MINUTES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE NOVEMBER 13, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeanne Ann Rea, M.D., Columbus, President David W. McClendon, Jr., M.D., Ocean Springs, Vice President Michelle Y. Owens, M.D., Jackson, Secretary

ALSO PRESENT:

Stan T. Ingram, Complaint Counsel for the Board
Gloria Green, Special Assistant Attorney General
Kenneth Cleveland, Executive Director
Mike Lucius, Deputy Director
Anna Boone, Interim Director, Licensure Division
Leslie Ross, Director of Investigations
Kristin Wallace, Clinical Director of Physician Compliance
Jonathan Dalton, Investigations Supervisor
Frances Carrillo, Staff Officer
Major General (Ret.) Erik Hearon, Consumer Health Member
Shoba Gaymes, Jackson, Consumer Health Committee

The Executive Committee of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure met on Wednesday, November 13, 2019, 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 ZILIN WANG, M.D., MADISON, MS MEDICAL LICENSE NUMBER 19834

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

Following introductions, Mr. Dalton was asked to summarize the case regarding Dr. Wang's practice in Chelation Therapy. Dr. Wang is treating patients for heavy metals with Chelation Therapy and he is involved in a trial sanctioned by NIH but did not obtain prior Board approval as is required by regulation. Also, beyond the trial Dr. Wang is treating patients outside of the trial protocol for research.

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Dr. Cleveland added that Dr. Wang was requested to appear to discuss his practice in Chelation Therapy and to obtain the necessary approval to continue the NIH Chelation Therapy clinical trial as stipulated in the regulation, Chelation Therapy, Part 2635, Chapter 4 of the Administrative Code.

After discussion and questions from the Executive Committee, a motion was made by Dr. McClendon, seconded by Dr. Owens and carried to close the meeting to consider whether to enter into executive session on this matter.

A motion was made by Dr. McClendon, seconded by Dr. Rea and carried that the Executive Committee enter into executive session for the purpose of considering Licensee's request to continue the Chelation Therapy and to continue to treat patients outside of the clinical trial protocol.

Upon a motion by Dr. Owens seconded by Dr. McClendon and carried the Executive Committee came out of executive session at which time Dr. Rea asked Dr. Owens to report on its decision. Dr. Owens reported that the Executive Committee will recommend to the Board that 1) Licensee's request to continue participation in the NIH sponsored TAC2 trial is Approved. 2) His request to treat patients with chelation therapy outside of the study protocol is Denied and 3) Licensee's compliance with the Chelation regulation Part 2635, Chapter 4, Dr. Wang will be issued a public letter of concern and it will be strongly suggested that he attend a Board approved CME course in ethics.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE BY ERIC ZOOG, M.D., BRANDON, MS MEDICAL LICENSE NUMBER 16418

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

Following introductions, Dr. Cleveland advised that Dr. Zoog is requesting for the Board to lift the restriction of collaboration with mid-level providers. These restrictions were part of a consent order where Licensee failed to keep proper documentation of collaboration.

After discussion and questions from the Executive Committee, a motion was made by Dr. McClendon, seconded by Dr. Owens and carried to recommend to the Board to approve the request of Licensee to lift the restrictions regarding collaboration with midlevel providers.

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REVIEW OF THE NOVEMBER 14, 2019, BOARD AGENDA

The agenda for the Board Meeting was briefly discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Jeanne Ann Rea, MD

President

Minutes taken and transcribed By Frances Carrillo Staff Officer November 13, 2019

AGREEMENT TO APPEAR INFORMALLY BEFORE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BY CURRENT LICENSEE

- I, **Zilin Wang, 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:
 - 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 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.
 - 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.

By signing my name in the space provided below, I hereby authorize the Executive

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without legal counsel present

EXECUTED, this the 13 day of 1, 2019.

LICENSEE:

WITNESS:

AGREEMENT TO APPEAR INFORMALLY BEFORE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BY CURRENT LICENSEE

- I, **Eric Zoog, MD** 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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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 13th day of November, 2019.

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LICENSEE:

WITNESS:

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

OF

ERIC ZOOG, M.D.

ORDER REMOVING ALL RESTRICTIONS

THIS MATTER came on regularly for hearing on November 14, 2019 before the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, in response to the petition of Eric Zoog, M.D. (hereinafter "Licensee"), seeking removal of all restrictions on his license to the practice medicine in the State of Mississippi. By virtue of that certain Consent Order dated July 19, 2018, certain restrictions were imposed on Licensee's certificate to practice medicine in the state of Mississippi. The Board is now in receipt of proof that all requirements, including Continuing Medical Education have been satisfied. 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 on his license to practice medicine is hereby granted. Licensee now holds an unrestricted license to practice medicine in the State of Mississippi.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. Section 73-25-27, a copy of this Order shall be sent by registered mail or personally served upon Eric Zoog, M.D.

ORDERED, this the 14th day of November, 2019.

MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE