# MINUTES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE MAY 13, 2015

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Virginia M. Crawford, M.D., Hattiesburg, President William S. Mayo, D.O., Oxford, Vice President Charles D. Miles, M.D., West Point, Secretary

#### **ALSO PRESENT:**

H. Vann Craig, M.D., Director Stan T. Ingram, Complaint Counsel for the Board Rhonda Freeman, Bureau Director, Licensure Division Thomas Washington, Bureau Director, Investigative Division Frances Carrillo, Special Projects Officer, Investigative Division Jonathan Dalton, Staff Officer, Investigative Division Sherry H. Pilgrim, Staff Officer

#### **NOT PRESENT:**

Ellen O'Neal, Assistant Attorney General Leslie Ross, Investigations Supervisor

The Executive Committee of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure met on Wednesday, May 13, 2015, at 2:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Office of the Board located at 1867 Crane Ridge Drive, Jackson, Mississippi.

## PERSONAL APPEARANCE BY ERICA R. BALTHROP, M.D., CLARKSDALE, MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL LICENSE NUMBER 16812

Dr. Craig advised that Dr. Balthrop had been invited to appear before the Executive Committee to discuss a complaint involving surgery she performed.

Dr. Balthrop joined the meeting and was represented by her attorney, John Wheeler. Dr. Balthrop 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 explained why Dr. Balthrop had been invited to appear and asked that she address the Board's concerns. Dr. Balthrop provided a history of care with the patient and advised that due to several medical concerns and the patient's age that she had informed the patient that if needed, she would take her ovaries during the surgery.

Following several questions from the Executive Committee, motion was made by Dr. Miles, seconded by Dr. Mayo, and carried that the Executive Committee enter into Executive Session to discuss a matter that could result in adverse action.

Upon a motion by Dr. Mayo, seconded by Dr. Crawford, and carried the Executive Committee came out of Executive Session at which time Dr. Crawford asked Dr. Miles to report on their decision. Dr. Miles advised that Dr. Balthrop will be issued a non-public letter of concern addressing her need to become personally involved in the execution of her operative permits, and to address the timeliness and completeness of her medical record transcriptions.

Dr. Crawford thanked them for appearing today and told them they would make their recommendation to the full Board on Thursday and advise Dr. Balthrop of their decision.

### PERSONAL APPEARANCE BY GEORGE L. BARKER, M.D., MEMPHIS, TN, MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL LICENSE NUMBER 03857

Dr. Craig advised that Dr. Barker is not here today and that he had received a letter Monday advising that Dr. Barker has an appointment today with a cardiologist. Dr. Craig briefly discussed why Dr. Barker had been invited to appear before the Executive Committee and addressed his concerns with Dr. Barker's practice.

Following several questions from the Executive Committee, Dr. Craig was advised to send Dr. Barker a letter discussing the problems the Board has with his practice and offer him the opportunity to voluntarily surrender his DEA certificate. If Dr. Barker does not voluntarily surrender his DEA certificate, then the Board needs to decide what action needs to be taken.

## FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES, UPDATE ON CARROL FRAZIER LANDRUM, M.D., EDWARDS, MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL LICENSE NUMBER 03212

For informational purposes, Dr. Craig advised that Dr. Landrum and his attorneys have been to the Board for a meeting. Dr. Craig advised that his records are incomplete and that he could not even locate one of the files requested. Dr. Craig advised that he had written Dr. Landrum a letter recommending that he take a course in Medical Record Keeping and provided the suggested course. Dr. Craig advised that Dr. Landrum was advised that the course would count toward his CME requirement for the 2014-2016 license renewal.

#### **REVIEW OF MAY 14, 2015, BOARD AGENDA**

Dr. Craig briefly reviewed the agenda for tomorrow's meeting and oral hearing on the proposed telemedicine regulation.

## PERSONAL APPEARANCE BY THOMAS SEGLIO, M.D., OCEAN SPRINGS, MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL LICENSE NUMBER 16356

Dr. Craig advised that Dr. Seglio had been invited to appear before the Executive Committee after the Board received an anonymous complaint concerning his collaboration with mid-level providers as well as self prescribing issues. Dr. Craig advised when he sent an investigator by to visit Dr. Seglio that the APRN working did not know where Dr. Seglio was at the time and could not provide the name of a back-up physician.

Dr. Seglio joined the meeting and was represented by his attorneys, John Howell and Walter Johnson. Dr. Seglio 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 explained why Dr. Seglio had been invited to appear and asked that he address the Board's concerns. Dr. Seglio advised that he usually works three (3) days a week in the clinic and that two (2) physicians upstairs cover when he is not in the office. From the discussion, there are no real procedures for how the mid-levels work or how they know who is the backup. Also, Dr. Craig advised that he could not go to the local pharmacy to obtain medications for his office use.

Following several questions from the Executive Committee, motion was made by Dr. Mayo, seconded by Dr. Miles, and carried that the Executive Committee enter into Executive Session to discuss a matter that could result in adverse action.

Upon a motion by Dr. Miles, seconded by Dr. Mayo, and carried the Executive Committee came out of Executive Session at which time Dr. Crawford asked Dr. Miles to report on their decision. Dr. Miles advised that Dr. Seglio will be issued a non-public letter of concern addressing that there needs to be a clear collaborative relationship with the APRNs, which includes detailed information concerning physician responsibility and location of where he will be and how to be reached at all times. Also, there must be back-up procedures by a physician with a matching scope of practice. The Executive Committee also advised Dr. Seglio to contact the DEA for a form 222 so he can obtain medications from a manufacturer or a wholesale pharmacy.

Dr. Crawford thanked them for appearing today and told them they would make their recommendation to the full Board on Thursday and advise him of their decision.

#### PERSONAL APPEARANCE BY MICHAEL D. DORCIK, D.O., BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL LICENSE NUMBER 14179

- Dr. Craig advised that Dr. Dorcik was appearing today to request a waiver concerning collaborative relationships in the Coastal Family Health Center.
- Dr. Dorcik joined the meeting and was not represented by legal counsel. Dr. Dorcik 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. Dorcik that the floor was his to discuss the collaborative problems at Coastal Family Health. Dr. Dorcik advised that Coastal Family Health is a federally qualified health center and discussed the problems they were having with recruitment and coverage.

Following questions from the Executive Committee, the Board advised that they were sympathetic to their situation and have planned for some time to address the Board's rules and regulations concerning physician assistants. As it stands at the present time, the Board's regulations do not provide the ability to grant a waiver in the number of APRNs and physician assistants or the combination that can be supervised by a physician. The Board advised Dr. Dorcik that the matter will be addressed in the near future but in the meantime, the Board requested that he provide documentation that their clinic is a federally qualified facility.

## PERSONAL APPEARANCE BY JAHNAVI CHATTERJEE, M.D., MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI TEMPORARY LICENSE NUMBER T-2777

Dr. Craig advised that Dr. Chatterjee has a limited license to practice at the University of Mississippi Medical Center during her postgraduate training. Dr. Craig advised that Dr. Chatterjee has prescribed to her parents who live in Meridian, which is outside the scope of her temporary license.

Dr. Chatterjee joined the meeting and was not represented by legal counsel. Dr. Chatterjee 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 covered why Dr. Chatterjee had been invited to appear before the Executive Committee and requested that she address the issue. Dr. Chatterjee advised that she did call in prescriptions for her parents but did not

realize it was a big deal because she knew she could not call in controlled substances or any medications requiring a DEA number.

Following several questions from the Executive Committee, Dr. Chatterjee advised that she had learned a valuable lesson and will not be prescribing outside of UMMC. The Board also reiterated that even though the Board does not have rules concerning the treatment of family and friends, that it is not good practice as there is a possibility for the loss of objectivity. Also, Dr. Craig advised that the AMA considers the treatment of family and friends a violation of their ethics.

Dr. Crawford thanked Dr. Chatterjee for appearing today and hoped that the meeting was an educational experience for her.

## PERSONAL APPEARANCES BY REX WILLIAMS, M.D., FLOWOOD, MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL LICENSE NUMBER 19128 AND RONALD WILLIAMS, M.D., FLOWOOD, MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL LICENSE NUMBER 05337

Dr. Craig advised that he had invited Dr. Rex Williams and Dr. Ron Williams to attend today's meeting to discuss issues he has with the protocol that they have submitted for the Vicksburg clinic. Dr. Craig discussed several issues in the protocol and recommended that there be changes made.

Dr. Rex Williams and Dr. Ron Williams joined the meeting and were represented by their attorney, Julie Mitchell. Dr. Rex Williams and Dr. Ron Williams had executed a written agreement for this informal meeting, a copy of each agreement is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

Following the introductions, Dr. Craig briefly covered the issues he has with their protocol and asked them to address the issues. After discussion, both physicians agreed that one of them would be onsite when the APRN was working in Vicksburg as well as at the Flowood clinic.

Appearing with them was Dr. Beachman and his attorney, Sandy Sanford, who are planning on submitting paperwork for a CPS clinic in Greenville. They briefly discussed how they wanted to set up the Greenville and Cleveland clinics and stated that it is 36 miles between the two clinics.

Ms. Mitchell advised that they would amend the protocols and resubmit for approval.

Dr. Crawford thanked them for appearing today.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Virginia M. Crawford, M.D.

**Board President** 

Minutes taken and transcribed by Sherry H. Pilgrim Staff Officer May 13, 2015

- I, Erica Balthrop, 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: John Wheeler
	without legal counsel present
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## EXECUTIVE SESSION - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE May 13, 2015

AGENDA ITEM: Personal appearance by Erica Balthrop, M.D.

In a motion by Dr. Mayo, seconded by Dr. Crawford, and carried the Executive Committee made the decision to issue Dr. Balthrop a non-public letter of concern advising the need to become personally involved in the execution of her operative permits, and to address timely transcription and completeness of medical records.

<u>VOTE</u> :	<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINS I</u>	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Virginia M. Crawford, M.D.	X			
William S. Mayo, D.O.	X			
Charles D. Miles, M.D.	Х			

With a motion by Dr. Mayo, seconded by Dr. Crawford, the Executive Committee came out of Executive Session.

Virginia M. Crawford, M.D.

President

- I, **Thomas Seglio, 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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AGENDA ITEM: Personal appearance by Thomas Seglio, M.D.

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I, Jahnavi Chatterjee, 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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