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FINAL MINUTES FOR SUMMARY ACTION TELECONFERENCE MEETING

Held on February 26, 2025

1740 W. Adams St., Board Room 4100 • Phoenix, Arizona

Board Members

Gary R. Figge, M.D., Chair

Bruce A. Bethancourt, M.D., F.A.C.P., Vice-Chair

Laura Dorrell, M.S.N., R.N., Secretary

Katie S. Artz, M.D., M.S.

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David C. Beyer, M.D., F.A.C.R., F.A.S.T.R.O.

R. Screven Farmer, M.D.

James M. Gillard, M.D., M.S., F.A.C.E.P., F.A.A.E.M.

Gail Guerrero-Tucker, M.D., M.P.H., F.A.A.F.P., D.A.B.F.M.

Lois E. Krahn, M.D.

Jessyca Leach

GENERAL BUSINESS

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Figge called the Board's meeting to order at: 5:09 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

The following Board members were present: Dr. Figge, Dr. Bethancourt, Ms. Dorrell, Dr. Artz, Ms. Bain, Dr. Beyer, Dr. Farmer, Dr. Gillard, Dr. Guerrero-Tucker, Dr. Krahn.

The following Board members were absent: Ms. Leach.

ALSO PRESENT

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

C. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No individuals that addressed the Board during the Public Statements portion of the teleconference.

LEGAL MATTERS

D. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING SUMMARY ACTION

1. MD-25-0012A, LAURA E. HARRINGTON M.D., LIC. #24671

Board staff summarized the case after receiving a confidential complaint with allegations about the physician's health and treatment of patient SC. As a result, the Executive Director issued an Interim Order for a PHP Assessment for the physician. The physician met with the Board's PHP assessor who obtained additional evidence. Board staff noted that the Board's PHP assessor is still collecting more collateral information to write his report, but was able to provide the board staff with preliminary findings that the physician is not safe to practice. The physician has completed one prior probation order and pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1452(F), a physician who is under a consent agreement or a probation order that is no longer

in effect and who commits unprofessional conduct, as defined in A.R.S. § 32-1401(27)(f) shall request the Board to place the licensee's license inactive status with cause. If the licensee fails to do this, the Board shall summarily suspend the licensee's license per A.R.S. § 32-1451(D). Board staff offered the inactive with cause and the physician has declined. The physician has provided the copy of SC's chart, but not on the additional patient that board staff has identified. It is undetermined if she maintains a chart on that patient, or if she appropriately treated either patient. Board staff requested to have the physician's license summarily suspended.

Dr. Beyer asked whether the physician or the practice maintains control over the patients' charts.

Board staff commented that the physician has not provided an answer to why she has not provided the chart.

Dr. Krahn asked why the previous PHP reports have not been placed in the investigation file.

Board Staff stated that the underlying records are not available due to the age of the file.

Dr. Krahn asked for the nature of these records to be maintained as they can be useful for future investigations.

Ms. McSorley commented that what remains within the physician files are under the control of the board staff and therefore the nature of these records can be maintained.

MOTION: Dr. Krahn moved to summarily suspend physician's license on the basis of A.R.S. § 32-1401(27)(f), (r), and (t) and A.R.S. § 32-1452(F).

SECOND: Dr. Farmer.

VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Dr. Figge, Dr. Bethancourt, Ms. Dorrell, Dr. Artz, Ms. Bain, Dr. Beyer, Dr. Farmer, Dr. Gillard, Dr. Guerrero-Tucker, Dr. Krahn.

The following Board members were absent: Ms. Leach.

VOTE: 10-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 1-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

E. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Dr. Bethancourt moved for adjournment.

SECOND: Dr. Beyer.

VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Dr. Figge, Dr. Bethancourt, Ms. Dorrell, Dr. Artz, Ms. Bain, Dr. Beyer, Dr. Farmer, Dr. Gillard, Dr. Guerrero-Tucker, Dr. Krahn.

The following Board members were absent: Ms. Leach.

VOTE: 10-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 1-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

The meeting adjourned at: 5:22 p.m.



Raquel Rivera

Raquel Rivera, Interim Executive
Director