

BOARD OF MEDICINE

Open Session Agenda

October 27, 2021
8:30 am

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BOARD MISSION STATEMENT:

“To **protect** and enhance the health, safety, and well-being of District of Columbia residents by **promoting** evidence-based best practices in health regulation, high standards of quality care and implementing policies that **prevent** adverse events.”

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BOARD MEETING PARTICIPANTS:

BOARD MEMBERS:	
Andrea Anderson, MD (AA)	
William Strudwick, MD (WS)	
Thomas Dawson, Esq. (TD)	
Jeffrey Smith, MD (JS)	
Archie Rich (AR)	
Vikisha Fripp, MD (VF)	
Joshua Wind, MD (JW)	
Christopher Raczynski, MD (CR)	
Joelle Simpson, MD (JS2)	
Konrad Dawson, MD (KD)	
VACANT (Physician Member)	
VACANT (Physician Member)	
VACANT (DC Health Designee)	
VACANT (Consumer Member)	
VACANT (Consumer Member)	
BOARD STAFF:	
Frank Meyers, JD – Associate Director	
Aisha Nixon – Executive Director	
Lisa Robinson – Health Licensing Specialist	
Mary Harris – Health Licensing Specialist	
Angela Braxton – Health Licensing Specialist	
Charles Annor – Health Licensing Specialist	
Emilia Moran – Investigator	
LEGAL STAFF:	
Suzanne Fenzel, Esq. – Board Attorney Advisor	
Ajay Gohil, Esq. – Board Attorney Advisor	

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¹ The order in which the following agenda items are listed does not necessarily reflect the order in which the items were discussed during the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

OS-21-10-01	<u>INTRODUCTIONS</u>	
ALL	A. BOARD MEMBERS B. BOARD STAFF	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, CONSENT AGENDA AND STAFF REPORTS

OS-21-10-02	<u>BOARD/DEPARTMENT REPORT</u>	
ALL	A. BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT B. ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT i. Temp License The Associate Director will provide an update regarding the pending temporary licensure process. ii. Licensure Waiver The Associate Director will provide an update on the current status of the waiver and the recent rulemaking. C. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT i. COVID-19 Update The Executive Director will provide an update on the District's response to COVID-19. ii. Rescheduling of November and December Meeting The November and December Board meetings are scheduled for November 24 th and December 29 th . iii. Board Vacancies The Executive Director will provide an update on current Board vacancies. iv. Licensure Census The Executive Director will provide an update on the current licensure census in the District. D. BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT	

	<p>i. Reporting Requirements The Board Attorney will provide an update regarding the final rulemaking of Chapter 25: Health Professionals Reporting Requirements. The rule was finalized on 10/22/2021.</p>	
OS-21-10-03	<p><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u></p> <p>Board Action: Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the September 29, 2021 meeting.</p> <p>Background: The Open Session Minutes are a record of the Board’s past meeting(s), describing the events, list of attendees, a statement of the issues considered and related responses or decisions of the Board.</p>	
OS-21-10-04	<p><u>OPEN CONSENT AGENDA</u></p> <p>Board Action: Consideration of the current open Consent Agenda items for purposes of review and/or ratification of Board actions taken since the last Board meeting.</p> <p>Background: The Open Consent Agenda is a record of the decisions and/or actions taken by the Board or its staff since the last meeting of the Board.</p>	

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MISC. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

OS-21-10-05 **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE REGULATION ADMINISTRATION (ABRA)** SF

ALL

Board Action:

Review and provide input on whether the notification requirement for authorized practitioners that recommend medical cannabis beyond the 250 thresholds be amended.

Background:

ABRA is currently in the process of reviewing the medical cannabis laws and considering amendments to the related statutes and regulations. As part of their review, they are specifically looking at the requirements related to notifying the Board when authorized practitioners write 250 or more medically cannabis recommendations within a 1 year period. In 2017 to 2019, the Board received approximately 19 referrals from the MMP regarding authorized recommenders that went over the 250 thresholds.

During the September 2021 meeting, the Board requested additional information regarding recommendations beyond the 230 thresholds. A review of the 19 referrals from the MMP, shows the following:

Recommender	Audit	# of Referrals
1*	2016 -2017	1906
2*	2016 -2017	1218
3*	2016 -2017	1980
4	2017- 2018	332
5	2017- 2018	439
3*	2017- 2018	1013
1*	2017- 2018	1540
6	2017- 2018	352
7	2017- 2018	283
1*	2017- 2018	482
8*	2018- 2019	657
2*	2018- 2019	500
3*	2018- 2019	751
1*	2018- 2019	838
9	2018- 2019	309
8*	3/2019 – 12/2019	865
2*	3/2019 – 12/2019	340
3*	3/2019 – 12/2019	806
!*	3/2019 – 12/2019	1127

**=repeat referral*

	The recommendations range from 283 to 1980 during 2016 to 2019. On average, authorized recommenders were making 802 recommendations annually.	
OS-21-10-06	<u>CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL MIDWIVES AND DOULAS</u>	SF
ALL	<p>Board Action: To identify members to advise on the licensure regulations for certified professional midwives (CPMs) and doulas.</p> <p>Background: The DC Council has recently passed two (2) laws adding two (2) types of health professionals and putting them under the authority of the Board of Medicine. The CPM law created an Advisory Committee for CPMs but the doula law did not. We need Board members to review and provide input on the regulations for the two professions, and also to determine if we need another Advisory Committee for Doulas or should consider amending the CPM Advisory Committee for all midwifery/birthing professions, as Certified Midwives are expected to also be placed under the authority of this Board in the near future.</p>	

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MOTION TO CLOSE

OS-21-10-07	<u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u>	
ALL	<p>Board Action: To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p>Background: Pursuant to DC Official Code § 2-575(b), the Board will move into the Closed Executive Session portion of the meeting to discuss the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To consult with an attorney to obtain legal advice and to preserve the attorney-client privilege between an attorney and a public body, or to approve settlement agreements pursuant to § 2-575(b)(4)(a);2. Preparation, administration, or grading of scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examinations pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(6);3. To discuss disciplinary matters pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(9);4. To plan, discuss, or hear reports concerning ongoing or planned investigation of alleged criminal or civil misconduct or violations of law or regulations, if disclosure to the public would harm the investigation pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(14).	

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MOTION TO ADJOURN

OS-21-10-08	<u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u>	
ALL	Board Action: To adjourn the meeting. Background: At the end of every meeting, a motion to adjourn must be made in open session to close out the business of the Board.	

This ends the Open Session Agenda.

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