

GUAM BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

Regular Board Minutes

Wednesday, June 13, 2018 4:00 p.m.
Guam Memorial Hospital Board Room
850 Gov. Carlos Camacho Road
Tamuning, Guam

Members Present: Joan Gill, MD Vice Chair
Rey Lim, MD Member
Vincent Duenas, MD Member
Aurelio, Espinola, MD Member
Philip Flores, Public Member
Shannon Taitano, Legal Counsel

Absent: Nathaniel Berg, MD Chairperson
Kia Rahmani, MD Member

Others Present: Jerry Caruso, Chairperson, GBEP; Lourdes Phillips, Vice Chair, GBEP;
Felix Cabrera, GRMC; Tanya Grant, GRMC; Roy Adonay, GRC; Marlene
Carbullido, Acting Administrator, HPLO; Myrna Leon Guerrero, HPLO
Secretary

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Guam Board of Medical Examiners Acting Chairperson, Joan Gill, MD called the meeting to order at 4:25 pm on June 13, 2018 at Guam Memorial Hospital Board Room.

II. PUBLICATION NOTICE – Dr. Gill confirmed the advertisements (5 day & 2 day).

III. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS PRESENT – Confirmed Quorum

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

1. ***Dr. Rey Lim, move to approve the May 9, 2018 minutes;*** seconded by Dr. Aurelio Espinola; all in favor, motion carried.

V. CHAIRPERSONS' REPORT:

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Website Online application/GBME Automation – Roy Adonay will get back to HPLO Secretary to get an update from his staff.
2. CO-17-06 – No status report submitted from IHP Clinic.
Dr. Joan Gill, request to follow-up for the next board meeting.
3. CO-18-03 – Pending scheduled arrangements from Dr. Arkless with HSP.
Dr. Joan Gill, recommended to send letter to Dr. Arkless with the time frame to complete his charting issues with HSP.

4. David Griffith – Full License (Diagnostic Radiology) – Submitted employment record gap
Philip Flores, reviewed and recommended approval.
5. Emily Kaiser – Full License (Pediatrics) – Submitted CME's certificate
Philip Flores, reviewed and recommended approval.
6. David Ryu – Full License (Otolaryngology) Submitted reentry program – **TABLED** (Pending completion of re-entry program and status of evaluation)
7. Glenn Richard - Reinstatement License (Radiology) - Submitted his explanation of his case.
Philip Flores, reviewed and recommended approval.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

1. *Jerry Caruso*, Guam Board of Examiners for Pharmacy (GBEP), presented information of a recent DEA visit to Guam with information gathered and impact on current issues on controlled substance prescription. Provided handouts of attached letter from the Guam Pharmacists Association on: Non-compliance with Section V of DEA Practitioner's Manual. Valid prescription requirements. Possible are citation, fines, suspension and/or revocation of registrants' licenses; CDC guidelines on Opioid safety.
Lourdes Phillips – Stated DEA agents had a regulatory visit in May 2018, the biggest concern is lack of required information on prescriptions.
The GBEP started issuing letters of admonition to some pharmacies that they audited. A written warning with required written response for the registrant, for the next same violation, will be minimum \$10,000 dollars fine per item, pertains to pharmacist and doctors (prescribers). Handouts were faxed to all the clinics.
Jerry Caruso – Stated that since the inspection, all pharmacy levels, are making sure that all information are on the prescription; doctors need to provide address and DEA no. for controlled substance.
Dr. Joan Gill, recommended to email letter from Guam Pharmacist Association with the required information on controlled substance prescription to all licenses physician.

Note: Dr. Vincent Duenas joined in the meeting at 5:05pm

2. CO-18-04

- a. Initial application Interview Questionnaire form no. 7, he did not report to the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB).
- b. Renewal application question no. 2, did not report to NPDB.
- c. FHP filed a report on NPDB and he did not disclose information that was on his NPDB report, due to this he resigned at FHP.
- d. Terminated at IHP due to claims of sexual misconduct.

Dr. Cabrera stated that *Dr. Akoma* is still employed at GRMC and is on Administrative leave.

Dr. Joan Gill, stated the Iowa board report was so detailed with sexual misconduct as far back during his residency program. Iowa board initiated disciplinary action then a settlement agreement was made.

Note: Shannon Taitano, Legal Counsel, walk-in at 5:25pm

Dr. Joan Gill explained to Shannon after lengthy discussion and recommendations from the board.

Dr. Joan Gill, motion to send letter to Dr. Akoma informing him of the complaint and to responds within 15 days or to appear for the next board meeting in July 11, 2018; seconded by Philip Flores; all in favor; motion carried.

3. CO-18-05 – **Dr. Joan Gill, motion to notify her of the complaint and to dismiss the case with no violation under the Medical Practice Act; seconded by Philip Flores; all in favor; motion carried.**
4. CO-18-06 – **Dr. Joan Gill, motion to notify her of the complaint, and request for response or appear for the next board meeting; seconded by Philip Flores, all in favor; motion carried.**
5. TEMPORARY LICENSE:
 - a. Abhinav Goyal – Internal Medicine – GMH
Dr. Rey Lim, reviewed and recommended approval
 - b. Jennifer Law – Emergency Medicine – GMH
Philip Flores, reviewed and recommended approval.
 - c. Vivek Verma – Radiation Oncology – Island Cancer Care
Philip Flores, reviewed and recommended to TABLED
(pending residency program will be completed in June 29, 2018)
 - d. John Whitley – Neurosurgeon – GMH
Dr. Aurelio Espinola, reviewed and recommended approval.
 - e. Glenn Zerby – Emergency Medicine – GMH
Dr. Joan Gill, reviewed and recommended approval.
6. FULL LICENSE:
 - a. Wasin Ahuja – Internal Medicine – GRMC
Dr. Joan Gill, reviewed and recommended approval
 - b. Gavin Ford – Critical Care
Dr. Aurelio Espinola, reviewed and recommended approval.
7. REINSTATEMENT LICENSE:
 - a. Michael Torres – Family Medicine - GRMC
Dr. Rey Lim, reviewed and recommended approval.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION / RECOMMENDATION / CONCLUSION:

1. **Dr. Joan Gill, move to approve Temporary licenses** – Abhinav Goyal; Jennifer Law; John Whitley; Glenn Zerby; seconded by Philip Flores; all in favor; motion carried.
2. **Dr. Joan Gill, move to approve Full licenses** – Wasin Ahuja; Gavin Ford; David Griffith; Emily Kaiser; seconded by Philip Flores; all in favor, motion carried.
3. **Dr. Joan Gill, move to approve Reinstatement license** – Michael Torres; Glenn Richard; seconded by Dr. Rey Lim; all in favor, motion carried.

4. **Dr. Joan Gill, move to tabled Full licenses – a.) David Ryu** – pending completion of his CPEP re-entry program and status of evaluation; seconded by Philip Flores; all in favor; motion carried.
b.) Vivek Verma – pending completion of his residency program; seconded by Philip Flores; all in favor; motion carried.
5. **Next Regular Schedule Meeting – Wednesday July 11, 2018** at 4:00 p.m. in the GMHA Board Room.

ADJOURNMENT:

Dr. Joan Gill, moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Vincent Duenas; all in favor; meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm.