

**MINUTES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE
NOVEMBER 11, 2015**

MEMBERS 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

ALSO PRESENT:

H. Vann Craig, M.D., Director
Stan T. Ingram, Complaint Counsel for the Board
Ellen O'Neal, Special 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
Jonathan Dalton, Staff Officer, Investigative Division
Sherry H. Pilgrim, Staff Officer

The Executive Committee of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure met on Wednesday, November 11, 2015, at 1:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Office of the Board located at 1867 Crane Ridge Drive, Jackson, Mississippi.

**PERSONAL APPEARANCE BY LYNDA GENTCHEV, M.D., FT. WAYNE, IN,
APPLICANT**

Dr. Craig advised that Dr. Gentchev had been invited to appear today to discuss her application and why it took her fifteen (15) years and three (3) months to complete all parts of the USMLE.

Dr. Gentchev joined the meeting and was not represented by legal counsel. Dr. Gentchev had executed a written agreement for this informal meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

After introductions, Dr. Craig briefly discussed the concerns with Dr. Gentchev's application and asked her to address the matter for the Executive Committee. Dr. Gentchev advised that she was an only child and due to both of her parents having serious illnesses, that she went home to care for them. Also, after being away she took a two (2) year fellowship in pathology.

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After a brief discussion, motion was made by Dr. Chance, seconded by Dr. Miles, and carried that the Board grant Dr. Gentchev a waiver as extenuating circumstances did exist during her residency.

Dr. Gentchev thanked the Executive Committee and advised that she plans to work in New Albany.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE BY WILLIAM L. STRIEGEL, M.D., OCEAN SPRINGS, MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL LICENSE NUMBER 10164

Dr. Craig advised that Dr. Striegel was at the Executive Committee meeting in July pertaining to his nurse practitioner collaborations and had requested to appear today. Dr. Craig stated that the documentation that he has sent the Board meets the Executive Committee's requests from the July visit.

Dr. Striegel joined the meeting and was not represented by legal counsel. Dr. Striegel had executed a written agreement for this informal meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

After introductions, Dr. Striegel addressed the Executive Committee and briefly covered the CME's that he had taken and what he had learned since his last visit before the Executive Committee.

Following several questions from the Executive Committee members, motion was made by Dr. Chance, seconded by Dr. Miles, and carried that Dr. Striegel has complied with the Board's request.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE BY ALLEN GERSH, M.D., HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL LICENSE NUMBER 07885

Dr. Craig advised that Dr. Gersh, Medical Director of the Hattiesburg Clinic, had asked to appear before the Executive Committee after Dr. Conerly's visit at the September 16, 2015, Executive Committee to address concerns of the Board, mainly with the protocols being used.

Dr. Gersh and Lisa Freeman, RN, Clinic Risk Management and Compliance Officer, at the Hattiesburg Clinic joined the meeting and were not represented by legal counsel. Dr. Gersh had executed a written agreement for this informal meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

Dr. Gersh explained how new and refill medications as well as e-prescriptions are being handled in their offices. The issue with allowing staff to access the

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physician's electronic medical records was also discussed. Dr. Gersh advised that they had addressed the issue with Dr. Conerly's protocol not being approved. Dr. Gersh also briefly discussed the protocols that are now in place in the clinic and provided the Executive Committee members with a copy.

Dr. Crawford thanked Dr. Gersh for appearing today and advised that they will discuss the matter with the full Board on Thursday and advise him of their decision.

REQUEST FROM LEGACY HOSPICE BY BERT M. GUY, ESQ., AND BOBBY T. WILLIAMS, PhD., BIRMINGHAM, AL

Dr. Craig advised that Dr. Williams is the medical director for Legacy Hospice at several Alabama locations and that they had requested to appear due to concerns that they have with the Board's current rules and regulations concerning prescribing.

Dr. Williams and Mr. Guy addressed the Executive Committee and thanked them for allowing them to appear and discuss their problems. They discussed the issues from the patient's perspective and how the regulations are affecting the patients. Dr. Craig advised them that the Board of Health regulates the hospices in Mississippi. Dr. Williams advised that he was aware of that and said that patients deserve to not be in pain and wanted the medical director to be able to provide patients with pain medications without a prior exam/evaluation by a physician. Dr. Williams advised that all the prescriptions have **HOSPICE** written on the prescription and that pushes it through the system in Alabama.

After a brief discussion, Dr. Crawford thanked them for appearing today and advised that the Board is currently working on a hospice regulation. Also, Dr. Crawford advised that the Board will take their comments into consideration.

DISCUSS REQUEST FROM PA BRIAN TESNAR, PENSACOLA, FL, PA LICENSE NUMBER 00252

Dr. Craig briefly discussed the request received from PA Tesnar concerning eighteen (18) members of the Emergency Room Group at Singing River Hospital and how Mr. Tesnar wanted approval for all of them to be on his protocol, so that he could work with any of the physicians in the emergency room.

After a brief discussion, the Executive Committee agreed that each request should be addressed on a case by case basis. There was further discussion about approving a group or a hospital group. The Executive Committee advised that the individual names would need to be listed on the request and that it was the responsibility of the mid-level practitioner to keep the board informed of any changes.

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PRESENTATION - MISSISSIPPI INTERACTIVE - MSBML WEBSITE AND LICENSING APPLICATIONS PROJECT PROPOSAL

Dr. Craig advised the Executive Committee that the state's IT would no longer provide services from the Board after December 2016, and that Mississippi Interactive had been invited to address the Executive Committee with their proposal.

Arlene Davis, IT Director, addressed the Executive Committee and introduced Tyler Young, Project Manager, and Drew Levanway, Director of Operations, with Mississippi Interactive. They provided the Committee with a presentation of their proposal. They briefly discussed the development of web applications and how they plan to develop a custom set of applications for the Board. Also, they advised that they are the State's approved partner for eGovernment services, and there would be no need to bid any service under their model.

Following their presentation and several questions from the Executive Committee, Dr. Crawford thanked them for coming today.

Ms. Davis then addressed the Executive Committee and responded to Mississippi Interactive's proposal. Ms. Davis advised the GL Solutions is another provider that she has been reviewing and plans to talk with eSoftware next week.

**DR. MILES EXITED THE MEETING AT 3:40 P.M.
DR. CRAIG EXITED THE MEETING AT 3:45 P.M.**

REVIEW OF NOVEMBER 12, 2015, BOARD AGENDA

Dr. Crawford briefly covered the agenda for tomorrow's meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.



**VIRGINIA M. CRAWFORD, M.D.
President**

Minutes taken and transcribed
by Sherry H. Pilgrim
Staff Officer
November 11, 2015

**AGREEMENT TO APPEAR INFORMALLY BEFORE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
BY APPLICANT FOR LICENSURE**

I, **Lynda Gentchev, M.D.**, have requested an opportunity to appear informally before the Executive Committee of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure (hereinafter "Board") to discuss my pending application for a Mississippi medical license, the current investigation being conducted by the Board, possible grounds for denial, and possible resolution of the matter. 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 Committee or its staff, and to give the Committee 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:

1. During the meeting, the Executive Committee 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.
2. I authorize the Committee Members to review and examine any statements, documentary evidence, or materials concerning the possible grounds for denial of licensure during my informal appearance.
3. Because the purpose of my appearance is to avoid a hearing before the Board, I agree that presentation to and consideration by the Committee of any facts, matters, and documents pertaining to my case shall not unfairly or illegally prejudice the Committee members from further participation or consideration in the event a formal show cause hearing is later conducted. Stated differently, in the event the pending matter is not resolved following my appearance before the Committee, I will not object to any of the Committee 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 Executive Committee 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: _____)

without legal counsel present

EXECUTED, this the 11 day of November, 2015.

Lynda Gentchev MD

APPLICANT

Lynda Gentchev MD

NAME PRINTED

Witness:

Jennifer Skider

**AGREEMENT TO APPEAR INFORMALLY BEFORE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
BY CURRENT LICENSEE**

I, **William Striegel, M.D.**, have asked to appear informally before the Executive Committee of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure (hereinafter "Board") to discuss issues which may relate to my practice and possible 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 Committee or its staff, and to give the Committee 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:

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2. I authorize the Committee 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 Committee of any facts, matters, and documents pertaining to my case shall not unfairly or illegally prejudice the Committee 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 Committee, I will not object to any of the Committee members from further participating in subsequent meetings or hearings that may be conducted in relation to this matter.
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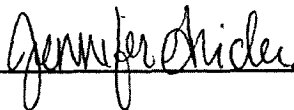
without legal counsel present

EXECUTED, this the 11 day of Nov, 2015.



LICENSEE

Witness:



**AGREEMENT TO APPEAR INFORMALLY BEFORE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
BY CURRENT LICENSEE**

I, **Allen Gersh, M.D.**, have been asked to appear informally before the Executive Committee of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure (hereinafter "Board") to discuss issues which may relate to my practice and possible 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 Committee or its staff, and to give the Committee 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:

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4. By signing my name in the space provided below, I hereby authorize the Executive Committee 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: _____)

without legal counsel present

EXECUTED, this the 12 day of Nov, 2015.

Allen Gersh
LICENSEE

Witness:

Jennifer Shuler