seconded by Dr. Terranova, to grant the Motion to Amend the Statement of Charges and the Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges. The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Doremus who was recused.

D. Consent Order – Patricia Whitcombe, MD, Petition No. 2003-0306-001-054
Staff Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented a Consent Order in the matter of Patricia Whitcombe, MD. Attorney Frank Sylvestre was present on behalf of Dr. Whitcombe who was not present. Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Ms. Nole, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Warner who was opposed and Dr. Terranova who was recused. Dr. O’Neill signed the order.

E. Consent Order – Narendra Tohan, MD, Petition No. 2002-0509-001-087
Staff Attorney David Tilles presented a Consent Order in the matter of Narendra Tohan, MD. Attorney Maureen Dinan was present on behalf of Dr. Tohan who was not present. Mr. Hebb made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bridburg, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Manohar who was recused.

V. TIME EXTENSIONS

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

J. Christoforo, MD – a draft Memorandum of Decision is being reviewed by the Assistant Attorney General.

T. Skowron, MD – Respondent has requested oral argument on the proposed Memorandum of Decision.

The motion passed unanimously.

VI. 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
December 21, 2004**

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, December 21, 2004 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
Harold Hebb
Velandy Manohar, MD
George Terranova, MD
C. Steven Wolf, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Pamela A. Nole
Mary L. Warner, PA-C

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

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the November 16, 2004 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 Dr. Goldenberg who abstained.

II. CHAIR UPDATES

Disciplinary Issues

J. Robert Galvin, MD, MPH, Commissioner, Department of Public Health was present to discuss with the Board various issues related to the physician disciplinary process. Dr. Galvin indicated that the Department is committed to working with the Board to make the investigatory/disciplinary process more efficient and transparent.

The following correspondence/information was received and reviewed:

1. Correspondence from the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) regarding appointments of associate members.
2. Citizen Advocacy Newsletter (Third Quarter 2004)
3. Letter to Dr. Galvin from the FSMB concerning consultation and evaluation regarding the disciplinary process.
4. November 11, 2004, New England Journal of Medicine article titled "Improving Patient Safety – Five Years after the IOM Report."

III. OLD BUSINESS

Statement on the Use of Controlled Substances for the Treatment of Pain

Assistant Attorney General Henry Salton was present to discuss a draft statement regarding the use of controlled substances for the treatment of pain. The current draft has resulted with input from members of the Medical Examining Board, Board of Examiners for Nursing, Pharmacy Commission, Department of Public Health, the Office of the Attorney General and the Connecticut Cancer Pain Initiative. Patricia Trotta was present on behalf of the Connecticut Cancer Pain Initiative. Edits and suggested additions to the draft were discussed. The suggested modifications will be shared with the Connecticut State Medical Society. It is hoped the draft will be returned at the January 2005 meeting for a final review and approval.

IV. INFORMATION UPDATES

A. Department of Public Health

Donna Brewer, Director, Public Health Hearing Office provided the Board with a chart that tracks the progress of cases in which a Statement of Charges has been filed. Suggestions were made regarding time frames for holding hearings and issuing a final decision.

B. Connecticut State Medical Society

None

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Permit to Practice in a Connecticut Medical School – Mario Strazzabosco, MD

Stephen Carragher, Health Program Supervisor, presented a medical school permit application of Mario Strazzabosco, MD to allow him to practice at the Yale University School of Medicine. Michael Nathanson, MD was present on behalf of the Yale University School of Medicine. Dr. Nathanson gave a synopsis of the proposed duties of Dr. Strazzabosco as Medical Director of Transplant Hepatology.

Dr. Terranova made a motion seconded by Dr. Fuller to grant Dr. Strazzabosco's application for a permit to practice in a Connecticut medical school. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Goldenberg who was opposed.

B. Review of Residency Equivalency – Luis Gruberg, MD

Stephen Carragher, Health Program Supervisor presented an endorsement application of Luis Gruberg, MD.

Dr. Terranova made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bridburg, to accept Dr. Gruberg's education and training as being equivalent to the two year ACGME accredited training requirement. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Fuller who abstained.

VI. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

A. Consent Order – Timothy Kenefick, MD – Petition No. 2003-0226-001-009

Staff Attorney David Tilles presented a Consent Order in the matter of Timothy Kenefick, MD. Attorney Kevin Tepas was present on behalf of Dr. Kenefick.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Goldenberg, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Terranova who was opposed. Dr. O'Neill signed the order.

B. Consent Order – John Trouern-Trend, MD – Petition No. 2004-0204-001-023

Staff Attorney Ellen Shanley presented a Consent Order in the matter of John Trouern-Trend, MD. Attorney Sandra Davis was present with Dr. Trouern-Trend.

Dr. Terranova made a motion, seconded by Dr. Fuller, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Doremus and Mr. Hebb who were opposed and Dr. Wolf who was recused. Dr. O'Neill signed the order.

C. Consent Order – Michael Clark, MD – Petition No. 2004-0209-001-030

Stanley Peck, Director, Legal Office, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Michael Clark, MD. Dr. Clark was neither present nor represented.

Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bridburg, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the order.

D. Consent Order – Ramon Mabasa, MD – Petition No. 2003-0711-001-158

Staff Attorney David Tilles presented a Consent Order in the matter of Ramon Mabasa, MD. Neither Dr. Mabasa nor his attorney was present.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Goldenberg who was recused. Dr. O'Neill signed the order.

E. Consent Order – Patricia Stuart, MD – Petition No. 2003-0321-001-064

Staff Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented a Consent Order in the matter of Patricia Stuart, MD. Attorney Donald Leone was present on behalf of Dr. Stuart who was not present.

Following considerable discussion Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Terranova, to reject the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. TIME EXTENSIONS

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

C. Baker, MD – a proposed Memorandum of Decision will be presented at the January 2005 meeting.

F. Carbone, MD – A draft Memorandum of Decision is being reviewed by the Assistant Attorney General.

M. Jones, MD – A draft Memorandum of Decision is being reviewed by the Assistant Attorney General.

R. Lucas, PA – a proposed Memorandum of Decision to be drafted

R. Sica, MD – hearing scheduled for January 28, 2005.

R. Zborowski, DDS – pending appeal of Declaratory Ruling on Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman