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NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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A meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners was held on Wednesday, June 13, 2012 at the Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex, 25 Market Street, 4th Floor Conference Center, Trenton, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order by President Paul T. Jordan, M.D.

Board Members Berkowitz, Criss, DeGregorio, Jordan, Krauss, Lomazow, Maffei, Rajput, Rock, Scott and Walsh.

EXCUSED

Board Members Cheema, Ciechanowski, Howard, Mendelowitz, Paul, Stanley, Tedeschi and Weiss.

ALSO PRESENT

Acting Director Joyce, Acting Assistant Director Puteska, Senior Deputy Attorneys General Dick, Flanzman and Gelber, Deputy Attorneys General Ehrenkrantz, Levine, Hafner, Ricketts and Warhaftig, William V. Roeder, Executive Director of the Medical Board and Harry Lessig, M.D., Medical Director.

STATEMENT CONCERNING THE ANNUAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

The requirements of the "Open Public Meetings Act" were satisfied by notice of this meeting given in the annual notice adopted by the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners on October 12, 2011 which was transmitted to the ATLANTIC CITY PRESS, STAR LEDGER, CAMDEN COURIER POST, ASBURY PARK PRESS, BERGEN RECORD and the TRENTON TIMES, all on the 20th day of October 2011.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Jordan announced that just prior to the start of the meeting, he received word that Dr. Baker resigned his position on the Board. Dr. Jordan, on behalf of the entire membership, thanked Dr. Baker for his service and wished him well.

The Nominating Committee announced the slate of officers for the July 2012 Elections:

President - Dr. George J. Scott, D.P.M., D.O.

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Vice - President - Dr. Stewart Berkowitz, M.D.

Secretary - Dr. H. Mahmood Cheema, M.D.

Treasurer - Dr. John B. Tedeschi, M.D.

Additional Nominations will be taken from the floor at next month's elections.

MINUTES THE BOARD, UPON MOTION MADE AND SECONDED, VOTED TO APPROVE THE APRIL 26, 2012 ELECTROLOGIST ADVISORY COMMITTEE PUBLIC MINUTES.

NEW BUSINESS

I. LEGISLATION

A2752 Seeks to impose certain restrictions concerning healthcare disclosures and transparency concerning health benefits plans.

THE BOARD, UPON MOTION MADE AND SECONDED, VOTED TO SUPPORT THE CONCEPT OF THE LEGISLATION AS IT APPEARED TO BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF PATIENTS. IT QUESTIONED, HOWEVER, THE BURDEN THAT SOME OF THE DISCLOSURES WOULD PLACE ON PRACTITIONERS.

The Motion was made by Dr. Berkowitz and seconded by Dr. Lomazow. It carried unanimously.

A2782 Seeks to revise the "Radiologic Technologist Act" to include additional specialty designation of radiology practitioner assistant.

THE BOARD, UPON MOTION MADE AND SECONDED, VOTED TO OPPOSE THIS BILL AS IT DOES NOT APPEAR THAT THE RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGIST HAVE SUFFICIENT EDUCATION AND TRAINING TO EXPAND TO THIS SCOPE OF

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PRACTICE.

The Motion was made by Dr. Rajput and seconded by Mr. Walsh. It carried unanimously.

SI989 Seeks to require that medical bills be standardized and accompanied by explanatory disclosure form

THE BOARD, UPON MOTION MADE AND SECONDED, VOTED TO SUPPORT THE BILL IN CONCEPT AS IT BELIEVED THAT IT WOULD ASSIST THE PATIENT, HOWEVER, IT FURTHER BELIEVED THAT ITS SCOPE AND DEMANDS REQUIRED OF LICENSEES WAS SOMEWHAT BURDENSOME AND ONEROUS.

Dr. Berkowitz made the motion which was seconded by Dr. Rajput. It carried unanimously.

SI902 Seeks to provide for issuance of certificate of rehabilitation to certain offenders with substance abuse disorders.

THE BOARD, UPON MOTION MADE AND SECONDED, VOTED TO OPPOSE THE BILL BECAUSE IT WOULD REMOVE OR LIMIT THE BOARD'S ABILITY TO MAKE AN INDIVIDUAL DETERMIANTION IN DECIDING LICENSURE OR RENEWAL DECISIONS.

Dr. Lomazow made the motion, which was seconded by Dr. Rajput. It carried with 11 in favor and one opposed.

II. **Steroid Prescribing and
Proposal of New Rule**

A Physicians' Expert Advisory Working Group ("Working Group") comprised of physicians, including Dr. Mendelowitz, with expertise in endocrinology and integrative medicine has been considering a number of options for modifying the current regulatory structure to prevent improper prescribing of steroids, human growth hormone and other hormones. Attached for

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consideration were the recommendations of the Attorney General's Steroids Study Group report dated July 7, 2011 included initiating an effort to review the Board's current rule, N.J.A.C. 13:35-7.9, to determine if amendments should be pursued to better address the prescribing of steroids and human grown hormone.

THE BOARD, UPON MOTION MADE AND SECONDED, VOTED TO AMEND THE PROPOSED DEFINITION OF HUMAN GROWTH HORMONE WITH THE ADDITIONAL PHRASE "OR ITS SIMILAR ANALOG OR BIOLOGICAL EQUIVALENT." WITH THE AMENDMENT, IT VOTED TO PUBLISH THE PROPOSAL IN THE *NEW JERSEY REGISTER* FOR NOTICE AND COMMENT.

The Motion was made by Dr. Scott, seconded by Ms. Criss, and it carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing.

INFORMATIONAL

Nothing.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Jordan, M.D.
Board President

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