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DRAFT MINUTES FOR SUMMARY ACTION TELECONFERENCE MEETING

Held on Wednesday, January 31, 2024

1740 W. Adams St., Board Room A • Phoenix, Arizona

Board Members

R. Screven Farmer, M.D., Chair
James M. Gillard, M.D., M.S., F.A.C.E.P., F.A.A.E.M., Vice-Chair
Lois E. Krahn, M.D., Secretary
Katie S. Artz, M.D., M.S.
Jodi A. Bain, M.A., J.D., LL.M.
Bruce A. Bethancourt, M.D., F.A.C.P.
David C. Beyer, M.D., F.A.C.R., F.A.S.T.R.O.
Laura Dorrell, M.S.N., R.N.
Gary R. Figge, M.D.
Pamela E. Jones
Constantine Moschonas, M.D., F.A.A.N.
Eileen M. Oswald

GENERAL BUSINESS

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Farmer called the Board's meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

The following Board members were present: Dr. Farmer, Dr. Gillard, Dr. Artz, Ms. Bain, Dr. Bethancourt, Dr. Beyer, Ms. Dorrell, Ms. Jones and Dr. Moschonas.

The following Board members were absent: Dr. Krahn, Dr. Figge and Ms. Oswald.

ALSO PRESENT

The following Board staff participated in the meeting: Patricia McSorley, Executive Director; Raquel Rivera, Interim Deputy Director; Claude Deschamps, M.D., Chief Medical Consultant; Nicole Samaradellis, Investigations Manager and Michelle Robles, Board Operations Manager. Carrie Smith, Assistant Attorney General ("AAG") also participated in the teleconference.

C. PUBLIC STATEMENTS REGARDING MATTERS LISTED ON THE AGENDA

Individuals that addressed the Board during the Public Statements portion of the teleconference appear beneath the matter(s) referenced.

LEGAL MATTERS

D. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING SUMMARY ACTION

1. MD-24-0047A, KHURSHEED HAIDER, M.D., LIC. #62055
Dr. Haider was not present.

Board staff summarized that this case was initiated on January 16, 2024 after receipt of United Health Care's NPDB report regarding Dr. Khursheed Haider's suspension of clinical privileges for being an

immediate threat to the public. The NPDB report disclosed that Dr. Haider was indicted in the United States District Court, Eastern District of California on November 30, 2023 for distribution and possession of child pornography. On January 17, 2024, Board staff sent a Notice Letter to Dr. Haider's email address on file. Subsequently, another NPDB report was received indicating that Dr. Haider's clinical privileges from Vee One Health were suspended on December 14, 2023 based on his indictment. Board staff reviewed the criminal complaint which outlined that on or around September 2023, an FBI investigation linked Dr. Haider with an account posting and distributing inappropriate material between May and September 2023. A search warrant identified inappropriate materials and Dr. Haider was indicted on November 30, 2023. On December 11, 2023, Dr. Haider's request for release was denied and according to the court records, he remains detained in California. Board staff offered an Interim Consent Agreement for Practice Restriction based on the serious charges outlined in Dr. Haider's indictment. Board staff sent an email to both Dr. Haider and his criminal attorney in California with the ICA for Practice Restriction on January 19, 2024. No response to the ICA or the Notice Letter was received by the due date, and Board staff identified that Dr. Haider obtained new counsel. Therefore, Board staff sent the ICA to the new criminal attorney on January 26, 2024 with a response due date of January 29, 2024. Board staff also called the new criminal attorney and left a voicemail informing him time sensitive material was coming. To date, Board staff has not received a response to the ICA or Notice Letter. On January 23, 2023, Board staff received a Disciplinary Action Report from the FSMB indicating that the Texas Board issued an Order of Temporary Suspension, effective December 20, 2023, based on the charges against Dr. Haider. The order noted that the search of Dr. Haider's vehicle and residence identified 600 pictures and videos containing child pornography. The order also noted that Dr. Haider remains in custody without bond. According to the FSMB, Dr. Haider is licensed in Arizona, California, and Texas. Dr. Haider's license is currently active in California. Board staff requested consideration of summary action based on the serious criminal charges and Dr. Haider's failure to respond to the Notice Letter or the ICA for Practice Restriction.

Dr. Beyer inquired if Board staff confirmed that these letters were received by the attorney.

Board staff confirmed that she emailed and called the most current attorney on the criminal docket.

Dr. Farmer noted that it is the physician's responsibility to keep their contact up to date with the Board.

Ms. Smith noted that the Texas order contains a finding that continuation of the practice of medicine poses a danger to the public health, safety or welfare which triggers the provision for reciprocal action. The Board's stature requires that the Board to take summary action if another board has taken summary action.

Dr. Gillard stated that the statute is very clear that the Board shall take summary action, regardless of if the physician's able to respond.

MOTION: Dr. Gillard moved to summarily suspend Dr. Haider's license pending the outcome of a formal hearing in this matter based on a finding that the public health safety and welfare imperatively requires emergency action.

SECOND: Dr. Moschonas.

VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Dr. Farmer, Dr. Gillard, Dr. Artz, Ms. Bain, Dr. Bethancourt, Dr. Beyer, Ms. Dorrell, Ms. Jones and Dr. Moschonas.

The following Board members were absent:

VOTE: 9-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 3-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

E. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Ms. Jones moved for adjournment.

SECOND: Ms. Bain.

VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Dr. Farmer, Dr. Gillard, Dr. Artz, Ms. Bain, Dr. Bethancourt, Dr. Beyer, Ms. Dorrell, Ms. Jones and Dr. Moschonas.

The following Board members were absent:

VOTE: 9-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 3-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

The meeting adjourned at: 5:12 p.m.



Patricia E. McSorley, Executive Director

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