

**BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
OUTREACH COMMITTEE
4TH FLOOR, ROOM 430, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE
HELENA, MONTANA
DATE: September 10, 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. Michael LaPan

Members Absent: Dr. Dean Center, Dr. Anna Earl, Dr. Kristin Spanjian

Staff Present: Ms. Jean Branscum, Ms. Linda Ashworth

Guests Present: None

ITEM 2: Review and Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Dr. Mary Anne Guggenheim made the motion to approve the September 10, 2010 agenda and Ms. Pat Bollinger seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 3: Approval of the June 06, 2010 Minutes

MOTION: Dr. Michael LaPan made the motion to approve the June 06, 2010 minutes and Ms. Mary Anne Guggenheim 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: BOME Survey

Ms. Jean Branscum presented a copy of the BOME Strategic Planning survey. The survey was conducted to update the strategic positioning statement from May 2009 meeting. The committee members reviewed the outcome and noted that the Outreach Committee is on track with goals and tasks assigned to the committee.

Based on the task assigned to the Board to serve as a resource to the Montana Legislature, a question was brought before the committee on how the Board of Medical Examiners could educate legislators on the role of the Board. It was noted that the medical marijuana issue could possibly provide an avenue for information regarding the Board's role in medical licensure.

MOTION: Ms. Pat Bollinger made a motion to bring the issue on how to better communicate with the state legislators during the upcoming 2011 Session before the full Board and Dr. Michael LaPan seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 6: FSMB Centennial 2010/BOME Facts

Ms. Jean Branscum reported that the Federation of State Medical Boards will commemorate its centennial in 2012. A short history of each FSMB member board will be featured in print and electronic communications during the centennial. A questionnaire has been received from FSMB asking for input from the Montana Board of Medical Examiners. In order to glean information to complete the questionnaire, committee members suggested that the questions be sent to the full board as well as past presidents for their input.

ITEM: 7: Licensee Communication

MMA Newsletter:

Ms. Jean Branscum presented the articles for the upcoming MMA Newsletter. Dr. Kristin Spanjian's article entitled, "*Montana Professional Assistance Program*" and Dr. Dean Center's board brief have been submitted to the MMA and will be published in the upcoming month.

Ms. Branscum presented a draft article written by Dr. Dean Center, entitled "*The Doctor as Supervisor*" for the October newsletter. It was the consensus of the committee that the article was well written and just needed a few grammatical changes. Ms. Branscum will do a final review and submit it to the MMA by the end of September for publication in the October issue.

A question arose on whether information from the Montana Legal Panel can be provided to the Board. Ms. Branscum will research as to the legislative intent to the function and reporting of information from the Montana Legal Panel and will report at the next committee meeting.

BOME Newsletter

Ms. Jean Branscum provided a copy of the September eNewsletter. The committee asked that the list of officers be changed to reflect their professional licensure. Ms. Branscum will make the changes to the eNewsletter, per the committee's wishes.

Physician Assistant Presentation

Ms. Jean Branscum reported that she had given a presentation to the Montana Academy of Physician Assistants Conference in Kalispell the first week in August. It was noted that there was a lot of confusion concerning the supervision regulations. Ongoing communication with the Physician Assistant group is important.

ITEM 8: Old Business

BOME Website

Ms. Jean Branscum stated that Linda Ashworth had updated the FAQs for PAs and that it is now on the website. The committee members were asked to provide suggestions for improvement to the website as needed.

Montana Health Corps

Ms Branscum presented a sample press release for the Health Corps program. Committee members discussed the issuance of the press release to targeted groups, including MHA, public health entities, media outlets, licensed physicians, AARP, Council on Aging, and MMA. The committee passed a recommendation to issue the press release and to provide a copy to the full Board for suggestions on how to get this information to the largest possible audience.

ITEM 9: Other

POLST

Ms. Jean Branscum provided an update on POLST. Ms. Branscum reported she participated in a conference call meeting with the National POLST Paradigm Consultation Committee and the committee members are pleased to hear of the creation of a POLST working group and expressed a willingness to assist the group. She noted a Montana POLST Coalition organizational online meeting will occur September 14, 2010. A letter from Jim DeTienne,

Supervisor for the state EMS and Trauma Systems at DPHHS was provided stating the wishes of DPHHS to build upon the efforts of the coalition to bring together interested parties to explore the formation of a Montana POLST Coalition. It was felt that the BOME could glean information on these resources.

Mr. Jerry Morse will be the Board's point person and will attend the coalition group meeting. Mr. Morse will report to the full Board at the September 17th meeting.

ITEM 10: Recommendations to the Full Board

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

ITEM 11: Adjourn

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