

**BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
OUTREACH COMMITTEE
4TH FLOOR, ROOM 430, EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OFFICE
HELENA, MONTANA
DATE: June 7, 2010**

MINUTES

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT:

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ITEM 1: Call to Order

Members Present: Ms. Carole Erickson, Dr. Mary Anne Guggenheim, Ms. Pat Bollinger, Dr. Kristin Spanjian, Dr. Anna Earl

Members Absent: Dr. Dean Center, Dr. Michael LaPan

Staff Present: Ms. Jean Branscum

Guests Present: Erin McLean, MMA

ITEM 2: Review and Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Ms. Pat Bollinger made the motion to approve the June 7, 2010 agenda and Dr. Mary Anne Guggenheim seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 3: Approval of the March 2, 2010 Minutes

MOTION: Dr. Kristin Spanjian made the motion to approve the March 2, 2010 minutes and Ms. Pat Bollinger seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 4: Open Forum: Public Comment

PUBLIC COMMENT STATEMENT:

In accordance with 2-3-103(1), MCA, the Board will hold a public comment period. Please note that Open Forum is the public's opportunity to address the Committee on any topic that is not on the agenda for this meeting. While the committee cannot take action on the issues presented, the committee will listen to comments and may ask the issue be placed on a subsequent agenda for possible action by the Board. The Chair of the committee will determine the amount of time allotted for public comment.

Ms. Carole Erickson opened the meeting for public comment. There were no persons present to make comment.

ITEM 5: Board topics

Medical Marijuana

Ms. Carole Erickson opened the discussion on possible communication needs related to medical marijuana in light of recent newspaper articles and the board's adoption of a position paper. Committee members discussed ways to make the position paper more visible, the need to respond to recent newspaper articles, and the possible drafting of a more general standard of care position paper. Jean Branscum noted that the Department of Public Health and Human Services, Quality Assurance Division, was interested in linking to the position paper from their website.

The committee determined that a response to the recent news articles was not needed. It was also determined that more visibility of the position paper will be gained once an article on the subject is published in the MMA newsletter. It was noted that the position paper itself should be published with the article.

Dual Licensure RN/EMT

Ms. Jean Branscum provided a status report on the RN/EMT dual licensure requirement adopted by BOME and the Board of Nursing and indicated that those impacted by the decision may not be aware of this requirement. Committee members discussed the ongoing work of the full board with flight nurses to address their concerns, a need for more communications between BOME and Board of Nursing, and a desire to include the Montana Nurse's Association in the discussions.

MOTION: Dr. Kristin Spanjian made the motion to table the item until further information is received by the full board. Dr. Mary Anne Guggenheim seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 6: Licensee Communications

MMA Newsletter

Dr. Kristin Spanjian reported that Dr. Dean Center was writing an article on the BOME position paper, *Medical Marijuana: Physician's Written Certification for Medical Marijuana and the Bona Fide Physician-Patient Relationship*, and she was writing an article on the MPAP audit. She also noted that Dr. Center was working on a new concept for inclusion in the MMA newsletters. It would include a short reminder for licensees, such as reporting obligations. Ms. Erin McLean noted that about 1,000 individuals receive the MMA newsletter.

BOME eNewsletter

Ms. Jean Branscum showed a sample of the June eNewsletter. She stated that staff members were pulling together emails again to capture updated email addresses from past renewal and new licensees.

ITEM 7: Old Business

BOME Website

Ms. Jean Branscum stated that Linda Ashworth had updated the FAQs for PAs and that update should go live later in the week.

POLST Educational Outreach

Ms. Jean Branscum stated she was hosting a meeting on June 17, 2010, to determine what communications work has occurred on POLST by individual state agencies, and how future communication efforts might be coordinated. Individuals invited included those who served on the initial POLST working group from BOME and the departments of Justice and Public Health and Human Services.

ITEM 8: Recommendations to full Board

The committee did not have any recommendations to the full board.

Adjourn

MOTION: Dr. Kristin Spanjian made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Pat Bollinger seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Anna Earl made the motion to meet after the July board meeting and on an ad hoc basis. Ms. Pat Bollinger seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.