# BOARD MINUTES MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE JULY 16, 2015

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure was held on Thursday, July 16, 2015, in the Board Room of the Office of the Board located at 1867 Crane Ridge Drive, Jackson, Mississippi.

The following members were present:

Virginia M. Crawford, M.D., Hattiesburg, President Charles D. Miles, M.D., West Point, Vice President Rickey L. Chance, D.O., Ocean Springs, Secretary Claude D. Brunson, M.D., Jackson John C. Clay, M.D., Meridian S. Randall Easterling, M.D., Vicksburg C. Kenneth Lippincott, M.D., Tupelo

#### Also present:

H. Vann Craig, M.D., Director Stan T. Ingram, Complaint Counsel for the Board Ellen O'Neal, Assistant Attorney General Rhonda Freeman, Bureau Director, Licensure Division Thomas Washington, Bureau Director, Investigative Division Leslie Ross, Investigations Supervisor Frances Carrillo, Special Projects Officer, Investigative Division Sherry H. Pilgrim, Staff Officer Wesley Breland, Hattiesburg, Consumer Health Committee Maj Gen (Ret) Erik Hearon, Consumer Health Committee

### Not present:

William S. Mayo, D.O., Oxford J. Ann Rea, M.D., Summit Charles Thomas, Yazoo City, Consumer Health Committee

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Dr. Crawford, President. The invocation was given by Dr. Easterling and the pledge was led by Dr. Miles. Dr. Crawford welcomed Amy Key, Court Reporter, and extended a welcome to all visitors present at the meeting.

Dr. Crawford opened the floor for public comments. Mr. Charlie Ross, attorney for Teladoc, advised that they would be happy to assist the Board with any further consideration of the telemedicine regulations since the Board's withdrawal.

## APPROVAL OF CERTIFICATION OF MISSISSIPPI LICENSES TO OTHER ENTITIES FOR THE PERIOD MAY 01, 2015, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2015

Three hundred five (305) licenses were certified to other entities for the period of May 01, 2015, through June 30, 2015. Motion was made by Dr. Easterling, seconded by Dr. Miles, and carried unanimously to approve these certifications.

## APPROVAL OF LICENSES ISSUED FOR THE PERIOD MAY 01, 2015, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2015

One hundred twenty-three (123) licenses were issued for the period of May 01, 2015, through June 30, 2015. Motion was made by Dr. Lippincott, seconded by Dr. Miles, and carried unanimously to approve these licenses.

## REVIEW OF MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING DATED MAY 13, 2015, AND MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING DATED MAY 14, 2015

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting dated May 13, 2015, and Minutes of the Board Meeting dated May 14, 2015, were reviewed. Dr. Miles moved for approval of the minutes as submitted. Dr. Clay seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### REPORT OF JULY 15, 2015, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Dr. Craig briefly discussed issues/appearances that were discussed by the Executive Committee on July 15, 2015. Information pertaining to the Executive Committee's decisions/recommendations is included in the Executive Committee Minutes dated July 15, 2015.

After discussion, Dr. Easterling made the motion that the matter concerning Dr. Vega and Dr. Striegel be extracted and discussed in Executive Session separately. Dr. Miles seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Dr. Easterling, seconded by Dr. Miles, and carried the Board came out of Executive Session at which time Dr. Crawford asked Dr. Chance to report on the Board's decision. Dr. Chance advised there was a discussion regarding Dr. Vega and laser treatments. Also, Dr. Chance advised that Dr. Striegel's Executive Committee decision will be amended to state that he will not be allowed to have collaborative agreements with APRNs outside of his office until he completes both the required CME course and returns to the Executive Committee.

After returning from Executive Session, Dr. Crawford stated that the Executive Committee moves that their actions/decisions be approved. The Board unanimously moved to ratify the actions taken by the Executive Committee with the above change.

#### REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Scope of Practice - Dr. Easterling (Chair), Dr. Chance, Dr. Miles, Dr. Rea, Mr. Thomas

Dr. Easterling discussed some changes to the language of the Pain Management Regulations. Dr. Easterling stated that if other CME's for licensure renewal are allowed online, why not change the language to allow CME hours for pain physicians to be able to be taken online. Also, the regulation currently requires 15 hours of CME each year and the annual CME licensure requirement is every two (2) years. Dr. Easterling asked if the regulation could be amended to read 30 hours of CME related to pain management be required every two (2) years.

After discussion, motion was made by Dr. Chance, seconded by Dr. Brunson, and carried to refer the language changes to the Rules, Regulation & Legislative Committee for review.

Professionals Health Program - Dr. Chance (Chair), Dr. Lippincott, Dr. Crawford

Dr. Chance advised there was no new information to report.

Rules, Regulation & Legislative - Dr. Mayo (Chair), Dr. Easterling, Dr. Miles, Dr. Clay, Mr. Breland

In Dr. Mayo's absence, Dr. Easterling advised there was no new information to report.

**Telemedicine / Interstate Licensure Compact** - Dr. Brunson (Chair), Dr. Crawford, Dr. Craig, Ms. Freeman, Maj Gen (Retired) Hearon

Dr. Brunson advised that the Board has been working on the Economic Impact Statement.

Licensees Education and Communication - Dr. Easterling (Chair), Dr. Chance, Dr. Crawford, Dr. Rea, Ms. Freeman

Dr. Easterling advised there was no new information to report.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

### DISCUSS APPLICATION OF JOHN MICHAEL HENDERSON, M.D., JACKSON

Dr. Craig advised that Dr. Henderson's application had been discussed at the May Board meeting and that the waiver of the rule that was added to allow the Board to grant waivers for exemplary applicants requires the Board's approval after the committee reviews the application and waiver request.

Following a brief discussion, motion was made by Dr. Chance, seconded by Dr. Easterling and carried unanimously to approve Dr. Henderson's application for licensure

## PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION BY JOHN R. MITCHELL, M.D., DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF MISSISSIPPI PHYSICIAN WORKFORCE

Dr. Mitchell addressed the Board and thanked them for the opportunity to provide and update and to request assistance and advice concerning Limited Institutional Licenses for foreign medical graduates, and the possibility of them seeking residency training programs outside of state owned institutions.

After a brief discussion concerning statute 73-25-23 and what it would take for the Board to address the situation, as well as if the Medical Practice Act would have to be opened, motion was made by Dr. Brunson, seconded by Dr. Miles and carried unanimously to refer the matter to the Rules, Regulation and Legislative Committee for review and advice.

## PERSONAL APPEARANCE BY ROBERT K. OZON, M.D., GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL LICENSE NUMBER 17909, REQUEST RESTRICTIONS BE LIFTED

Mr. Ingram, Complaint Counsel for the Board, introduced Dr. Ozon and advised that he was here today without legal counsel to request that all restrictions be removed from his Mississippi medical license. Mr. Ingram advised Dr. Ozon that Ellen O'Neal, Assistant Attorney General, would like to question him regarding legal representation. Following questions from Ms. O'Neal, Dr. Ozon stated that he wanted to waive his right to an attorney and proceed without legal counsel.

Mr. Ingram briefly summarized the Consent Order that Dr. Ozon is currently under and advised that Dr. Ozon is here today to request the lifting of all restrictions on his license. Mr. Ingram placed exhibits into the record.

Dr. Ozon took the stand and was sworn in by the court reporter and then addressed the Board. Dr. Ozon advised that he had met the requirements of his order and was here today requesting the lifting of all restrictions.

Following questions from Board members concerning his collaboration with mid-level providers and his basic understanding and insight to properly collaborate, motion was made by Dr. Easterling, seconded by Dr. Chance, and carried that the Board enter into Executive Session to discuss a matter that could result in adverse action.

Upon a motion by Dr. Miles, seconded by Dr. Brunson, and carried the Board came out of Executive Session at which time Dr. Crawford asked Dr. Chance to report on the Board's decision. Dr. Chance advised that Dr. Ozon's request for lifting of the restrictions on his license is denied. Dr. Ozon was advised that he could return to the Board in one (1) year to re-petition the Board for removal of the restrictions. Dr. Chance advised that the intent of collaborating was not fulfilled and therefore his request is being denied. A copy of the Order is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

A verbatim account of this proceeding was recorded by Amy Key, Court Reporter.

# PERSONAL APPEARANCE BY TIMOTHY J. BEACHAM, M.D., GREENVILLE, MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL LICENSE NUMBER 20443, CONTINUED DISCUSSION FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Dr. Craig advised that Dr. Beacham appeared at the Executive Committee yesterday and that the Executive Committee had agreed that he should appear today before the full Board to make his request. Dr. Craig advised that the Collaboration Review Panel of the Board had denied Dr. Beacham's request for a free standing pain clinic and that he was appealing the decision to the Full Board.

Mr. Ingram introduced Dr. Beacham and his attorney, Julie Mitchell. Dr. Beachan had executed a written agreement for this informal meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

Dr. Beacham addressed the Board and thanked them for the opportunity to discuss his proposal and how the clinic would be operated. Dr. Beacham discussed that there are no pain specialists to be backups in the Cleveland area and presented his proposal meeting as many of the Board's requirements as he could. Dr. Beacham stated that the APRNs will not be seeing new patients nor will they be performing any injections.

Following a brief discussion of 1.15 of the Board's rule and that it does not provide the Board to grant waivers, there was a brief discussion concerning how different individuals interpreted the Board's rule and the pain management practice requirements. The Board also addressed concerns of the APRNs using controlled medications when Dr. Beacham was not onsite.

At 11:45 a.m., Dr. Crawford made the motion that Board recess for lunch and then enter into Executive Session prior to returning. Dr. Miles seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Dr. Miles, seconded by Dr. Crawford, and carried the Board came out of Executive Session at which time Dr. Crawford asked Dr. Chance to report on the Board's decision. Dr. Chance advised that the Board will allow Dr. Beacham to have a free standing pain clinic in Cleveland with the existing backup arrangements and he will be required to include PMP data from his APRNs. Dr. Beacham is to return to the Board in six (6) months for review.

Dr. Easterling requested that the minutes reflect that he voted against the motion as he feels that the Board does not have the authority to waive the current rule.

# PERSONAL APPEARANCE BY THOMAS FLEISCHHAUER, M.D., BATESVILLE, MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL LICENSE NUMBER 19602, REQUEST RESTRICTIONS BE LIFTED

Mr. Ingram, Complaint Counsel for the Board, introduced Dr. Fleischhauer and advised that he was here today without legal counsel to request that all restrictions be removed from his Mississippi medical license. Mr. Ingram advised Dr. Fleischhauer that Ellen O'Neal, Assistant Attorney General, would like to question him regarding legal representation. Following questions from Ms. O'Neal, Dr. Fleischhauer stated that he wanted to waive his right to an attorney and proceed without legal counsel.

Mr. Ingram briefly summarized the Consent Order that Dr. Fleischhauer is currently under and advised that Dr. Fleischhauer is here today to request the lifting of all restrictions on his license. Mr. Ingram placed exhibits into the record.

Dr. Fleischhauer took the stand and was sworn in by the court reporter and then addressed the Board. Dr. Fleischhauer advised that he had met the requirements of his order and was here today requesting the lifting of all restrictions. Dr. Fleischhauer advised that his board certification was stripped and that he wants his license back unrestricted so that he can apply for board certification and become board certified again.

Following questions from Board members, Dr. Easterling noted an editorial error in Dr. Fleischhauer's letter requesting to appear concerning the schedule change of hydrocodone. Motion was made by Dr. Chance, seconded by Dr. Miles, and carried unanimously to remove all restrictions currently on Dr. Fleischhauer's license. A copy of the Order is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

A verbatim account of this proceeding was recorded by Amy Key, Court Reporter.

# PERSONAL APPEARANCE BY ED EGGER, M.D., RULEVILLE, MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL LICENSE NUMBER 06402, REQUEST RESTRICTIONS BE LIFTED

Mr. Ingram, Complaint Counsel for the Board, introduced Dr. Egger and advised that he was here today without legal counsel to request that all restrictions be removed from his Mississippi medical license. Mr. Ingram advised Dr. Egger that Ellen O'Neal, Assistant Attorney General, would like to question him regarding legal representation. Following questions from Ms. O'Neal, Dr. Egger stated that he wanted to waive his right to an attorney and proceed without legal counsel.

Mr. Ingram briefly summarized the Consent Order that Dr. Egger is currently under and advised that Dr. Egger is here today to request the lifting of all restrictions on his license. Mr. Ingram advised that Scott Hambleton, M.D., Medical Director of the Mississippi Professionals Health Program, (MPHP) was here today to advocate for Dr. Egger. Mr. Ingram then placed exhibits into the record.

Dr. Hambleton was called to the witness stand and was sworn in by the court reporter. Dr. Hambleton advised that Dr. Egger has had a long history with MPHP and that since 2010 he has complied with all of their requirements and that he was here today to advocate on Dr. Egger's behalf.

Several of the Board members questioned Dr. Hambleton before he stepped down from the witness stand.

Dr. Egger was called to the witness stand and was sworn in by the court reporter. Dr. Egger addressed the Board and made his request and thanked the Board and Dr. Hambleton for all that they had done for him over the years. Dr. Egger stated that he wanted the restrictions lifted for credentialing and personal reasons.

Following several questions from Board members, motion was made by Dr. Easterling, seconded by Dr. Miles, and carried unanimously to remove all the restrictions currently on Dr. Egger's license. A copy of the Order is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

A verbatim account of the proceeding was recorded by Amy Key, Court Reporter.

## HEARING IN THE CASE OF MICHAEL ALEX WHITE, M.D., COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL LICENSE NUMBER 11125, SUMMONS AND AFFIDAVIT

Mr. Ingram advised that Dr. White was not here today and had sent a letter requesting a Continuance due to an appeal he has in the 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeal concerning his DEA registration. Mr. Ingram advised that Dr. White wants the Board to place his matter in abeyance until the 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court rules, however, Mr. Ingram advised he disagreed and provided options for the Board. Mr. Ingram advised that Licensee did not receive the mandated thirty (30) days notice due to an error in the manner in which registered mail was delivered. Accordingly, the Board found it necessary to grant a Continuance until the next regularly scheduled meeting including a statement in the Continuance that no further continuances will be granted.

A copy of the Continuance is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

A verbatim account of this proceeding was recorded by Amy Key, Court Reporter.

# PERSONAL APPEARANCE BY STEVEN LINDSEY BAYER, M.D., NICEVILLE, FL, MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL LICENSE NUMBER 14718, DISCUSS PROPOSED CONSENT ORDER

Mr. Ingram advised that through Dr. Bayer's attorney, Doug Mercier, that Dr. Bayer would not be present today and had not signed the proposed consent order. Mr. Ingram advised that the matter needs to be referred back to Dr. Craig and the Investigative Staff for additional information and facts to be presented at a later meeting.

### HEARING IN THE CASE OF IKECHUKWU HYGINUS OKORIE, M.D., HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL LICENSE NUMBER 19875, SUMMONS AND AFFIDAVIT AND CONTINUANCE REQUEST

Mr. Ingram advised that through Dr. Okorie's attorney, Julie Mitchell, that a request for a Continuance and a date for a settlement conference had been received by the Board.

Motion was made by Dr. Clay, seconded by Dr. Chance, and carried to grant the Continuance until the September Board meeting. A copy of the Continuance is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

A verbatim account of this proceeding was recorded by Amy Key, Court Reporter.

# HEARING IN THE CASE OF STEVE MORRIS, III, M.D., WAVELAND, MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL LICENSE NUMBER 13836, SUMMONS AND AFFIDAVIT, CONTINUANCE REQUEST BY BOARD

Mr. Ingram advised that Dr. Morris is incarcerated pending federal criminal charges and has hired an out of state attorney. Mr. Ingram advised that through his attorney they had requested a continuance until such time as Dr. Morris is free to appear personally before the Board.

Motion was made by Dr. Clay, seconded by Dr. Chance, and carried to grant the continuance, provided that in the event Dr. Morris is granted bail and released that he shall not practice medicine until he has personally appeared before the Board to address this matter. A copy of the Continuance is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

A verbatim account of this proceeding was recorded by Amy Key, Court Reporter.

## FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY, RICHARD L. BUTLER, M.D., TUNICA, MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL LICENSE NUMBER 20163, VOLUNTARY SURRENDER

For informational purposes, Dr. Craig discussed an Order of Prohibition that had been issued and later rescinded due to a voluntary surrender. Dr. Craig advised that Dr. Butler is licensed in other states and that his attorney had advised the surrender was received at the Board prior to the Board's Order of Prohibition. At the present time, Dr. Butler has contested the notice to the National Practitioner Data Bank and the Federation of State Medical Boards. However, the Board is required to report any surrender or relinquishment of a license while licensee is subject to restrictions, in this case a Recovery Contract Agreement (RCA). The matter is now pending before the Chancery Court.

# FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY, THOMAS EDWARD PANICO, M.D., OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL LICENSE NUMBER 20882, ORDER OF PROHIBITION

For informational purposes, Dr. Craig covered the Order of Prohibition and stated that at the current time he is unsure if Dr. Panico will appeal/request a hearing on the Order of Prohibition. Also, Dr. Craig advised at the present time Dr. Panico is not able to practice medicine.

# FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY, STEPHEN W. MCAULIFFE, D.O., BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL LICENSE NUMBER 14725, SURRENDER WHILE UNDER INVESTIGATION

For informational purposes, Dr. Craig advised that the Board had received a surrender from Dr. McAuliffee while he was under investigation by the Board.

## WITHDRAWAL OF BOARD'S PROPOSED REGULATION CONCERNING TITLE, 30, PART 2635, CHAPTER 5, PRACTICE OF TELEMEDICINE

As an update, Dr. Craig advised that the Board had withdrawn the proposed regulation concerning the practice of telemedicine and are currently working with a group on an Economic Impact Statement.

## REQUEST FROM DEREK SUTHERLAND CONCERNING THE BOARD'S RULE FOR THE USE OF LASERS

Dr. Craig discussed an email received from Mr. Sutherland, Alabama's regulation that he included, as well as the Board's current regulation. Dr. Craig also discussed a letter the Board received from The American Board of Laser Surgery.

Following a brief discussion, the Board agreed that their position as it relates to our current regulations require that a physician must be on premises who is involved in the evaluation and treatment of an individual where a laser or pulsed light device is used. The Board requested that Dr. Craig advise Mr. Sutherland of their position.

## REQUEST FROM WENDELL HUGHES GLOVER, M.D., BRANDON, MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL LICENSE NUMBER 11734

Dr. Craig briefly covered a waiver request received from Dr. Glover. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed that all the charges are allowed in statute and that the Board does not have the authority to waive them. The Board requested that Dr. Craig advise Dr. Glover that she will be expected to pay all the fees for reinstatement and renewal.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

### REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS BY ALI DODGE-KHATAMI, M.D., PhD, APPLICANT

Dr. Brunson briefly discussed Dr. Dodge-Khatami's request for a waiver on some of the Board's licensure requirements in order that he could receive a permanent

license. Following discussion, the Board agreed that Dr. Dodge-Khatami complete the application process and then have it approved by the Board at that time.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m., with the next meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 17, 2015. There was a brief discussion concerning a possible Tri-Regulatory Workshop on the morning of the Executive Committee meeting, but that will be finalized later.

Virginia M. Crawford, M.D

President

Minutes taken and transcribed by Sherry H. Pilgrim Staff Officer July 16, 2015

# EXECUTIVE SESSION MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE July 16, 2015

AGENDA ITEM: Discuss recommendations from the Executive Committee concerning Dr. Vega and Dr. Striegel

In a motion made by Dr. Easterling, seconded by Dr. Chance, and carried the Board entered Executive Session to discuss decisions of the Executive Committee. Dr. Vega's use of laser treatments was discussed. Also, Dr. Striegel and his collaborative agreements regarding APRNs who work outside of his practice was discussed. The Board voted to amend the recommendation for Dr. Striegel to include that he **not** be allowed to have collaborative agreements with APRNs outside of his office until he **both takes the course and returns before the Executive Committee.** 

<u>VOTE</u> :	<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Claude D. Brunson, M.D.	X			
Rickey L. Chance, D.O. John C. Clay, M.D.	X X			
Virginia M. Crawford, M.D.	X			
S. Randall Easterling, M.D.	Χ			
C. Ken Lippincott, M.D.	Х			
William S. Mayo, D.O.				X
Charles D. Miles, M.D	Х			
J. Ann Rea, M.D.				Х

With a motion by Dr. Easterling, seconded by Dr. Miles, the Board came out of Executive Session.

Virginia M. Crawford M.D.

President

# EXECUTIVE SESSION MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE July 16, 2015

AGENDA ITEM: Personal appearance by Robert K. Ozon, M.D.

In a motion made by Dr. Crawford, seconded by Dr. Easterling, and carried the Board denies Dr. Ozon's request to lift restrictions on his license. Dr. Ozon was advised that he could return to the Board in one (1) year to re-petition the Board for removal of the restrictions.

<u>VOTE</u> :	FOR	AGAINST	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Claude D. Brunson, M.D.	X			
Rickey L. Chance, D.O.	X			
John C. Clay, M.D.	X			
Virginia M. Crawford, M.D.	X			
S. Randall Easterling, M.D.	Χ			
C. Ken Lippincott, M.D.	X			
William S. Mayo, D.O.				Х
Charles D. Miles, M.D	Χ			
J. Ann Rea, M.D.				Χ

With a motion by Dr. Easterling, seconded by Dr. Miles, the Board came out of Executive Session.

Virginia M. Crawford/ M

President

OF

#### ROBERT KENT OZON, M.D.

### ORDER DENYING REMOVAL OF LICENSURE RESTRICTIONS

THIS MATTER came on regularly for hearing on July 16, 2015, before the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure (hereinafter "Board"), pursuant to Title 73, Chapter 25 of Mississippi Code (1972) Annotated. Robert Kent Ozon, M.D., (hereinafter "Licensee") initiated these proceedings on June 25, 2015, by submitting his request for removal of all restrictions on his license imposed by virtue of that certain Consent Order with the Board, dated November 13, 2013, wherein Licensee was prohibited from collaborating with any mid-level providers, including APRN's, CRNA's and PA's for a minimum of one (1) year and further required to complete continuing medical education in the area of prescribing controlled substances.

Licensee was present without counsel. Complaint Counsel for the Board was Honorable Stan T. Ingram. Sitting as legal advisor to the Board was Honorable Ellen O'Neal, Assistant Attorney General. Board members present for the proceedings were Virginia Crawford, M.D.; President, Claude D. Brunson, M.D.; S. Randall Easterling, M.D.; Rickey L. Chance, D.O.; Charles D. Miles, M.D.; Ken Lippincott, M.D. and John Clay, M.D.

Based on the exhibits introduced and testimony presented, the Board finds that Licensee has failed to comply with the rules and regulations governing physician collaboration with mid-level providers and still lacks the basic understanding and insight

needed to properly collaborate with mid-level providers. During the hearing, Licensee acknowledged that during the past several years he did not collaborate with nurse practitioners, yet permitted an APRN to perform invasive procedures in his office utilizing an emergency room physician as the primary collaborator who had little or no training in that particular procedure. Further, as evident from his testimony, Licensee continues to express very little, if any insight as to the need for the collaborating physician to be properly trained in those procedures and practice area of the APRN.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, that the request of Robert Kent Ozon, M.D. for removal of restrictions on his license is hereby denied. Dr. Ozon shall have the right, but not the obligation, to petition for reconsideration after expiration of at least one (1) year from the date of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that pursuant to Section 73-25-27, a copy of this Order shall be sent by registered mail or personally served upon Robert Kent Ozon, M.D.

**SO ORDERED**, this the 16th day of July, 2015.

MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

BY:

IRGINIA CRAWFORD, M.D. PRESIDENT

#### AGREEMENT TO APPEAR INFORMALLY BEFORE BOARD BY CURRENT LICENSEE

I, **Timothy Beacham, M.D.**, have requested an opportunity to appear informally before the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure (hereinafter "Board") to discuss the pending investigation of my license by the Board, the grounds if any for disciplinary action, and possible resolution of the same. It is the purpose of the informal meeting to discuss the facts of the case, to give me an opportunity to ask questions of the Board or its staff, and to give the Board or its staff an opportunity to ask questions of me. Because the meeting is informal, no disciplinary action will be taken without my express written consent. In so doing, I have been advised and understand the following:

- During the meeting, the Board may or may not be represented by legal counsel.
   Notwithstanding, I understand that I have a right, if I so choose, to employ legal counsel and have counsel present during the informal meeting.
- I authorize the Board Members to review and examine any statements, documentary evidence, or materials concerning the possible grounds for disciplinary action against my license.
- 3. Because the purpose of my appearance is to avoid a hearing before the Board, I agree that presentation to and consideration by the Board of any facts, matters, and documents pertaining to my case shall not unfairly or illegally prejudice the Board members from further participation or consideration in the event a formal hearing is later conducted. Stated differently, in the event the pending matter is not resolved following my appearance before the Board, I will not object to any of the Board members from further participating in subsequent meetings or hearings that may be conducted in relation to this matter.

4.	By signing my name in the space provided below, I hereby authorize the Board to proceed with the informal appearance, subject to the stipulations and understandings as noted above. I have elected to proceed:  with legal counsel present (name of counsel:
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# EXECUTIVE SESSION MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE July 16, 2015

AGENDA ITEM: Discuss request from Timothy Beacham, M.D.

In a motion made by Dr. Crawford, seconded by Dr. Clay, and carried the Board advised to allow Dr. Beacham a free standing clinic in Cleveland with the existing backup arrangements. Dr. Beacham will be required to include Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) data for his APRNs. Also, Dr. Beacham is to return in 6 months to the Board for review.

<u>VOTE</u> :	<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Claude D. Brunson, M.D.	Χ			
Rickey L. Chance, D.O.	Χ			
John C. Clay, M.D.	Χ			
Virginia M. Crawford, M.D.	Χ		•	
S. Randall Easterling, M.D.		X		
C. Ken Lippincott, M.D.	Χ			
William S. Mayo, D.O.				Χ
Charles D. Miles, M.D	X			
J. Ann Rea, M.D.				X

With a motion by Dr. Miles, seconded by Dr. Crawford, the Board came out of Executive Session.

Virginia M. Crawford (M.D

President

OF

#### THOMAS FRAZEE FLEISCHHAUER, M.D.

#### ORDER

THIS MATTER came on regularly for hearing on July 16, 2015, before the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, in response to the petition of Thomas Frazee Fleischhauer, M.D., (hereinafter "Licensee"), seeking removal of all restrictions on his license to practice medicine in the State of Mississippi. By virtue of that certain Order dated March 22, 2012, Licensee's certificate to practice medicine in the State of Mississippi was prohibited from prescribing, administering or dispensing controlled substances in Schedules II and IIN except that which may be only administered or dispensed to patients duly admitted to and treated within the confines of a hospital or hospital emergency department. After expiration of six (6) months Licensee had the right to petition the Board for reinstatement of prescriptive authority, provided Licensee reimburse the Board for all costs incurred in the matter and complete certain continuing medical education. In support of Licensee's request for removal of restrictions, the Board has been submitted proof that Licensee has complied with all terms of the aforementioned Consent Order. Therefore, the Board, after hearing said request, finds the same to be well-taken.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that Licensee's request for removal of all restrictions is hereby granted. Licensee now holds an unrestricted license to practice medicine in the State of Mississippi.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. Section 73-25-27 (1972), a copy of this Order shall be sent by registered mail or personally served upon, Thomas Frazee Fleischhauer, M.D.

ORDERED, this the 16th of July, 2015.

MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

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VIRGINIA M. CRAWFORD, M.D.

**PRESIDENT** 

**OF** 

#### EDWIN GROVER EGGER, M.D.

#### **ORDER**

THIS MATTER came on regularly for hearing on July 16, 2015, before the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, in response to the petition of Edwin Grover Egger, M.D., (hereinafter "Licensee"), seeking removal of all restrictions on his license to practice medicine in the State of Mississippi. By virtue of that certain Consent Order dated July 22, 2010, Licensee's certificate to practice medicine in the State of Mississippi was not permitted to order, manufacture, distribute, possess, dispense, administer, or prescribe controlled substances in Schedules II, IIN, III, IIIN, or IV on an out-patient basis. Licensee's issuance of prescriptions for controlled substances on an out-patient basis was limited to Schedule V. Additionally, Licensee was not permitted to order or manufacture, distribute, possess, dispense, administer or prescribe the medications Stadol and Nubain, Tramadol (Ultram), Carisoprodol (Soma) or Butalbital or their generic equivalents, in any form without prior authorization by the Board. After expiration of five (5) years Licensee had the right to petition the Board for reinstatement of prescriptive authority, provided Licensee affiliated with the Mississippi Physicians Health Program, comply with all affiliation requirements and complete certain continuing medical education. In support of Licensee's request for removal of restrictions, the Board has been submitted proof that Licensee has complied with all terms of the aforementioned Consent Order. Therefore, the Board, after hearing said request, finds the same to be well-taken.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that Licensee's request for removal of all restrictions is hereby granted. Licensee now holds an unrestricted license to practice medicine in the State of Mississippi.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. Section 73-25-27 (1972), a copy of this Order shall be sent by registered mail or personally served upon, Edwin Grover Egger, M.D.

**ORDERED**, this the 16<sup>th</sup> of July, 2015.

MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

BY:

VIRGINIA M. CRAWFORD, M.D.

**PRESIDENT** 

OF

MICHAEL ALEX WHITE, M.D.

ORDER OF CONTINUANCE

THIS MATTER came on regularly for hearing on July 16, 2015, before the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure in response to a request for continuance of the hearing set for this date filed by Michael Alex White, M.D., (hereinafter "Licensee"). Licensee requested this matter be continued until such time as he obtains a decision on his appeal to the 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans from the denial controlled substances privileges by

the US Drug Enforcement Administration;

Licensee was not present nor represented by counsel. After consideration of the motion and arguments of counsel, the Board does not find the motion as presented by Licensee, to be well taken. However, the Board is advised that Licensee did not receive the mandated thirty (30) days notice due to an error in the manner in which registered mail was delivered. Accordingly, the Board finds it necessary to grant a continuance, to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED, that this matter is continued until September 17, 2015. No further continuances will be granted.

**SO ORDERED**, this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015.

MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

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/IRGINIA M. CRAWFORD, M.D

**PRESIDENT** 

OF

#### IKECHUKWU HYGINUS OKORIE, M.D.

#### **ORDER OF CONTINUANCE**

THIS MATTER came on regularly for hearing on July 16, 2015, before the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure in response to a request for continuance of the hearing set for this date filed by Ikechukwu Hyginus Okorie, M.D., (hereinafter "Licensee") through his attorney, Julie Mitchell. After consideration of the matter, the Board finds Licensee's motion to be well taken.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED, that this matter is continued until September 17, 2015.

**ORDERED**, this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015.

Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure

Virginia M. Crawford, M.D.

**President** 

BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE
IN THE MATTER OF THE PHYSICIAN'S LICENSE

OF

STEVE MORRIS, III, M.D.

ORDER OF CONTINUANCE

THIS MATTER came on regularly for hearing on July 16, 2015, before the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, in response to a request for continuance of the hearing set for this date by Steve Morris, III, M.D., (hereinafter "Licensee") through his attorney, Michael Fawar. Licensee is currently incarcerated and therefore unable to attend the proceeding; and is attempting to engage Mississippi counsel to represent him in this matter. Licensee's criminal counsel (Louisiana) has further represented to the Board that Licensee will not be practicing medicine due to his incarceration. After consideration of the matter, the Board finds Licensee's

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED, that this matter is continued until the next available Board meeting that Licensee is free to appear personally before the Board.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that in the event Licensee is granted bail and released from incarceration, he shall <u>not</u> practice medicine in the state of Mississippi pending the outcome of this matter.

**EXECUTED**, this the 16th day of July, 2015.

motion to be well taken.

MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

VIRGINIA CRAWFORD, M.D., RRE