

MSBML Newsletter

Meeting Highlights of the MS State Board of Medical Licensure



October 2020 and November 2020 MSBML meetings were in person for the Board members and any necessary staff and attendants. All other participants were virtual.



Dr. Kenneth Cleveland, Executive Director of the MS State Board of Medical Licensure, and Mike Lucius, Deputy Director, participated in recent hearings at the State Capitol.

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Know Your Board Members

Kirk L. Kinard, D.O. is the owner and medical director of Willow Pain and Wellness, LLC. The pain management practice is in Oxford. Dr. Kinard enjoys offering North Mississippi residents comprehensive chronic pain treatment plans that de-emphasize the role of opioids. He also offers medication-assisted treatment for those struggling with addictions. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from Millsaps College in 1996. He graduated from the Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences College of Osteopathic Medicine in 2003.



Dr. Kirk L. Kinard was appointed to the MS State Board of Medical Licensure in 2018, and his term expires in 2024. He is boarded in anesthesia and certified in pain and suboxone.

“I gladly accepted the nomination to serve on the Board in 2018 and hope that my perspective is valuable; particularly during this tenuous time with the opioid epidemic. I have found the process by which the Board governs to be objective and respectful, which is important when making such impactful decisions.”

Dr. Kinard and his wife, Ashley, are the proud parents of two daughters. Most of their free time is spent with their girls, but he also enjoys writing, playing the drums and exercising.



Staff Spotlight Jonathan Dalton, CMBI - Interim Director of Investigations

“I have a responsibility to the MS State Board of Medical Licensure and the public to root out, in a professional manner, possible dangerous activities that may bring harm to the public and also dishonor to the profession.”

Dalton is from Jackson, MS, and graduated from the University of Southern MS. He has been married for almost 15 years and has one son. He enjoys spending time with family and friends. He also is an avid gamer and enjoys repair work.

“The best part of my job is the interactions with people, along with helping licensees avoid potential pitfalls. Most licensees do not violate the rules for the fun of it - they do it unintentionally. This Board operates such that we attempt to help licensees first but pursue discipline when necessary.”

Dalton enjoys all aspects of working for the Board. He really enjoys the personal and professional connections and discussions that take place with colleagues at the Board and other agencies. He appreciates the rapport that exists in those relationships and enjoys interacting with licensees. He feels it is extremely gratifying to have a job that is centered around protecting the health and safety of the public.

THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC: A History of Present Illness - Kirk L. Kinard, DO

I completed my pain fellowship during a global pain initiative. In 2000, Congress passed a bill designating the first 10 years of the new millennium as the “Decade of Pain Control and Research,” and with the wind of the federal government behind their sails, big pharma went to work convincing the entirety of medicine that more aggressive use of opioids was the answer to “undertreated” pain.

With concepts like pain as a “5th vital sign,” national health regulatory agencies also stoked the flames of acceptance for increased opioid prescribing. Pill mills masquerading as “pain clinics” exploded across the country. Coupled with legitimate prescribers simply following the lead ⁽¹⁾, a massive opioid supply chain resulted. It was a recipe for disaster, and the medical community now, too, had blood on its hands.

Sadly, the “Decade of Pain” has led to an “Age of Recovery.” New federal and state guidelines have been effective, but fear of disciplinary or even criminal action among prescribers has left many patients in the lurch, as fewer registered pain clinics are available to accommodate them. Abrupt discontinuation of opioids in many cases has led to solicitation from other sources by patients hoping to prevent dreaded physiologic withdrawal and, despite significantly lower overall opioid prescribing, synthetic opioids (including illicit fentanyl) were involved in nearly half of all drug overdose deaths in 2018 ⁽²⁾.

Reconciliation has begun with active expansion of pain fellowship programs and greater emphasis on responsible opioid prescribing in medical school and residency training programs. Despite some early resistance, the response by the medical community to new prescribing rules has also resulted in positive change. In fact, consensus from my colleagues across the state regarding these changes is one more of empowerment than restriction, a pressure-relief valve of sorts, during encounters with sometimes demanding and manipulative patients.

The Board of Medical Licensure is tasked by our legislature with no other responsibility than to issue licenses to practice medicine and protect the public from harm, not necessarily to make it “easier” to practice medicine. But, by identifying and rectifying the types of substandard practice which diminish public perception of our profession and place patients at unnecessary risk, this work, my friends and colleagues, does ultimately make it easier to practice honorably.

REFERENCES

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Pain: Physician 2017; 20: S1-S2.
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Proceedings from recent meetings of the MS State Board of Medical Licensure

Board Actions:

OCTOBER 29, 2020

*Terrence Joseph Hall, MD
Voluntary surrender of Medical License

NOVEMBER 18, 2020

*Vishal Verma, M.D. - Consent Order issuing a Reprimand
*Daniel Salmeron, M.D - Consent Order issuing a Reprimand with terms and conditions
*Erich A. Arias, M.D
Consent Order issuing a Reprimand with terms and conditions
*Dee L'Archeveque, M.D.
Licensee's petition for removal of all restrictions on her Mississippi medical license is granted. Licensee now holds an unrestricted medical license.
*John W. Benus, D.P.M
Consent Order accepted by the Board suspending license with terms and conditions for a period on one year beginning October 31, 2020.
*Elaine Reinhard, M.D.
Revocation of License

NOVEMBER 19, 2020

*James B. Burke, M.D.
Licensee's request to lift restriction is denied
*Joseph A. Jackson, M.D.
Suspension of license
JANUARY 21, 2021
*Charles N. Crenshaw, III, M.D.
Surrender of Medical License
*Authur P. Fine, M.D.
Consent Order Issuing a Reprimand subject to terms and conditions.
*Scott T. Roethle, M.D.
Consent Order Issuing a Reprimand subject to terms and conditions.
*Jean Marie Barker, M.D.
Indefinite Suspension

JANUARY 26, 2021

*John W. Prather, M.D.
Surrender of Medical License



Upcoming Meetings

Executive Committee
Wednesday, March 24, 2021

Full Board Meeting
Thursday, March 25, 2021

Due to health and safety restrictions related to COVID-19, the public is not allowed to attend meetings in person. Vimeo links are provided prior to the meetings on the Board's website: www.msbl.ms.gov.