

**MEDICAL LICENSING BOARD OF INDIANA  
INDIANA GOVERNMENT CENTER SOUTH  
402 WEST WASHINGTON STREET  
ROOM W064  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46204**

**MINUTES OF JANUARY 23, 2020**

John Strobel, M.D., President, called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. A quorum was declared in accordance with IC 25-22.5.

Members Present: John Strobel, M.D., President  
Kirk Masten, D.O., Vice President  
Victoria McCann, J.D., Secretary  
Bharat Barai, M.D., Member  
Rebecca Mueller, M.D., Member – Arrived at 8:42 a.m.  
Michael Busk, M.D., Member – Arrived at 11:30 a.m.

Staff Present: Michael Minglin, J.D., Deputy Executive Director  
Professional Licensing Agency  
Kimberly A. Letko, Assistant Board Director  
Professional Licensing Agency  
Brian Park, Deputy Attorney General  
Office of the Attorney General

The Board voted to adopt the agenda after the addition of two (2) additional amendments of the inclusion personal appearances for Dr. Shaath, M.D. and Allen Stuckey, M.D.

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D.

Barai/McCann, 4/0/0  
Aye's: Strobel, Masten, McCann, Barai  
Motion carries

The Board voted to adopt the minutes of the December 5, 2019 meeting.

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D.

Barai/McCann, 4/0/0  
Aye's: Strobel, Masten, McCann, Barai  
Motion carries

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D.

Dr. Masten nominated Dr. Strobel to continue as President, Dr. Masten to continue as Vice President and Victoria McCann to continue as Secretary.

After discussion, the Board moved to keep current officers.

Barai/McCann, 4/0/0  
Aye's: Strobel, Masten, McCann, Barai  
Motion carries

## DISCUSSION

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Rebecca Mueller, M.D.

### Citations

The following physicians failed to answer yes to a positive response on their renewal application:

1. Anastacia Krizman, DO 02002549A – failure to disclose
2. Pastor Llobet, MD 01038128A – failure to disclose
3. William Wilson, MD 01030636A – failure to disclose

After discussion, the Board moved to IMPOSE a CIVIL PENALTY of FIVE HUNDRED (\$500.00) DOLLARS.

Strobel/Masten, 6/0/0  
Aye's: Strobel, Masten, McCann, Barai, Mueller, Busk  
Motion carries

### Retirement/Surrender Requests

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE the following REQUEST for LICENSURE RETIREMENT.

1. i. David M. Woodliff – 01023542A – Retirement

Masten/Barai, 6/0/0  
Aye's: Strobel, Masten, McCann, Barai, Mueller, Busk  
Motion carries

### **FSMB Annual Meeting Delegate Selection**

The Board discussed who would be the chosen delegate this year to attend the Annual FSMB Meeting. Dr. Strobel stated he would attend. Dr. Masten stated that if for some reason Dr. Strobel is unable to attend he would.

### **George Pallikaras, M.D. – Renewal Denial Issue**

On October 15, 2019 Dr. Pallikaras emailed the Medical Board staff and requested to withdraw his renewal application after finding out that since he did not live in the US, and did not have qualified alien status, he would not be able to renew his license due to not meeting the requirements of IC 12-32-1. He stated he was currently working toward his US Citizenship and planned to renew his license once he became a US Citizen. Although his email was saved in IPLA's internal licensing system, he was inadvertently added to the December Agenda under "Renewal Review – Does not meet the requirements of IC 12-32-1" and his application was denied.

Since the IPLA system does not give an option of renewal withdrawal status, if an applicant requests to withdraw his renewal it is just left with a status of "expired". However, all physicians who did not request to withdraw their renewal applications after they were made aware that they did not meet the requirements of IC 12-32-1 had their statuses changed to "Valid to Practice While Reviewed". Dr. Pallikaras was simply added to that list by mistake.

Dr. Pallikaras is requesting from the Board that his license be allowed to stay expired without having to appear at an appeal hearing, since it was a clerical error that he was ever on the list in the first place, and that he gave sufficient notice in requesting to withdraw his renewal application.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE Dr. Pallikaras' request to WITHDRAW his RENEWAL APPLICATION.

Strobel/Masten, 6/0/0  
Aye's: Strobel, Masten, McCann, Barai, Mueller, Busk  
Motion carries

## **FULL BOARD APPLICATION REVIEW**

### **Nirupama Tamirisa, M.D. – Unapproved foreign medical school**

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Rebecca Mueller, M.D., Michael Busk, M.D.

Dr. Tamirisa is requesting a waiver of the approved foreign medical school rule. Dr. Tamirisa attended the Gulf Medical University in Ajman, U.A.E., which is neither an approved or disapproved foreign medical school recognized by Indiana.

Dr. Tamirisa completed three (3) years of post-graduate training at St. Louis University School of Medicine in St. Louis Missouri, in 2016, and a two (2) year fellowship at the University of Texas health Science Center in San Antonio, Texas, in 2018.

Dr. Tamirisa is Board certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology and holds unrestricted licenses in Texas and Pennsylvania.

Dr. Tamirisa submitted a letter of recommendation from his Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellowship Program Director, Brigitte Bailey, M.D., at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, Texas.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE Dr. Tamirisa's APPLICATION for LICENSURE.

Strobel/Barai, 6/0/0

Aye's: Strobel, Masten, McCann, Barai, Mueller, Busk  
Motion carries

### **Renewal Application Review**

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Rebecca Mueller, M.D.

The Board reviewed the following online applications and moved to APPROVE them for RENEWAL.

Prasad Gourineni, M.D. – 01057447A  
Anne Groenewegen, M.D. – 01057127A  
David Howard, AA 75000035A  
Anastacia Krizman, DO 02002549A  
Pastor Llobet, MD 01038128A  
William Wilson, MD 01030636A

The Board reviewed the following online applications and moved to REQUEST a PERSONAL APPEARANCE.

Robin B. Garelick, M.D. – 01077977A  
Geoffrey Mitchell, M.D. – 01073481A  
Matthew S. Schoen, M.D. – 01080206A

Strobel/Mueller, 6/0/0, Mueller out  
Aye's: Strobel, Masten, McCann, Barai, Mueller, Busk  
Motion carries

### **PERSONAL APPEARANCES**

#### **Arthur M. Cowden II, M.D. – Positive response**

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D.

Dr. Cowden II answered yes to the following question on his application for licensure:

“Have you ever been denied staff membership or privileges in any hospital or health care facility or had such membership or privileges revoked, suspended or subjected to any restrictions, probation or other type of discipline or limitations?”

The Methodist Olive Branch Hospital in Mississippi did not renew Dr. Cowden II's privileges and reported the action to the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) in November of 2018. This was a locum tenens position. No reason was given for the loss of privileges and the report to the NPDB. Dr. Cowden II is contesting this with legal counsel.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE Dr. Cowden II APPLICATION for LICENSURE.

Barai/Masten, 5/0/0  
Aye's: Strobel, Masten, McCann, Barai, Mueller  
Motion carries

**Boris Sachakov, M.D. – Positive response**

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D.

Dr. Sachakov answered yes to the following questions on his application for licensure:

1. Has disciplinary action ever been taken regarding any health license, certificate, registration or permit you hold or have held?
2. Have you ever been denied a license, certificate, registration or permit to practice medicine, osteopathic medicine or any regulated health occupation in any state (including Indiana) or country, or surrendered your license?
5. Except for minor violations of traffic laws resulting in fines, and arrests or convictions that have been expunged by a court,
  - 3) Have you ever been convicted of any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state?
8. Have you ever had a malpractice judgment against you or settled any malpractice action?
11. Have you ever been excluded from being a Medicare / Medicaid provider?

Dr. Sachakov was convicted in Federal Court in Brooklyn, New York, for healthcare fraud committed from 2008 to 2010.

As a result of this conviction, Dr. Sachakov's license in New York State was revoked in 2013 and his Pennsylvania license was revoked in 2016 due to the New York license revocation as well as being excluded from being a Medicare/Medicaid provider in 2013 for 15 years.

After discussion, the Board gave Dr. Sachakov the option of withdrawing his application for licensure, stating that if they took a vote, it would probably end in a denial of his application, due to the Board discipline in New York, Pennsylvania and the exclusion from Medicaid/Medicare for 15 years.

Dr. Sachakov refused to withdraw his application, stating that if the Board denied his application, he would appeal their decision.

After further discussion, the Board moved to DENY Dr. Sachakov's APPLICATION for LICENSURE.

Barai/Masten, 4/0/0  
Aye's: Strobel, Masten, McCann, Barai  
Motion carries

**Kamal K. Tiwari, M.D. – Positive responses**

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D.

Dr. Tiwari appeared before the Board with counsel, David Becsey, regarding positive responses on his renewal application.

Dr. Tiwari answered yes to the following questions on his renewal application:

1. Has disciplinary action ever been taken regarding any health license, certificate, registration or permit you hold or have held?
2. Have you ever been denied a license, certificate, registration or permit to practice medicine, osteopathic medicine or any regulated health occupation in any state (including Indiana) or country, or surrendered your license?
5. Except for minor violations of traffic laws resulting in fines, and arrests or convictions that have been expunged by a court,
  - 1) Have you ever been arrested?
  - 2) Have you ever entered into a prosecutorial diversion or deferment agreement regarding any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state?
  - 3) Have you ever been convicted of any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state?
  - 4) Have you ever pled guilty to any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state?
6. Have you ever been denied staff membership or privileges in any hospital or health care facility or had such membership or privileges revoked, suspended or subjected to any restrictions, probation or other type of discipline or limitations?
7. Have you ever been admonished, censured, reprimanded or requested to withdraw, resign or retire from any hospital or health care facility in which you have trained, held staff membership or privileges or acted as a consultant?
8. Have you ever had a malpractice judgment against you or settled any malpractice action?
9. Have you ever surrendered your DEA registration at any time or had any limitations placed on your DEA registration?
10. Have you ever been terminated or disciplined by your employer while practicing as a physician or resigned in lieu of discipline?
11. Have you ever been excluded from being a Medicare / Medicaid provider?

Dr. Tiwari was previously licensed in Indiana. His license was revoked in Indiana due to a conviction in Indiana for opioid over-prescribing issues related to pain management. Dr. Tiwari still owes the Board \$21,000.00 dollars in fines related to his revocation.

Dr. Tiwari stated he plans to not practice in pain management or apply for an Indiana controlled substance registration. He stated that he has contacted anesthesiologists in Illinois for proctoring to re-enter the practice of medicine, since he has not practiced in medicine in a clinical setting for seven (7) years.

Board moved to TABLE until Dr. Tiwari pays fine and is ready to present a re-entry plan to the Board that includes the name of a proctor.

Barai/McCann, 4/0/0  
Aye's: Strobel, Masten, McCann, Barai  
Motion carries

**Glen Babich, M.D. – 01077201A – Positive response**

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Rebecca Mueller, M.D.

Dr. Babich answered yes to the following question on his renewal application:

1. Since you last renewed, has any professional license, certificate, registration, or permit you hold or have held been disciplined or are formal charges pending in any state?"

Dr. Babich was issued a letter of reprimand by the Arizona Medical Board on June 3, 2019 for failure to appropriately refer to specialty care; failure to provide appropriate analgesia; failure to provide appropriate housing for patient with neoplastic process; and failure to appreciate concerns of other providers and or staff, due to deviation from the standard of care by failing to obtain an oncology consultation for a patient newly diagnosed with metastatic lung cancer in a timely manner. The patient was an inmate in a correctional facility.

Dr. Babich stated that the nurse practitioner did not contact the Medical Site Director prior to requesting a specialist referral, and due to this lapse in protocol, there was a delay in the patient's care.

Dr. Babich's license in Arizona and nine (9) other states is free and clear of any restrictions.

After discussion, the Board moved to RENEW Dr. Babich's LICENSE.

Masten/McCann, 5/0/0  
Aye's: Strobel, Masten, McCann, Barai, Mueller  
Motion carries



**Roozbeh Badii, M.D. – 01076026A – Positive response**

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Rebecca Mueller, M.D.

Dr. Badii answered yes to the following questions on his renewal application:

1. Since you last renewed, have you been denied a license, certificate, registration, or permit in any state?
4. Since you last renewed, have you had a malpractice judgment against you or settled any malpractice action?

On or about October 27, 2016, Dr. Badii signed a consent order for a reprimand with the Maryland State Board of Physicians for pre-signing prescription forms for medications and authorizing a nurse to complete and sign the prescription forms.

The following states issued reciprocal discipline against Dr. Badii based on the Maryland discipline; Connecticut (May 6, 2017); New York (July 26, 2017); Ohio (February 8, 2017); Florida (November 8, 2017); and California (June 8, 2018).

On or about February 12, 2018, the Michigan Board of Medicine reprimanded Dr. Badii for failing to respond to a complaint against him, regarding the Maryland discipline, within 30 days as required under Michigan law.

After discussion, the Board moved to RENEW Dr. Badii's LICENSE.

Masten/McCann, 5/0/0  
Aye's: Strobel, Masten, McCann, Barai, Mueller  
Motion carries

**Donald J. Boss, M.D. – 01059081A – Positive response**

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Rebecca Mueller, M.D.

Dr. Boss appeared before the Board with counsel, Richard Keifer.

Dr. Boss answered yes to the following question on his renewal application:

1. Since you last renewed, have you been denied a license, certificate, registration, or permit in any state?

On April 12, 2018 Dr. Boss was notified that the medical Board of California had initiated an investigation based on a 2016 Texas Medical Board action and reprimand, a 2017 New Jersey Board action (automatic suspension of New Jersey license), and a 2017 Nevada Board action and reprimand.

On May 16, 2018 Dr. Boss entered into an Agreed Order with the Medical Board of California for a reprimand for failing to report his December 2013 California misdemeanor conviction on his 2015 Texas license renewal application; and for the Nevada Board reprimand for failing to report the California Board reprimand of September 26, 2013. The California Board dropped the allegation relating to the summary suspension of his New Jersey license, since Dr. Boss had demonstrated to the California Board that the New Jersey suspension of his license was automatic, and administrative as opposed to disciplinary, due to him letting his New Jersey license lapse.

After discussion, the Board moved to RENEW Dr. Boss' LICENSE.

Strobel/Masten, 5/0/0  
Aye's: Strobel, Masten, McCann, Barai, Mueller  
Motion carries

**John Davis, MD – 01073739A – Positive response**

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Rebecca Mueller, M.D.

Dr. Davis answered yes to the following question on his renewal application:

4. Since you last renewed, have you had a malpractice judgment against you or settled any malpractice action?

Dr. Davis settled a malpractice on February 22, 2018 for ninety-three thousand and five hundred dollars (\$93,500.50) and fifty cents, for Failure/Delay in Referral or Consultation which resulted in the death of a 64 year old patient with Fournier's gangrene.

After discussion, the Board moved to RENEW Dr. Davis' LICENSE.

Masten/Barai, 5/0/0  
Aye's: Strobel, Masten, McCann, Barai, Mueller  
Motion carries

**Tochukwu Iloabuchi, M.D. – 01068679A – Positive response**

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Rebecca Mueller, M.D.

Dr. Iloabuchi appeared before the Board with counsel, Elliot Pinkie.

Dr. Goel answered yes to the following question on his renewal application:

3. Since you last renewed, and except for minor violations of traffic laws resulting in fines and arrests or convictions that have been expunged by a court, have you been arrested, entered into a diversion program, been convicted of, pled guilty of, or pled nolo contendere to any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state or U.S. Territory?

On September 24, 2019, Dr. Iloabuchi hit his child during a parent/teacher conference regarding his eight year old child's behavior in class earlier that day. Due to the nature of Dr. Iloabuchi's reaction to his child's behavior, the school contacted law enforcement and Dr. Iloabuchi was charged with battery.

Dr. Iloabuchi submitted the following documents to the Board for review:

1. Positive response with Chronological Case Summary, Marion County Superior Court
2. Order of Dismissal re: Marion Superior Court Juvenile Division
3. Letter of Attestation from Wife of Dr. Iloabuchi
4. Hope Haven Psychological Resource Letter
5. Letter of Attestation from Dr. Michael Sha, M.D.

On January 17, 2020, the Marion County Superior Court Juvenile Division granted a motion to dismiss the case.

After discussion, the Board moved to RENEW Dr. Iloabuchi's LICENSE.

Mueller/Masten, 4/1/0  
Aye's: Strobel, Masten, Barai, Mueller  
Nays: McCann  
Motion carries

**Nishant Kalra, M.D. – 01024078A – Positive response**

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Rebecca Mueller, M.D.

Dr. Kalra answered yes to the following question on his renewal application:

5. Since you last renewed, have you been denied staff membership or privileges in any hospital or health care facility or have staff membership or privileges been revoked, suspended, or subject to any restriction, probation, or other type of discipline – or have you resigned in lieu of discipline or termination?

Dr. Kalra's privileges were restricted and then revoked at Mercy Hospital in August of 2018 due to alleged issues with permanent pacemaker insertion. Soon after the hospital restricted his privileges, they changed policies and only allowed electrophysiologists to do the procedures. Dr. Kalra was given the option of a hearing, but decided to relinquish his privileges at Mercy Health since they changed their policy.

Dr. Kalra has maintained privileges at Premier Health in Ohio as an interventional cardiologist and Cath lab Director, as well as the Medical Director of the cardiovascular line. He also continues to do locum tenens around the Kentucky and Indiana area without any complaints regarding his interventional skills.

After discussion, the Board moved to RENEW Dr. Kalra's LICENSE.

Barai/Masten, 5/0/0  
Aye's: Strobel, Masten, McCann, Barai, Mueller  
Motion carries

**Cindy Leland, M.D. – 01031806A – Positive response**

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Rebecca Mueller, M.D.

Dr. Leland answered yes to the following question on her renewal application:

3. Since you last renewed, and except for minor violations of traffic laws resulting in fines and arrests or convictions that have been expunged by a court, have you been arrested, entered into a diversion program, been convicted of, pled guilty of, or pled nolo contendere to any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state or U.S. Territory?

On June 29, 2019, Dr. Leland was convicted of a DUI from the Porter County Sheriff Department. On July 10, 2019 the court allowed Dr. Leland to drive on a restricted driver's license and is required to use an intoxalock breathalyzer when she drives.

Dr. Leland has attended 21 Alcoholics Anonymous meetings and eight (8) one (1) hour long sessions with an addiction counselor.

After review of Dr. Leland's application renewal at the December 5, 2019 meeting the Board moved to have her complete and Indiana State Medical Association (ISMA) evaluation.

Dr. Leland completed an ISMA evaluation and signed a five (5) year monitoring contract with ISMA on January 15, 2020.

Dr. Leland admitted the following documents for the Board to review:

- 1: Letter from Fred Frick, M.D., F.A.C.P., Medical Consultant, ISMA Physician Assistance Program, regarding Dr. Leland's ISMA monitoring contract.

After discussion, the Board moved to RENEW Dr. Leland's LICENSE.

Masten/McCann, 5/0/0  
Aye's: Masten, Strobel, McCann, Barai, Mueller  
Motion carries

**Alan Lemerande, MD – 01076124A – Positive response**

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Rebecca Mueller, M.D., Michael Busk, M.D.

Dr. Lemerande answered yes on his renewal application to the following question:

4. Since you last renewed, have you had a malpractice judgment against you or settled any malpractice action?

Dr. Lemerande settled a malpractice claim on May 29, 2019 for alleged failure to timely recognize and treat a patient's intracranial hemorrhage leading to neurological deficits. The Settlement was for one million, two hundred thousand (\$1,200,000.00) dollars.

After discussion, the Board moved to RENEW Dr. Lemerande's LICENSE.

Barai/Masten, 6/0/0  
Aye's: Strobel, Masten, McCann, Barai, Mueller, Busk  
Motion carries

**Trevor Lloyd-Jones, MD – 01028055A – Positive response**

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Rebecca Mueller, M.D., Michael Busk, M.D.

Dr. Lloyd-Jones appeared before the Board with counsel, Richard Moore.

Dr. Lloyd-Jones answered yes to the following question on his renewal application:

3. Since you last renewed, and except for minor violations of traffic laws resulting in fines and arrests or convictions that have been expunged by a court, have you been arrested, entered into a diversion program, been convicted of, pled guilty of, or pled nolo contendere to any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state or U.S. Territory?

On February 24, 2019, Dr. Lloyd-Jones was arrested for speeding, a headlight out on his vehicle and resisting arrest, while pulled over in his home driveway. The case is still pending.

After discussion, the Board moved to RENEW Dr. Lloyd-Jones's LICENSE.

Barai/Masten, 5/1/0  
Aye's: Strobel, Masten, Barai, Mueller, Busk  
Nays: McCann  
Motion carries

**Charles D. Mok, D.O. – 02003144A – Positive response**

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Rebecca Mueller, M.D., Michael Busk, M.D.

Dr. Mok answered yes to the following question on his renewal application:

2. Since you last renewed, have you been denied a license, certificate, registration, or permit in any state?

On March 8, 2019, the Nebraska Medical Board voted to deny Dr. Mok's license application based on a pattern of incompetent or negligent conduct based on two settlements listed on his National Practitioner Data Bank report. Dr. Mok was not aware that if he did not appeal the denial that it would cause ramifications in other states and stated that at the time he assumed that no action would be considered a withdrawal of his application for licensure in Nebraska.

Dr. Mok re-submitted an application for licensure to Nebraska and asked for an opportunity to address the Board members concerns about his practice standards.

Dr. Mok stated that he now has an unrestricted license in Nebraska as well as eleven (11) other states.

After discussion, the Board moved to RENEW Dr. Mok's LICENSE PENDING REVIEW of NATIONAL PRACTITIONER DATA BANK REPORT AND PROOF of his NEBRASKA LICENSE STATUS.

Masten/Strobel, 6/0/0  
Aye's: Strobel, Masten, McCann, Barai, Mueller, Busk  
Motion carries

**Marcello Pietrantoni, MD – 01044452A – Positive response**

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Rebecca Mueller, M.D., Michael Busk, M.D.

Dr. Pietrantoni answered yes to the following questions on his renewal application

1. Since you last renewed, has any professional license, certificate, registration, or permit you hold or have held been disciplined or are formal charges pending in any state?
2. Since you last renewed, have you been denied a license, certificate, registration, or permit in any state?
7. Since you last renewed, have you surrendered your DEA registration at any time or had any limitations or discipline placed on your DEA registration?

Dr. Pietrantonio's Kentucky license is indefinitely restricted from practicing OBGYN medicine due to malpractice issues and a complaint filed in Kentucky. His license in New York is revoked based on the discipline in Kentucky, with ability to apply once Kentucky license is free and clear. He has surrendered his Missouri license.

After discussion, the Board moved to RENEW Dr. Pietrantonio's LICENSE and FILE a COMPLAINT with the OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Masten/Barai, 4/2/0  
Aye's: Masten, Barai, Mueller, Strobel  
Nays: McCann, Busk  
Motion carries

**Daniel Roth, D.O. – 02003462A – Positive response**

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Rebecca Mueller, M.D., Michael Busk, M.D.

Dr. Roth failed to answer yes to the following question on his renewal application:

4. Since you last renewed, have you had a malpractice judgment against you or settled any malpractice action?

Dr. Roth also settled a malpractice suit for one hundred and eighty-seven thousand (\$187,000.00) dollars regarding a claim that Dr. Roth and RACC Medical Associates failed to confirm cessation of anti-coagulant therapy in a 66 year old patient during performance of a spinal stimulator placement procedure, resulting in the death of the patient.

Dr. Roth stated that he ordered and administered the medication and did not catch that the dose was 50mg instead of 0.5 mg.

After discussion, the Board moved to RENEW Dr. Roth's LICENSE.

Masten/Barai, 6/0/0  
Aye's: Strobel, Masten, McCann, Barai, Mueller, Busk  
Motion carries

**John Sandoval, MD – 01062733A – Positive response**

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Rebecca Mueller, M.D.

Dr. Sandoval answered yes to the following questions on his renewal application:

1. Since you last renewed, has any professional license, certificate, registration, or permit you hold or have held been disciplined or are formal charges pending in any state?
3. Since you last renewed, and except for minor violations of traffic laws resulting in fines and arrests or convictions that have been expunged by a court, have you been arrested, entered into a diversion program, been convicted of, pled guilty of, or pled nolo contendere to any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state or U.S. Territory?
5. Since you last renewed, have you been denied staff membership or privileges in any hospital or health care facility or have staff membership or privileges been revoked, suspended, or subject to any restriction, probation, or other type of discipline – or have you resigned in lieu of discipline or termination?

On July 16, 2019, Dr. Sandoval was terminated from St. John's Children's Hospital in Springfield, Illinois, based on an ongoing criminal trial. On August 2, 2019, Dr. Sandoval was charged with aggravated domestic battery and signed an order requiring the presence of a chaperone during patient encounters.

After discussion, the Board moved to RENEW Dr. Sandoval's LICENSE and FILE a COMPLAINT with the OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Masten/Mueller, 5/0/0  
Aye's: Strobel, Masten, McCann, Barai, Mueller  
Motion carries

**William Smith, MD – 01051461A – Positive response**

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Rebecca Mueller, M.D.

Dr. Smith appeared before the Board with counsel, Mark Baeverstad.

Dr. Smith answered yes to the following question on his renewal application:

4. Since you last renewed, have you had a malpractice judgment against you or settled any malpractice action?

Dr. Smith settled a malpractice suit for ninety-three thousand and five hundred (\$93,500.00) dollars regarding alleged negligence in inducing labor and failing to recognize fetal distress resulting in brain injury and cerebral palsy.

After discussion, the Board moved to RENEW Dr. Smith's LICENSE.

Barai/Masten, 5/0/0  
Aye's: Strobel, Masten, McCann, Barai, Mueller  
Motion carries



**Adarsh K. Srivastava, M.D. – 01077730A – Positive response**

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Rebecca Mueller, M.D.

Dr. Srivastava answered yes to the following question on his renewal application:

3. Since you last renewed, and except for minor violations of traffic laws resulting in fines and arrests or convictions that have been expunged by a court, have you been arrested, entered into a diversion program, been convicted of, pled guilty of, or pled nolo contendere to any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state or U.S. Territory?

Dr. Srivastava was involved in an accident that resulted in a fatality on December 21, 2016. As a result, he was charged with First Degree Misdemeanor Vehicular Homicide for which he pled guilty on October 31, 2017. This took place in Hamilton County Municipal Court in Cincinnati, Ohio. Alcohol was not involved.

After discussion, the Board moved to RENEW Dr. Srivastava's LICENSE.

Masten/Mueller, 5/0/0  
Aye's: Strobel, Masten, McCann, Barai, Mueller  
Motion carries

**Allen Stuckey, MD – 01047034 – Reinstatement**

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Rebecca Mueller, M.D.

Dr. Stuckey is requesting to reinstate his license.

Dr. Stuckey's allowed his license to expire in 2015 due to retirement. Dr. Stuckey would now like to reinstate his license to resume practice as a psychiatrist due to financial reasons.

After discussion, the Board moved to RENEW Dr. Stuckey's LICENSE.

Mueller/Masten, 5/0/0  
Aye's: Strobel, Masten, McCann, Barai, Mueller  
Motion carries

**Songoli Umeh, MD – 01078088A – Positive response**

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Rebecca Mueller, M.D.

Dr. Umeh answered yes to the following question on his renewal application:

5. Since you last renewed, have you been denied staff membership or privileges in any hospital or health care facility or have staff membership or privileges been revoked, suspended, or subject to any restriction, probation, or other type of discipline – or have you resigned in lieu of discipline or termination?

Dr. Umeh's privileges at Exeter Hospital in Exeter, New Hampshire were placed on "precautionary suspension" on June 27, 2018. This was a result of his failure to properly dispense of certain controlled substances at the end of the case.

The investigation concluded that outside of Dr. Umeh's failure to return the controlled substance medications in a timely fashion, as mandated by hospital policy, there was no other evidence of professional misconduct on his part.

After discussion, the Board moved to RENEW Dr. Umeh's LICENSE.

Masten/Mueller, 5/0/0  
Aye's: Strobel, Masten, McCann, Barai, Mueller  
Motion carries

**Sonya Williams, MD – 01077722A – Positive response**

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Rebecca Mueller, M.D., Michael Busk, M.D.

Dr. Williams answered yes to the following question on her renewal application:

5. Since you last renewed, have you been denied staff membership or privileges in any hospital or health care facility or have staff membership or privileges been revoked, suspended, or subject to any restriction, probation, or other type of discipline – or have you resigned in lieu of discipline or termination?

Dr. Williams was placed on temporary suspension with Community Hospital in May of 2019, secondary to allowing a patient to labor who did not consent to a cesarean. The Hearing concluded that her management was not below the standard of care. Community Hospital also sited her for not completing four (4) charts.

A hearing took place on September 18, 2019. Currently Dr. William's attorney and the hospital are in the middle of negotiating reinstating her privileges and changing the wording in her National Practitioner Data Bank.

After discussion, the Board moved to RENEW Dr. William's LICENSE.

Masten/McCann, 6/0/0  
Aye's: Strobel, Masten, McCann, Barai, Mueller, Busk  
Motion carries

**Ira Wolke, MD – 01052549A – Positive response**

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Rebecca Mueller, M.D., Michael Busk, M.D.

Dr. Wolke answered yes to the following question on her renewal application:

1. Since you last renewed, has any professional license, certificate, registration, or permit you hold or have held been disciplined or are formal charges pending in any state?

A settlement of one hundred and twenty-five thousand (\$125,000.00) dollars was paid on behalf of Dr. Wolke regarding an error reading chest x-rays.

Due to the malpractice settlement, the following State Boards issued the following discipline:

1. North Carolina Medical Board – Public Letter of Concern – January 6, 2016
2. Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation – Consent Order and \$500.00 Fine on September 9, 2016
3. Pennsylvania Medical Board– Consent Order and \$250.00 fine on December 19, 2017
4. Michigan Medical Board – Consent Order and \$250.00 fine on June 15, 2018
5. California Medical Board – Public letter of reprimand on August 31, 2018

There are no restrictions on any of Dr. Wolke’s active licenses in any state where he is licensed.

After discussion, the Board moved to RENEW Dr. Wolke’s LICENSE.

Strobel/Mueller, 6/0/0  
Aye’s: Strobel, Masten, McCann, Barai, Mueller, Busk  
Motion carries

**Aamir M. Zakaria, M.D. – 01068524A – Reinstatement**

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Rebecca Mueller, M.D., Michael Busk, M.D.

Dr. Zakaria has applied for reinstatement of his license. He has not practiced medicine since 2014.

After discussion, the Board moved to TABLE Dr. Zakaria’s PERSONAL APPEARANCE until he can appear with a re-entry program that includes a three (3) month mentorship and a course outline.

Masten/McCann, 6/0/0  
Aye’s: Strobel, Masten, McCann, Barai, Mueller, Busk  
Motion carries

### **Husain Shaath, M.D. – USMLE Waiver**

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Rebecca Mueller, M.D., Michael Busk, M.D.

Dr. Shaath appeared with counsel, Joseph Fuschetto and his employer, Christine Yoder, IU Health Arnett requesting a waiver of USMLE 10 year rule.

Dr. Shaath graduated from Arabian Gulf University in Bahrain on June 20, 2000. He completed USMLE part 2 in November of 2001. Due to the September 11 attacks, he held off on applying for the remaining USMLE tests, as he would have run into difficulties obtaining an entry visa to attend interviews in the U.S. He eventually completed all but his USMLE Step three by 2007. DR. Shaath completed USMLE Step 3 in 2017.

Dr. Shaath is completing his fourth year in ACGME accredited residency program in Neurology at Rutgers Medical School.

Dr. Shaath has signed a three year contract with IU Health Arnett. His employer has agreed to submit annual reports regarding his employment.

After discussion, the Board moved to GRANT Dr. Shaath a WAIVER.

Barai/McCann, 6/0/0  
Aye's: Strobel, Masten, McCann, Barai, Mueller, Busk  
Motion carries

### **ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

#### **Anne White, M.D., License No. 01060588A, Cause No. 2019 MLB 0037**

Respondent failed to appear in person but was represented by counsel, Jenny Buchheit, regarding a Proposed Settlement Agreement scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Stacy Oliver, Supervising Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Margie Addington with Associated Reporting, Inc.

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Rebecca Mueller, M.D.

Respondent failed to disclose on her 2017 renewal that her license in North Carolina had been placed on probation.

Both parties agreed to a settlement agreement that would place Respondent's license on indefinite probation for no less than 2 years, with terms and conditions.