

GUAM BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

Regular Board Minutes

Wednesday, July 11, 2018 4:00 p.m.
Guam Memorial Hospital Board Room
850 Gov. Carlos Camacho Road
Tamuning, Guam

Members Present: Nathaniel Berg, MD Chairperson
Joan Gill, MD Vice Chair
Kia Rahmani, MD Member
Vincent Duenas, MD Member
Aurelio, Espinola, MD Member
Philip Flores, Public Member
Shannon Taitano, Legal Counsel

Absent: Rey Lim, MD Member

Others Present: Roy Adonay, GRC; Rawlen Mantanona; Ugochukwu Akoma; Danilo Aquilar; Marlene Carbullido, Acting Administrator, HPLO; Roma Basa, HPLO-EMS

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Guam Board of Medical Examiners Chairperson, Nathaniel Berg, MD called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm on July 11, 2018 at Guam Memorial Hospital Board Room.

II. PUBLICATION NOTICE – Dr. Berg 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. June 13, 2018 Minutes - **TABLED**
2. Teleconference June 15, 2018 – Tien Trinh
Dr. Joan Gill, move to approve teleconference minutes; seconded by Philip Flores; all in favor; motion carried.

V. CHAIRPERSONS' REPORT: None

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Website Online application/GBME Automation – Ongoing
Roma Basa, HPLO – stated that the Website online RFP will not be process with GSA procurement but instead it will be process by an Evaluation Committee for close packet.

Note: Dr. Vincent Duenas joined in the meeting at 4:20 pm

2. CO-17-06 – No update submitted by IHP - **TABLED**
Dr. Joan Gill, request to follow-up for the next board meeting.

3. CO-18-03 – Dr. Arkless
Dr. Berg, recommended to invite Dr. Arkless for next board meeting or provide written response.

Note: Dr. Rahmani joined in the meeting at 4:30 pm

4. CO-18-04 – Dr. Berg was advised by his attorney to recuse himself from the board for any discussion regarding Dr. Akoma due to his direct involvement with IHP.

Dr. Akoma and Attorney Mantanona came before the board in response to the complaint letter that he received from the board. Attorney Mantanona request from the board to review the response documents due to serious allegations. Dr. Gill stated that this is not a formal hearing.

Dr. Akoma stated that the settlement agreement with the Iowa board was not completed due to his intention of not returning there. Presently working at DPHSS as on-call basis. Attorney Mantanona will inform Dr. Akoma's employer (DPHSS) of the on-going allegation complaint and will provide a copy to the board.

Dr. Gill, recommended to invite Dr. Akoma for the next board meeting for informal conference.

5. CO-18-06 – No violation of the Medical Practice Act.
Dr. Joan Gill, motion to send letter of no violation; seconded by Dr. Vincent Duenas, all in favor; motion carried.

6. FULL LICENSE

- a. David Ryu – Full License (Otolaryngology) **TABLED**
Pending completion of re-entry program and evaluation.
Dr. Berg will send a letter regarding re-entry practice issue.

7. TEMPORARY LICENSE

- a. Vivek Verma – **TABLED** – pending completion of his residency program.
Dr. Berg recommended to follow-up residency program completion otherwise temporary license will be approved.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

1. CO-18-07 – **Dr. Joan Gill, recommended to send an advisory letter reminder to secure medication scrips.**
2. CO-18-08 – Dr. Vincent Duenas recuse himself for any discussion.
Dr. Berg recommended to classify this as informational only and not list as complaint.
3. Frank Welte, MD – Informational regarding Self-report of pending notice of intent to litigate.
Dr. Berg, recommended to send a letter to keep the board informed for any further action or concerns.
4. TEMPORARY
 - a. Peachy Mae Piana – Diagnostic Radiology - GRC
Philip Flores, reviewed and recommended approval.

5. FULL LICENSE

- a. Joan Benitez – Cardiothoratic Surgery- GRMC – **TABLED**
Dr. Berg, reviewed and recommended to submit original fellowship program from Cleveland clinic, clarification on work history, type of training prior to after medical school and prior to fellowship program, primary verification of each facilities.
- b. Albert Hartman – Urgent Care – FHP
Dr. Gill, reviewed and recommended approval.
- c. Therese Lucietto-Sieradzki – Family Medicine
Philip Flores, reviewed and recommended approval.
- d. Mark Penn – Urgent Care – GMH
Dr. Gill, reviewed and recommended approval.
- e. Kenna Stephenson – Family Medicine – AMC
Dr. Espinola, reviewed and recommended to submit CME's Certificate documentation then allow approval.
- f. Tien Trinh – Internal Medicine – AMC – **TABLED**
Dr. Espinola, reviewed and recommended to submit updated CME's.
- g. Lan Vu – Radiology – GMH
Dr. Gill, reviewed and recommended approval.

DISCUSSION / RECOMMENDATION / CONCLUSION:

1. **Dr. Berg, move to approve temporary licenses** – Peachy Mae Piana; Vivek Verma – follow-up completion of his residency program otherwise temporary license be approved.
2. **Dr. Berg, move to tabled Joan Benitez** – request for clarification on work history; post graduate training; original fellowship program from Cleveland clinic and if ACGME credited program.
3. **Dr. Berg, move to approve full licenses** – Albert Hartman; Therese Lucietto-Sieradzki; Mark Penn; Kenna Stephenson (submit certificates then allow full license approval); Lan Vu
4. **Next Regular Schedule Meeting – Wednesday August 1, 2018** at 4:00 p.m. in the GMHA Board Room.

ADJOURNMENT:

Dr. Berg, moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Vincent Duenas; all in favor; meeting adjourned at 6:27 pm.