

**BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
FULL BOARD MEETING
HELENA MONTANA
4TH FLOOR LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM
DATE: JULY 24, 2009
TIME 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM**

MINUTES

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. James Upchurch, Dr. Michael LaPan, Dr. Arthur Fink, Dr. Kristin Spanjian, Dr. Mary Anne Guggenheim, Ms. Pat Bollinger, Ms. Kay Bills-Kazimi, Ms. Carole Erickson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Dwight Thompson, Mr Patrick Boylan, Dr. Dean Center, Dr. Anna Earl

STAFF PRESENT: Ms. Jean Branscum, Ms. Anne O'Leary, Mr. Ken Threet, Mr. Jerry Morse

GUESTS PRESENT: Dr. William Mealer, Dr. David Healow, Mr. Mike Ramirez, Dr. Michael Sirr

ITEM # 1: Call to Order

Dr. James Upchurch called the meeting to order and went through the roll call.

ITEM # 2: Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Dr. Michael LaPan made the motion to approve the May 14, 2009 minutes and Ms. Carole Erickson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Dr. Arthur Fink made the motion to approve the June 19, 2009 minutes and Dr. Mary Anne Guggenheim seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM # 3: Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Ms. Carole Erickson made the motion to approve the July 24, 2009 agenda and Dr. Michael LaPan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM # 4: Open Forum for Public Comments

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 Board on any topic that is not on the agenda for this meeting. While the board cannot take action on the issues presented, the Board will listen to comments and may ask the issue be placed on a subsequent agenda for possible action by the Board. The Chairperson of the board will determine the amount of time allotted for public comment.

Dr. James Upchurch asked if any person wanted to provide a comment. No individual request was made.

ITEM # 5: Unlicensed Practice

A. Leroux Redman, The Rock Fitness Center

On August 12, 2008, Therese Bieber filed a complaint against Leroux Redman with the Board of Medical Examiners. She alleges that he operates a weight loss program that allows people to lose weight using restrictive dieting and through daily injections of HRT. She said a person on this program would have a phone consultation with a physician in Colorado and he would write a prescription for HRT. The Board had discussion about the complaint. Mr. Redman was not present for the meeting.

MOTION: Dr. Arthur Fink made the motion to issue a cease and desist order to Mr. Redman for aiding and abetting the unlicensed practice of Telemedicine by Dr. Ruggiero, and the unlicensed practice of Nutrition and Dietetics. Dr. Michael LaPan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Dr Arthur Fink made the motion to open a Board generated complaint against Dr. Michael Ruggiero for the unlicensed practice of Telemedicine in Montana with possibility to issue a cease and desist order against Dr. Ruggiero, and to send a copy of the investigative report to the Colorado Medical Board and the Board of Alternative Health Care. Dr. Michael Lapan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Jo Cornell

On April 29, 2008, Patricia Cole, M.D. submitted a complaint regarding Jo Cornell and her alleged practice of medicine without a license. Specifically, Dr. Cole alleges that Cornell is dispensing dangerous information by prescribing massive quantities of many Chinese herbs/polypharmacy. Cornell's attorney, George Best of Kalispell, responded to that complaint on May 19, 2008, and indicated that she received no money for services and only "rendered to this very unfortunate lady some advice regarding natural herb supplements." The Board had discussion about the complaint. Ms. Cornell was not present for the meeting.

MOTION: Dr. Arthur Fink made the motion to close the case. Dr. Michael LaPan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM # 6: Non-Routine Application

A. Ms. Mary Boscamp PA

This application was referred by Mr. Dwight Thompson. The applicant withdrew her Montana PA application in 2004 and has a legal action pending. The Board discussed the application details with Ms. Boscamp who was present for the meeting.

MOTION: Dr. Michael LaPan made the motion to grant Ms. Boscamp an unrestricted Physician Assistant license. Dr. Mary Anne Guggenheim seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Dr. Philip Breen

Dr. Breen's application for licensure as a physician was referred to the full Board due to the number of malpractice claims. The Board discussed the application details with Dr. Breen who was present for the meeting. Ms. Anne O'Leary will send a stipulation to Dr. Breen for his review and signature.

MOTION: Dr. Michael LaPan made the motion to grant Dr. Breen a Physician license with a stipulation to restrict the license to non surgical practice. Ms. Carole Erickson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Dr. Nelly Esteban

Dr. Esteban's application was referred to the full Board as she had answered "yes" to multiple questions, had not actively practiced in past two years and had past chemical dependency issues. She had disciplinary action taken against her by the licensing agency in Florida, and had voluntarily surrendered her physician licensure and hospital privileges. The Board discussed the application with Dr. Esteban who was present for the meeting.

MOTION: Dr. Michael LaPan made the motion to offer two options to Dr. Esteban. One option is to allow Dr. Esteban to withdraw her application within the next 30 days. If the Board does not hear from Dr. Esteban within thirty days, the application would be reconsidered at the next meeting. The second option is to keep the application open and require Dr. Esteban to pass the Special Purpose Examination, contact the Montana Professional Assistance Program for an evaluation, and attend the CEPAP Program. Once these requirements are met, the Board will reconsider the application. If Dr. Esteban elects the second option, the Board agrees to sponsor her for the Special Purpose Examination. Dr. Mary Anne Guggenheim seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Dr. Alexander Kechriotis

Dr. Upchurch opened the discussion on Dr. Kechriotis's application. Dr. Kechriotis had a complaint filed with the Florida Board and may need to take the SPEX examination. The Board discussed the application with Dr. Kechriotis who was present for the meeting.

MOTION: Dr. Kristin Spanjian made the motion to grant Dr. Kechriotis an unrestricted Physician license pending receipt and review of his current unrestricted Idaho and Drug Enforcement Agency licenses, and a letter of good standing from the Medical Director at the Idaho facility where he is currently working. Dr. Arthur Fink seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Dr. Derek Muse

Dr. Muse's application was referred to the full Board as he was sanctioned by the Utah Board in 1998 for pre-signing prescription blanks. The Board discussed the application details with Dr. Muse who was present for the meeting.

MOTION: Dr. Arthur Fink made the motion to grant Dr. Muse an unrestricted Physician license. Dr. Mary Anne Guggenheim seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Dr. James Pruitt

The full Board considered Dr. Pruitt's application which showed he took a South Carolina State Exam for his initial licensure in 1960. The Board discussed the application details with Dr. Pruitt who was present for the meeting.

MOTION: Dr. Arthur Fink made the motion to grant Dr. Pruitt an unrestricted Physician license. Dr. Kristin Spanjian seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

G. Dr. Mark Serra

Dr Serra was referred to the full Board due to past arrests for offenses related to drinking and driving from 1990 – 1998. Ms. Jean Branscum referred Dr. Serra to the Montana Professional Assistance Program for evaluation. Mr. Mike Ramirez with the program stated that he was satisfied with the evaluation and advocates for Dr. Serra's licensure. The Board discussed the application details with Dr. Serra who was present for the meeting.

MOTION: Dr. Kristin Spanjian made the motion to grant Dr. Serra an unrestricted Physician license. Ms. Carole Erickson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

H. Dr. Shantell TwoBears

The Board discussed the application of Dr. TwoBears. Dr. TwoBears reported that her hospital privileges had been suspended and later

revoked, and that a permanent restriction had been put in place by one insurance carrier for a lack of complete medical records. Dr. TwoBears has completed a documentation course. The Board discussed the application details with Dr. TwoBears who was present for the meeting.

MOTION: Dr. Mary Anne Guggenheim made the motion to grant Dr. TwoBears an unrestricted Physician license. Ms. Pat Bollinger seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

I. Dr. Jason Willis

Dr. Willis' application was referred to the full Board due to a past complaint that was filed with the Iowa licensing agency. The Board discussed the application details with Dr. Willis who was present for the meeting.

MOTION: Dr. Kristin Spanjian made the motion to grant Dr. Willis an unrestricted Physician license. Dr. Mary Anne Guggenheim seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

J. Mr. Cameron Bradley EMT

Dr. Upchurch opened the discussion on Mr. Bradley's application for EMT licensure. Mr. Bradley's application was referred to the Board due to history of having multiple traffic violations and other charges. The Board discussed the application details with Mr. Bradley who was present for the meeting.

MOTION: Dr. Arthur Fink made the motion to grant Mr. Bradley an unrestricted EMT-Basic license. Dr. Michael LaPan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

K. Dr. Christine Hofstrand

Dr. Johnson-Hofstrand was before the full Board to request sponsorship for SPEX and for the review of her application. Dr. Johnson-Hofstrand answered "yes" to multiple questions on the application, had not actively practiced in past two years and has a chemical dependency. She has had disciplinary action taken against her by the Minnesota and Nebraska medical boards, by the HHS Office of Inspector General; and a voluntary surrender of privileges. Dr. Hofstrand indicated she had been involved with the Montana Professional Assistance Program. Mr. Mike Ramirez confirmed her participation and advocated for the Board to sponsor her for the SPEX and consider licensure.

MOTION: Dr. Mary Anne Guggenheim made the motion to grant Board sponsorship for Dr. Hofstrand to take the SPEX exam, and for the application to be reviewed again after Dr. Hofstrand passes the exam. Dr. Michael LaPan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

L. Dr. Lois Jensen

Dr. Jensen's application was referred to the Board as she answered "yes" to multiple questions, has been before the Medical Board of California, has been denied clinical privileges at one hospital, and withdrew her application for privileges at another hospital to avoid a Data Bank report. The Board discussed the application details with Dr. Jensen who was present for the meeting.

MOTION: Ms. Pat Bollinger made the motion to obtain competency feedback letters from the Medical Staff President and the two OB GYN physicians at the last Locum Tenens hospital in Hermiston, OR that she worked in and if the feedback is satisfactory to the Board, to issue an unrestricted Physician license. Dr. Arthur Fink seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM # 7: MPAP Report

Mr. Mike Ramirez presented the MPAP report to the Board and introduced Dr. David Healow, Medical Director for the Montana Professional Assistance Program.

MOTION: Ms. Carole Erickson made the motion to accept the MPAP report and Dr. Michael LaPan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM # 8: MPAP Audit

Ms. Jean Branscum introduced Dr. Lynn Hankes FASAM to the Board. Jean had contacted Dr. Hankes about the Board's desire to conduct a performance audit of MPAP. Dr Hankes provided a history of his education, past practice history, affiliations with various programs, and current work. Dr. Hankes had conducted a comprehensive performance audit for a program in North Carolina. The Board discussed the reasons for pursuing an audit and questioned Dr. Hankes on his previous audit experience.

MOTION: Dr. Kristin Spanjian made the motion to enter into a contract with Dr. Lynn Hankes to conduct a performance audit on the Montana Professional Assistance Program, the cost of the audit will remain under \$5,000.00. Dr Michael LaPan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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ITEM # 9: Out-of-Board Surgery

Dr. William R. Mealer with the SW Montana Plastic Surgery Center was present for the meeting and presented some concerns with out-of-board and outpatient surgeries being performed. He expressed concern that procedures are being performed by providers who are not properly trained and noted there are substantial risks to the patients.

Dr. Mealer stated there is no regulation in Montana for this type of procedure and providers should be held to the same standard for in-hospital and out-of-hospital surgeries. Dr. Mealer requested that the Board support legislation or develop rules to ban elective out-of-board surgeries, develop a truth in advertising rule, and establish out-patient surgery criteria, especially when anesthesia is being used. The Board discussed options on how to approach these issues and concerns.

MOTION: Dr. Michael LaPan made the motion to explore making an addition to the unprofessional conduct rules to address the issue of in-office surgery. Dr. Kristin Spanjian seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM # 10: Pathologist-to-Pathologist Consultations

Dr. Mark R. Wick, President, Association of Directors of Anatomic & Surgical Pathology was not available for the meeting and there was no discussion with the Board. The Board will invite Dr. Wick to the next meeting.

ITEM # 11: Workers Compensation Medical Procedures Review

Bruce R. Chamberlain, Montana Dept. of Labor and Industry

Percutaneous Disc Nucleoplasty

The Board reviewed literature that Mr. Chamberlain had provided and discussed the procedure that was requested for approval.

MOTION: Dr. Kristin Spanjian made the motion that this procedure is experimental at this time and the Board cannot approve the procedure. Dr. Michael LaPan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM # 12: Membership Rotation on Screening and Adjudication Panels

Dr. Mary Anne Guggenheim stated the Board should look at developing some type of rotation matrix for the screening and adjudication panels to ensure continuity as members rotate on and off the full Board. This would also allow members that have served on panels for a long period of time to take a break.

Ms. Jean Branscum and Board staff will draft panel rotation options and bring it to the September meeting.

ITEM # 13: SB 174, Advanced Pharmacist Practitioner

Ms. Jean Branscum reported the Pharmacy Board has accepted the offer made by the Pharmacist Association for the association to initially draft the proposed rules in August. Jean spoke to Starla Blank and that association plans to present the draft rules to both Boards and thought the presentation to this Board could occur at the September meeting or at a Board Laws and Rules Committee meeting.

ITEM #14: HB 578, Montana Health Corps

Dr. Arthur Fink, Ms. Jean Branscum and Ms. Anne O'Leary

A. Administrative Rules

The Health Corps Rules were approved and motioned to be noticed at the June 19, 2009 meeting.

B. Guidelines

Ms. Anne O'Leary stated that the guidelines were not drafted at this time. The Board had discussion about what the guidelines should include because the rules are so simple and clear, guidelines may or may not be needed. There was discussion about the guidelines containing information about how to access the program for patients and facilities. The Board had discussion about how much information would be available to patients. The guidelines and accessibility could be available on the web site when it is developed. Dr. Michael Sirr suggested that the Physician name and geographical information only would be available on the website.

C. Application

Board members reviewed a draft of the Health Corp registration application and considered changes proposed by Dr. Dean Center.

MOTION: Dr. Michael LaPan made the motion to accept the Health Corps application with the changes provided by Dr. Dean Center. Dr. Arthur Fink seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM # 15: Administrative Rules

A. SB 401

Dr. James Upchurch updated the Board on the work of the committee formed to draft the proposed SB 401 rules. The committee met in July to draft the rules defining qualification criteria for evaluation and treatment programs. Dr. Upchurch noted the committee reviewed rules in place in other states and the guidelines developed by the Federation of State Physician Health Programs, and essentially followed the national organization's guidelines.

MOTION: Ms. Carole Erickson made the motion to notice the draft rules as written. Dr. Kristin Spanjian seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Physician Assistant Performing Radiology

Ms. Anne O'leary will draft the rules and bring them to the September Board meeting.

C. Ninety-day Reporting Rule

The Board reviewed and discussed the draft rules related to licensees' obligation to report to the Board. This rule, patterned from ARM 24.156.1621, will require Board licensees to report disciplinary and other actions taken against them to the Board within 3 months. Jean requested the Board review the other pieces, (3) and (4), of the rule and consider adding those for consistency across all occupation areas.

MOTION: Dr. Kristin Spanjian made the motion to add the additional items to rule notice for all Medical Board licensee rules. Dr. Mary Anne Guggenheim seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Nutritionist Rules

Pat Bollinger presented recommendations of the Nutritionist Rules Committee. The Board reviewed and discussed the draft rules provided by Board staff and the Nutritionist Rules Committee.

MOTION: Dr. Kristin Spanjian made the motion to notice the new Nutritionist rules as presented. Dr. Mary Anne Guggenheim seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM # 16: Legislative Update

Ms. Jean Branscum presented to the Board legislative bills that the Board had not yet discussed. The first bill, SJ 5, is a resolution to continue the monitoring of efforts to make health care costs more understandable. HJ 17 is a bill to study use of medication aids in nursing homes. Jean noted department staff will be participating in these meetings and the Board may be requested for consultation. The last bill noted was SB 350 which provides for routine HIV screening and the incorporation of the screening into the patient's general informed consent for medical care, the incorporation of pre-natal screening for HIV related conditions into the pregnant patient's general informed consent for medical care, and provides for labor and delivery HIV screening in certain circumstances.

ITEM # 17: Task Force Reports & Sub Committee Reports

A. Licensure Maintenance Task Force

Ms. Jean Branscum reminded the Board this task force was placed on hold by the Board. Further discussion was deferred until the Board talks about the strategic planning session.

B. Dual Role Nurse / EMT Task Force

Dr. James Upchurch informed the Board this task force met twice and is making progress to address the issues of dual licensure. The next meeting of task force will focus on formulating

recommendations on possible rule changes by the Board of Medical Examiners and the Board of Nursing. There may also be rule change suggestions for the Department of Public Health and Human Services.

C. Non Invasive Task Force

Ms. Jean Branscum informed the Board that that the task force will not be meeting again. Ms. Kay Bills-Kazimi had attended the one meeting held. She relayed the Board of Barbers and Cosmetologists decided they will no longer look at individual machines but will hold their licensees to their scope of practice and will depend on their investigators to audit the scope of practice when using these machines.

D. Medical Director Sub Committee

Dr. James Upchurch reported that the trial program with Life Flight in Missoula had reported eighteen RSI procedures and the committee will be studying them and let the Board know of the outcome. Also, the EMS Medical Director training site should be up and running soon. The Board will advise Physicians and Physician Assistants that it is ready for their use when it is set up.

Dr. Upchurch reported that the Medical Directors and Training Coordinators will meet at the annual meeting of the National Association of State EMS Officials. He will attend as the State Medical Director and requested the Board consider paying his costs. Dr. Upchurch stated Ken Threet should also attend the annual meeting as Montana's voting member to the training coordinators meetings based on the current agreement with the Department of Public Health and Human Services EMS officials that Jim DeTienne and Ken Threet would rotate as the voting member. Jean was directed to follow-up with Jim DeTienne to ensure his agency indicates that Ken is the voting delegate for the state of Montana.

MOTION: Dr. Michael LaPan made the motion to approve travel for Mr. Ken Threet to attend the National Association of State Emergency Medical Services Officials meeting. Dr. Kristin Spanjian seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Dr. Arthur Fink made the motion to approve travel for Dr. Jim Upchurch to attend the National Association of State Emergency Medical Services Officials meeting. Dr. Michael LaPan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Acupuncturist Work Group

Ms. Anne O'Leary reported that she had attended the meeting with the Acupuncturist group to discuss some concerns. It became clear at the meeting that there is no appropriate Board certification for medical acupuncture. Ms. O'Leary informed the group that the Board could not create a new licensure category at this time. She also informed the group that the Board had motioned at a past

meeting that a physician can perform acupuncture as part of their practice as long as they do not advertise themselves as an Acupuncturist.

ITEM # 18: Position Papers

A. Discharge of Patients

Dr. Arthur Fink presented to the Board a position paper related to the termination of a patient relationship by a physician that he and Dr. Anna Earl had drafted. Dr. Mary Anne Guggenheim suggested that language be added in the position paper to address the discharge of pediatric patients as well.

MOTION: Ms. Pat Bollinger made the motion to accept the position paper "Terminating a Patient Relationship" with the discussed changes. Dr. Michael LaPan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Discharge of Pediatric Patients

Ms. Anne O'Leary stated that with the changes approved in the Terminating a Patient Relationship position paper, this issue will be covered, and a separate paper is not needed.

ITEM # 19: Strategic Plan

A. Strategic Plan Documents

Ms. Jean Branscum provided a summary action plan that was developed as a result of the Board member discussion held during the May meeting. Several committees were formed and Jean suggested the committees be combined into three due to overlap of committee members and associated tasks. The Board agreed that the Strategic Positioning Committee will meet and prioritize issues and provide information to the other committees. It was suggested that the Laws and Rules Committee meet also to look at current Board rule changes and other rules that may impact this Board, including those related to SB 174. Ms. Jean Branscum and staff were directed to set up the meetings.

B. Letter from Montana Medical Association

The Board had discussion about the letter that was sent to them from the Montana Medical Association. The letter addressed the issue of the Board of Nursing rule 24.159.1470 (b) which allows Advanced Practice Registered Nurses to make medical and nursing diagnoses. The Board discussed options on how to approach this issue. The Board agreed that it will have a member present to give the annual report verbally at the upcoming Montana Medical Association meeting and to be proactive in the discussions about this issue at the meeting. The Board agreed to work toward the establishment of a good relationship with

the new Executive Director for the Nursing Board so such issues can be discussed.

C. Board Staff Strategic Plan

Jean shared with the Board summary information from a strategic planning session she facilitated with Board staff.

ITEM # 20: Communications

A. List Serve Review

Mr. Ken Threet presented a sample eNewsletter created by Jean to the Board. He reported progress is being made to create one overall list and separate lists for each licensee group. The Board agreed the eNewsletter concept would assist in meeting communication goals, thanked Board staff for the work done to date, and expressed desire for Board staff to continue moving forward to complete work.

B. Web Site

Ms. Jean Branscum presented a new addition to the licensee look-up area of the website which allows the public to see when disciplinary actions have been taken and provides downloadable documents related to these actions. Ken provided a live demonstration of the new feature. The Board indicated this information is a welcome addition and thanked the department for their work to add this feature.

C. Board Seal

The Board reviewed the different Board seals that were presented to them. The Board agreed that the seal looked nice, but would like to see the regular medical staff emblem on the seal instead of the winged staff. There will be another seal to look at in the September meeting.

ITEM #21: EMT Report

Mr. Ken Threet presented the EMT report to the Board.

MOTION: Dr. Mary Anne Guggenheim made the motion to accept the EMT report as provided. Dr. Michael LaPan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

A. POLST

Mr. Ken Threet presented the POLST protocol that has been changed from the original version. The protocol will now be separate from the POLST form. Jean explained that the separation of the two documents was suggested to ease the administrative rule burden placed on DPHHS. The agency must now go through an administrative rules adoption process each time the POLST form is revised.

MOTION: Dr. Michael LaPan made the motion to adopt the POLST protocol changes as provided. Dr. Mary Anne Guggenheim seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

B. EMT Audit Update

Mr. Ken Threet reported to the Board that the annual EMT renewal audit is underway and the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians was helping with the audit.

ITEM # 22: Legal Report

Ms. Anne O'Leary

A. Definition of Ethical Practice

Ms. Anne O'Leary provided research that she had acquired on this issue. The Board agreed that more research was needed and the issue will be tabled for further review.

B. Moot Court Argument for Baxter Case

The Board discussed the request of the Montana Department of Justice to gain assistance of a board attorney on the Baxter case.

MOTION: Ms. Carole Erickson made the motion to allow Ms. Anne O'Leary to assist during the Baxter hearing to provide information as needed. Dr. Michael LaPan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM # 23: Executive Director Report

Ms. Jean Branscum

A. Budget Report

Ms. Jean Branscum presented the budget report to the Board. Anne O'Leary requested that travel and per diem be paid by the Board for Ms. Kay Bills-Kazimi at the September meeting in Billings.

MOTION: Dr. Mary Anne Guggenheim made the motion that the Board covers the travel costs for Ms. Kay Bills-Kazimi to attend the September meeting in Billings. Ms. Carole Erickson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Application Report

Ms. Branscum presented the application report to the Board.

C. Non Routine Application Criteria

The Board reviewed and discussed the non-routine criteria provided from Ms. Branscum. The Board agreed that item number three of the criteria be scratched from the list.

MOTION: Dr. Michael LaPan made the motion to accept the non routine application criteria list with the discussed changes. Dr. Kristin Spanjian seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Dr. Caro Application Withdrawal

Ms. Jean Branscum reported Dr. Caro had withdrawn his license application. Dr. Caro's application was reviewed at the May Board meeting.

E. Acupuncture Liaison

Jean summarized past discussion by the Board concerning representation for Acupuncturists on the Board and reviewed the law that allowed for a PA liaison. Dr. Mary Anne Guggenheim had discussion with some members of the Acupuncturist Association at a recent meeting, and advised them that if they would like, they could initiate a letter to the Board requesting a liaison be named by their group to sit as a liaison to the Board.

F. FSMB Uniform Application

Ms. Jean Branscum presented an update of the activities of the Federation of State Medical Boards and the discussions at the last meeting. The Federation has developed a uniform application for physician licensure which fourteen states are using. Specific state criteria can be added to the application. This application could reduce workload on the Board staff and the applicant, and could be less time consuming. The Federation is willing to come to the Board and give a presentation on the application. There is no charge to the applicant at this time, but there will be a charge in the future. Ms. Branscum asked if the Board would like to pursue the utilization of this application.

MOTION: Dr. Michael LaPan made the motion to proceed with the Federation of State Medical Boards uniform license application. Ms. Carole Erickson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

G. Montana Pain Initiative Conference Sponsorship

The Montana Pain Initiative requested that the Board provide a \$500.00 sponsorship fee toward their upcoming annual meeting.

MOTION: Dr. Kristin Spanjian made the motion to provide a five-hundred dollar sponsorship to the Montana Pain Initiative conference. Ms. Carole Erickson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

H. AIM Fall Meeting

Ms. Jean Branscum requested that the Board support the travel costs to attend the upcoming Administrators in Medicine regional meeting in Omaha Nebraska.

MOTION: Ms. Carole Erickson made the motion to approve travel expenses for Ms. Jean Branscum to the annual Administrators in Medicine meeting. Dr. Michael LaPan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn:

MOTION: Dr. Arthur Fink made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Kristin Spanjian seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting: September 18 in Billings, Hilton Garden Inn

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President, Board of Medical Examiners

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