

# BOARD OF MEDICINE

## Open Session Minutes

July 31, 2019  
8:30 am

**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:**

<b>BOARD MEMBERS:</b>	
Andrea Anderson, MD (AA)	
Preetha Iyengar, MD (PI)	<b>ABSENT</b>
William Strudwick, MD (WS)	
Thomas Dawson, Esq. (TD)	
Jeffrey Smith, MD (JS)	<b>LATE</b>
Terrence Straub (TS)	<b>ABSENT</b>
Archie Rich (AR)	
Vikisha Fripp, MD (VF)	<b>ABSENT</b>
David Wessel, MD (DW)	
Thomas Smith (TS2)	
Joshua Wind, MD (JW)	
Christopher Raczynski, MD (CR)	
Joelle Simpson, MD (JS2)	
Konrad Dawson, MD (KD)	<b>LATE</b>
<b>BOARD STAFF:</b>	
Frank Meyers, JD – 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	
Diane Moorer – IT Support	
<b>LEGAL STAFF:</b>	
Suzanne Fenzel, Esq. – Board Attorney Advisor	
Ajay Gohil, Esq. – Board Attorney Advisor	

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<sup>1</sup> 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-19-07-01  
ALL**INTRODUCTIONS****A. BOARD MEMBERS****B. BOARD STAFF****APPROVAL OF MINUTES, CONSENT AGENDA AND STAFF REPORTS**OS-19-07-02  
ALL**BOARD/DEPARTMENT REPORTS****A. BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT****i. Recent Elections**

The Board Chair, Dr. Andrea Anderson, was recently elected to the Board of Directors for the American Board of Family Medicine (ABFM).

The Board Executive Director, Frank Meyers, was recently elected to the Board of Directors for the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB).

**ii. INCUS Report**

The Board Chair gave an update on the recent INCUS report regarding changes to USMLE score reporting. Specifically, discussions have been had regarding making the USMLE score reporting pass/fail vs. numbered scoring.

**iii. CBC Changes**

DC Health is in the process of restructuring the CBC process, and so the program is currently on hiatus. The goal is resume CBCs in a week.

More information will be shared as soon as it becomes available.

**B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT****i. PDMP Registration**

The final day for PDMP sign ups is July 31, 2019. An update was given by the Executive Director, as well as data from Dr. Shauna White.

	<p><b>ii. Licensure Census</b> The Executive Director provided an update on the current licensure census in the District.</p> <p><b>C. BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT</b></p> <p><b>i. Regulation Updates</b> The Board Attorney provided an update on the status of the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact regulations, which are being published for comment.</p>	
OS-19-07-03 ALL	<p><b><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the June 26, 2019 meeting.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> 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> <p><b>Motion:</b> Motion made by Mr. Smith to approve the minutes. Seconded by Dr. Wind.</p> <p>Dr. Wessel, Dr. Wind, Dr. Strudwick, Dr. Simpson, Mr. Rich, Dr. Raczynski, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Smith and Dr. Anderson voted in favor of the motion.</p>	FM
OS-19-07-04 ALL	<p><b><u>OPEN CONSENT AGENDA</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> Consideration of the current July 31, 2019, Open Consent Agenda items for purposes of review and/or ratification of Board actions taken since the last Board meeting.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> 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> <p><b>Motion:</b> Motion made by Mr. Smith to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Dr. Wind.</p>	FM

	Dr. Wessel, Dr. Wind, Dr. Strudwick, Dr. Simpson, Mr. Rich, Dr. Raczynski, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Smith and Dr. Anderson voted in favor of the motion.	
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**MISC. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

OS-19-06-05 ALL	<b><u>DEFENDING WOMEN'S ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE SERVICES AMENDMENT ACT OF 2018</u></b>	FM
	<p><b>Board Action:</b> To review the proposed regulations, screening tool, and protocol related to the Defending Women's Access to Health Care Services Amendment Act of 2018.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> On January 31, 2018, the Mayor signed the Defending Women's Access to Health Care Services Amendment Act of 2018, which allows pharmacists to prescribe and dispense certain contraceptives pursuant to established protocols agreed to by the Board of Medicine and the Board of Pharmacy.</p> <p>To accomplish the above, a joint sub-committee was established with members of the Board of Medicine and the Board of Pharmacy, to come up with proposed regulations, a patient questionnaire, protocol, and various other items needed to implement the law. The subcommittee has recently completed its work on all items except the educational pamphlet, which are now being presented to the Boards of Medicine and Pharmacy for review.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Motion made by Dr. Wessel to approve the regulations, questionnaire and the algorithm/protocol. Seconded by Dr. Wind.</p> <p>Dr. Wessel, Dr. Wind, Dr. Strudwick, Dr. Simpson, Dr. Dawson, Mr. Rich, Dr. Smith, Dr. Raczynski, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Smith and Dr. Anderson voted in favor of the motion.</p>	
OS-19-06-06 ALL	<b><u>MSDC PHYSICIAN HEALTH COMMITTEE (PHC) PROGRAM</u></b>	FM
	<p><b>Board Action:</b> To briefly meet with Dr. Charles Samenow, the new chair for the MSDC Physician Health Committee.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> Dr. Charles Samenow has been named the new chairperson for the MSDC PHC. Dr. Samenow has been asked to briefly introduce himself to the Board.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Dr. Samenow provided information on the role of the MSDC PHP, and it's future plans. There was also discussion on the funding structure of</p>	

	<p>MSDC, as well as their role as a case manager as opposed to a clinical manager (i.e., they send patients out for evaluation, then monitor the patient pursuant to that evaluation/diagnosis).</p> <p>This item was for informational purposes only, so no formal action was taken.</p>	
<p>OS-19-06-07 ALL</p>	<p><b><u>NATUROPATHIC FORMULARY</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To review the results of the most recent meeting of the Naturopathic Formulary Subcommittee.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> The Board’s Naturopathic Formulary Subcommittee met on June 10, 2019, with various stakeholders in the Naturopathic Physician community, including representatives from the DC Association of Naturopathic Physicians (DCANP), to discuss their request to expand the Naturopathic Physician Formulary. Following the meeting, DCANP submitted an updated request, which is now being presented to the Board for review.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Motion made by Dr. Wessel to not expand the formulary beyond it’s existing form. Seconded by Mr. Dawson.</p> <p>Dr. Wessel, Dr. Wind, Dr. Strudwick, Dr. Simpson, Dr. Dawson, Dr. Smith, Dr. Raczynski, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Smith and Dr. Anderson voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Rich abstained. The motion passed.</p>	<p>FM</p>
<p>OS-19-07-08 ALL</p>	<p><b><u>RESEARCH – POST-GRADUATE TRAINING REQUIREMENTS</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To review the research from legal regarding Post-Graduate Training requirements in other states.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> The Board has previously requested staff look at the issue of post-graduate training requirements, with a focus on what other states require. Currently the District only requires one (1) year of approved post-graduate training for US trained applicants, and three (3) years of approved post-graduate training for foreign trained applicants.</p> <p>A detailed breakdown of post-graduate training by state, including color coded maps, is being provided to the Board for review.</p>	<p>SF</p>



	<p><b>Motion:</b> Motion made by Mr. Smith to establish a sub-committee to review this question and report back to the Board within sixty (60) days. Dr. Wessel seconded the motion.</p> <p>Dr. Wessel, Dr. Wind, Dr. Strudwick, Dr. Simpson, Dr. Dawson, Mr. Rich, Dr. Smith, Dr. Raczynski, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Smith and Dr. Anderson voted in favor of the motion.</p> <p><i>*Dr. Raczynski, Dr. Smith and Mr. Smith volunteered to be on the sub-committee.</i></p>	
<p>OS-19-07-09 ALL</p>	<p><b><u>RESEARCH – FAMILY &amp; SELF-PRESCRIBING</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To determine whether to issue a policy on self-prescribing and/or prescribing to family members. Summer legal intern Sarah Spardy is presenting findings from a survey of state positions regarding physician self and family prescribing with a policy draft attached.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> Currently the Board does not have any regulation or policy addressing the prescribing of medications to one’s self or a family member, however several other jurisdictions have such policies. At the May 29, 2019 meeting, the Board discussed the potential need for a policy on self-prescribing and/or prescribing to family members. The Board directed that further research be done regarding other jurisdictions’ practices by the summer legal intern and present back to the Board when completed.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Motion made by Mr. Smith to establish a sub-committee to review the issue of family and self-prescribing, and whether a policy or regulation is needed, and report back to the Board within sixty (60) days. Seconded by Mr. Dawson.</p> <p>Dr. Wessel, Dr. Wind, Dr. Strudwick, Dr. Simpson, Dr. Dawson, Mr. Rich, Dr. Smith, Dr. Raczynski, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Smith and Dr. Anderson voted in favor of the motion.</p> <p><i>*Dr. Anderson, Dr. Simpson and Mr. Smith volunteered to be on the sub-committee.</i></p>	<p>AG</p>

<p>OS-19-07-10 ALL</p>	<p><b><u>RESEARCH – APPROVAL OF NON-ACGME PROGRAMS</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To review standards and criteria for private funding of non-ACGME accredited fellowships.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> At the May 29, 2019 meeting, the Board approved a request submitted by Georgetown University Hospital (GUH) and Washington Hospital Center (WHC) regarding their non-ACGME accredited Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, Microsurgery Fellowship training program. During discussion the Board raised questions as to the funding source for this non-ACGME accredited program. While the Board approved the program, they also directed staff research the issue of private funding of non-ACGME accredited training programs.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> This item was for informational purposes only, so no formal action was taken at this time.</p> <p>The Board Chair did request legal staff review the current policy for approval of non-ACGME programs, and to bring back any proposed changes for review at a future meeting.</p>	
<p>OS-19-07-11 ALL</p>	<p><b><u>PROPOSED LEGISLATION – CONTINUING NUTRITION EDUCATION ACT</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To review the newly introduced legislation and provide feedback.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> The “Continuing Nutrition Education Amendment Act of 2019” was recently introduced before the DC Council, which would require physicians, RNs, LPNs, NAPs, and PAs complete two (2) hours of CE every renewal cycle in the area of nutrition. Such CE must provide information and skills to enable health professionals to incorporate nutrition counseling into clinical practice. A copy of the proposed legislation is being provided to the Board for review and feedback.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Motion made by Dr. Wind that the Board opposes this legislation, and instead recommends such a requirement be added to the Department of Health’s list of health priorities. Seconded by Dr. Smith.</p> <p>Dr. Wessel, Dr. Wind, Dr. Strudwick, Dr. Simpson, Dr. Dawson, Dr. Smith, Dr. Raczynski, Mr. Smith and Dr. Anderson voted in favor of the</p>	<p>FM</p>

	<p>motion. Mr. Rich and Mr. Dawson were absent. The motion passed.</p>	
<p>OS-19-07-12 ALL</p>	<p><b><u>PRESENTATION – MEDIMERGENT</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To review the presentation from Medimergent.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> Medimergent is a healthcare analytics company that has worked with various state Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs (PDMP) to educate and change prescribing behaviors of physicians as it relates to narcotics. Medimergent will present on it’s Opioid Misuse/Abuse Prevention Program (O-MAPP).</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Representatives from Medimergent presented on their O-MAPP program, which is designed to curb opioid prescribing. Medimergent is requesting the Board of Medicine support the adoption of O-MAPP in the District, including working with DC Government to apply for federal funding.</p> <p>The Board Chair informed medimergent that the Board does not play any role in the contracting or funding of such programs, but that it appreciated the information presented.</p> <p>This item was for informational purposes only, so no formal action was taken at this time.</p>	<p>FM</p>
<p>OS-19-07-13 ALL</p>	<p><b><u>PRESENTATION – APPRISS</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To review the presentation from Appriss.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> Appriss is the vendor used by DC Health to implement the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP), as well as implement PDMP integration for providers in the District. Staff from the DC Pharmaceutical Control Program have requested that Appriss present on their PDMP integration plans and NarxCare platform.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Appriss presented on their various services (i.e., Appriss Safety, Appriss Health, and Appriss Retail) and role it plays in the District of Columbia, including the PDMP and NarxCare platforms.</p> <p>This item was for informational purposes only, so no formal action</p>	<p>FM</p>

	was taken at this time.	
OS-19-07-14 ALL	<p><b><u>PRESENTATION – DC HEALTH/PRIMARY CARE OFFICE</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To review the presentation from the Primary Care Office (PCO) regarding their findings from the 2014 and 2016 Workforce Surveys.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> The PCO, located within the Community Health Administration (CHA) at DC Health, has been working with staff to analyze the the workforce survey data from 2014 and 2016. Staff from PCO will be presenting on their preliminary findings.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> This item was for informational purposes only, so no formal action was taken at this time.</p>	

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**MOTION TO CLOSE**

OS-19-06-15 ALL	<p><b><u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p><b>Background:</b> 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"><li>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);</li><li>2. Preparation, administration, or grading of scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examinations pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(6);</li><li>3. To discuss disciplinary matters pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(9);</li><li>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).</li></ol> <p><b>Motion:</b> Motion made by Dr. Simpson to go into closed session. Seconded by Dr. Strudwick.</p> <p>Dr. Wessel, Dr. Wind, Dr. Strudwick, Dr. Simpson, Dr. Dawson, Mr. Rich, Dr. Smith, Dr. Raczynski, Mr. Smith and Dr. Anderson voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Dawson was absent. The motion passed.</p>	FM
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**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

OS-19-06-16 ALL	<p><b><u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To adjourn the meeting.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> At the end of every meeting, a motion to adjourn must be made in open session to close out the business of the Board.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Motion made by Mr. Smith to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Dr. Wind.</p> <p>Dr. Wessel, Dr. Wind, Dr. Simpson, Mr. Rich, Dr. Smith, Dr. Raczynski, Mr. Smith and Dr. Anderson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	FM
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**This ends the Open Session Minutes.**

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