

**MINUTES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE
JANUARY 13, 2016**

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, January 13, 2016, at 1:05 p.m. in the Board Room of the Office of the Board located at 1867 Crane Ridge Drive, Jackson, Mississippi.

DISCUSS APPLICATION FOR TANYA SCURRY, M.D., FONTANA, CA, APPLICANT

Dr. Craig briefly discussed the licensure application for Dr. Scurry and advised that she practices psychiatry and wishes to practice telepsychiatry in Mississippi but does not intend on relocating here. Dr. Craig briefly discussed Dr. Scurry's education and several issues with her application.

Following a brief discussion, motion was made by Dr. Crawford, seconded by Dr. Chance, that the Executive Committee recommend to the full Board that we grant Dr. Scurry a Mississippi medical license.

**PERSONAL APPEARANCE BY WILLIAM E. OWENS, M.D., CORINTH, MISSISSIPPI
MEDICAL LICENSE 18354**

Dr. Craig advised that Dr. Owens had requested to appear before the Executive Committee since he had completed the courses that the Board had required him to complete. Dr. Craig also reminded the Executive Committee that Dr. Owens had been invited to appear before them several months ago when it was discovered that personnel in his office was using a stamp signature on prescriptions without his

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knowledge.

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

After introductions, Dr. Craig advised Dr. Owens that the floor was his to discuss what he had learned from the required courses. Dr. Owens thanked the Executive Committee and discussed the safeguards he now has in place and advised that he is using the Prescription Monitoring Program regularly. Dr. Owens talked about how much he had learned from the required classes and how beneficial this knowledge will be to him going forward in his practice.

Following several questions from the Executive Committee, motion was made by Dr. Crawford, seconded by Dr. Chance and carried that the Executive Committee is satisfied that Dr. Owens has met all the requirements requested by the Board.

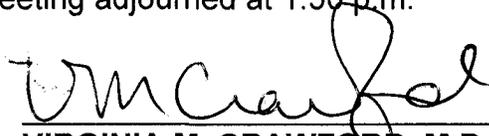
DISCUSS OUT-OF-STATE PHYSICIANS COLLABORATING WITH IN-STATE APRNS

Dr. Craig briefly discussed that recently the Board has been receiving collaborative requests from out-of-state physicians wishing to collaborate with in-state APRNs. Dr. Craig discussed several concerns that he and the Collaborative Review Panel have with the request.

Following a brief discussion, the Executive Committee advised that as long as the out-of-state physician has an unrestricted license that they should be allowed to collaborate with an in-state APRN as long as they comply with all of the Board's rules and regulations concerning collaborations. It was noted that this does not apply to free standing clinic requests for the same situation.

REVIEW OF JANUARY 14, 2016, BOARD AGENDA

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.



VIRGINIA M. CRAWFORD, M.D.
President

Minutes taken and transcribed
by Sherry H. Pilgrim
Staff Officer
January 13, 2016

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

I, **William Owens, 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:

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.
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 13th day of January, 2016.



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