

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

MINUTES OF JULY 26, 2018

John Strobel, M.D., President, called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. A quorum was declared in accordance with IC 25-22.5.

Members Present: John Strobel, M.D., President
Kirk Masten, M.D., Vice President
Victoria McCann, J.D., Secretary
Scott Green, M.D., Member, arrived at 8:45 a.m.
Rebecca Mueller, M.D., Member
Bharat Barai, M.D., Member, left at 4:00 p.m.

Members Absent: Michael Busk, M.D., Member

Staff Present: Darren R. Covington, J.D., Board Director
Professional Licensing Agency
Kimberly A. Letko, Assistant Board Director
Professional Licensing Agency
James Schmidt, Deputy Attorney General
Office of the Attorney General

The Board voted to adopt the agenda.

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

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

The Board voted to adopt the minutes correction of the February 22, 2018 meeting.

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

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

The Board voted to adopt the minutes of the June 28, 2018 meeting.

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

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

FULL BOARD APPEARANCE

Hannah Maxey, Bowen Center – 2017 Indiana Physician Licensure Survey

Ms. Maxey provided an overview and brief history to the Board of the Bowen Center for Health Workforce Research and Policy (Bowen Center) and the 2017 Data Report of the Indiana Physician Licensure Survey.

Ms. Maxey stated that the Bowen Center handles data coordination and policy coordination regarding licensed health professions for the State of Indiana. The 2017 Indiana Physician Licensure Survey provides descriptive data on the 2017 Indiana Physician workforce.

Ms. Maxey stated that much of the data presented in the 2017 Physician Licensure Survey Data Report can inform policies and initiatives aimed at improving access to health care for Indiana residents. The Bowen Center aims to provide its stakeholders with timely and accessible information on Indiana's health workforce.

Ms. Maxey also presented information regarding the Bowen portal, which is a web based interface that allows stakeholders to access the data gathered by the Bowen Center.

Ms. Maxey shared the findings of the 2017 Indiana Physician Licensure Survey and stated that although the 2017 Indiana Physician Workforce Survey Sample has increased in comparison to the 2015 sample (11,085 versus 10,057), many similarities remain. Overall, the average age of the workforce has remained consistent, and the distribution race and ethnicity has changed very little. There were a greater number of female physicians in 2017, though they still account for around 30% of the total workforce. Distribution of specialties has also seen very little change, with primary care physicians accounting for close to 37% of the total Indiana physician workforce and psychiatrists accounting for just under 4%. Regarding workforce capacity, the psychiatrist workforce still lacks capacity in many-primarily rural- counties throughout the state which could indicate limited access to psychiatric care for many Hoosier residents.

Ms. Maxey showed that demographically, the majority of Indiana's physician workforce is male, white and non-Hispanic. The data demonstrates that demographic shifts are

occurring among Indiana Physicians as a larger percentage of female physicians are in younger age groups as compared to male physicians. Data on the practice characteristics, specialty and geographic distribution, of Indiana physicians suggest trends similar to those observed nationally. The majority of Indiana's physician workforce is concentrated in populous, urban areas, and over 60% of physicians report a specialty other than primary care (Family Medicine/General Practice, General Internal Medicine, General Pediatrics and Obstetrics and Gynecology) or psychiatric (Adult/Child Psychiatry) specialty.

Ms. Maxey concluded by stating that in addition to providing information on the overall physician workforce, the report also contains sub-sections specifically dedicated to primary care physicians and psychiatrists. The 2017 Indiana Physician Licensure Survey Data Report is a snapshot of Indiana physician workforce and offers key information that can be used to determine the best practices for improving health care for Indiana residents.

DISCUSSION

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

Retirement/Surrender Requests

Emily Stapp, M.D., 01032027A – Retirement

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE Dr. Stapp's request to RETIRE her Indiana Medical License.

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

Lon Boutiette, M.D., 01078305A – Surrender

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE Dr. Boutiette's request to SURRENDER his Indiana Medical License.

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

Victor Contri, M.D., 01025129A – Retirement

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE Dr. Contri's request to RETIRE his Indiana Medical License.

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

Rule Status Updates

High Breast Density "consult" definition

The Director stated this has been sent to governor's office for moratorium request. Once returned Board will be able to file a notice of intent.

Acupuncture Referral

The Director needs to submit the moratorium request.

Telemedicine

The Director needs to submit the moratorium request.

Letter from IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital Internal Medicine Residency regarding unlicensed practice of residents.

The Board received a letter from the Indiana University Health Ball Memorial Hospital Internal Medicine Residency program stating that three (3) of their Internal Medicine residents inadvertently allowed their Indiana postgraduate training permits to expire and were in supervised patient care areas on July 1, 2018 and the early morning of July 2, 2018.

Board decided to send a strongly worded letter regarding the issue but not to impose any discipline.

LICENSURE REVIEW

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

Francisco L. Padron, M.D. – Waiver of transcript requirement

Dr. Padron is requesting a waiver from the Board of the medical school transcript requirement. Dr. Padron stated that he has not been successful in reaching anyone at

Universidad De Valladolid Facultad De Medicina in Spain to have transcripts sent to the Board. Dr. Padron received his medical degree in 1980.

Dr. Padron completed post-graduate training at James H. Quillen College of Medicine in Tennessee in 1982 and Mount Sinai Medical Center of Florida in 1984.

Dr. Padron is board certified in General Internal Medicine with the American Board of Internal Medicine, and holds a full, unrestricted license in Florida where he has been practicing medicine since 1984.

After discussion, the Board moved to GRANT Dr. Padron LICENSURE in the State of Indiana.

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

Milly Bhalani, M.D. – Waiver of approved medical school – Post-Graduate Permit

Dr. Bhalani received her medical degree from International American University in St. Lucia, West Indies. The International American University is an unapproved foreign medical school. She is requesting a waiver from the Board of the approved medical school rule so that she may pursue a one (1) to two (2) week rotation in a sports medicine fellowship at Indiana University.

Dr. Bhalani is currently completing her third year of post-graduate training in family medicine at the University of Nebraska Medical Center's Lincoln Medical Education program.

After discussion, the Board moved to GRANT Dr. Bhalani a POST-GRADUATE TRAINING PERMIT in the State of Indiana.

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

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Daniel Pietras, M.D. – Positive response – tabled from June meeting

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

Dr. Pietras appeared before the Board with counsel, Mary Watts.

Dr. Pietras was referred by his training program to the Florida Professionals Resource Network (PRN) on December 1, 2015 due to a verbal outburst that occurred at his home while on a pager call on November 30, 2015 at approximately 5:00 p.m. and was reported anonymously to the Gainesville police by someone who overheard his outburst.

After an evaluation by an independent physician, it was determined that the impairment occurred in part due to the adverse effect of an inappropriate treatment with prescribed long-acting psychostimulants that he had taken the morning of November 30 in anticipation of the afternoon call shift. As a result he was placed on leave from his program between December 1, 2015 and February 7, 2016.

Dr. Pietras returned to his program on February 8, 2016 due to compliance with monitoring, including abstinence from psychostimulants since January 6, 2016, mandated psychiatric treatment every 1-3 months and weekly counseling.

Dr. Pietras reported this information to the Florida medical Board prior to approval of his active license, which was issued May 26, 2016.

At the June Board meeting, the Board requested that Dr. Pietras meet with the Indiana State Medical Association (ISMA) for an evaluation and possible monitoring contract, and to return before the Board after he met with ISMA.

Dr. Pietras voluntarily signed a contract with ISMA.

After discussion, the Board moved to GRANT Dr. Pietras LICENSURE in the State of Indiana.

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

James Murphy, M.D. – Positive response - Reinstatement

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

Dr. Murphy answered yes to the following question(s) on his application for reinstatement of his Indiana medical license:

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

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?
6. Since you last renewed, have you been excluded from being a Medicare or Medicaid provider?

Dr. Murphy failed to meet the standard of care due to not maintaining adequate medical records while working at Auburn Memorial Hospital in 2011 and his New York medical license was subsequently revoked. Due to New York's revocation, Dr. Murphy's licenses in California and Missouri were also revoked. Dr. Murphy surrendered his license in Texas in lieu of additional discipline and he was banned from Medicaid/Medicare in the state of California.

Dr. Murphy completed a Physician Assessment and Clinical Education Program (PACE) in May of 2016 and is Board certified in Emergency Medicine.

After discussion, the Board moved to GRANT Dr. Murphy LICENSURE in the State of Indiana.

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

Gabriel Ogbonnaya, M.D. – Positive response - Reinstatement – tabled from June

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

The Board moved to TABLE Dr. Ogbonnaya's personal appearance at the June 28, 2018 Board meeting in order to review the Arizona Board's letter to Dr. Ogbonnaya regarding their denial of reinstatement in 2017, and Darren Covington, Director, stated he would reach out to the Arizona Board for additional information.

After the Director's inquiry into the Arizona Board matter, it was discovered that Dr. Ogbonnaya failed to appeal the Arizona Board decision within the statutory timeframe allowed.

The Board requested Dr. Ogbonnaya to go back to the Arizona Board and work toward a free and clear license in Arizona prior to the Board reinstating his Indiana license.

Dr. Ogbonnaya withdrew his application for reinstatement.

Areef S. Kassam, 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., Scott Green, M.D., Rebecca Mueller, M.D.

Dr. Kassam appeared before the Board with his employer Elizabeth Ann Cunningham and Kathy Zoppi with Community Health Network.

Dr. Kassam received his Medical Degree from the University of the Americas in Nevis, West Indies in September of 2014. This medical school was not approved until after May of 2015.

Dr. Kassam is currently completing his post-graduate residency program at Community Hospitals of Indianapolis in Psychiatry and has applied for full licensure in order to moonlight during this residency.

After discussion, the Board moved to GRANT Dr. Kassam LICENSURE in the State of Indiana.

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

Talat Hayat Raja, M.D. – Unapproved foreign medical school – tabled from June

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

Dr. Raja failed to appear at June and July 2018 Board meetings regarding his request for a waiver of the approved medical school rule.

Dr. Raja received his degree from Xavier University School of Medicine in Aruba, an unapproved foreign medical school.

Dr. Raja requested a waiver of the approved medical school rule with his initial application and was scheduled for a personal appearance at the June 28, 2018 Board meeting. Due to his failure to appear at that meeting, the Board decided to table his appearance and he was rescheduled to appear before the Board at the July 26, 2018 Board meeting.

Dr. Raja failed to appear at this meeting as well.

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

Masten/Barai, 5/0/0, Mueller out for vote
Aye's: McCann, Masten, Strobel, Green, Barai
Motion carries

Michael Farhi, M.D. – Probation – License surrender request

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

On June 27, 2017, the Board moved to place Dr. Farhi's license on Indefinite Probation without the ability to petition for removal of the probation until his Illinois license probation has ended.

Dr. Farhi came before the Board to request surrendering his Indiana license.

After discussion, the Board moved to allow Dr. Farhi to SURRENDER his Indiana Medical LICENSE with the stipulation that his Illinois license must be free and clear prior to reapplying for a license in the State of Indiana.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

Kenneth Primm, M.D., License No. 01060295A, Cause No. 2012 MLB 0031

Respondent appeared in person and with counsel, John F. Ittenbach, regarding a Petition to Withdraw Probation scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Ryan Eldridge, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Sherri Rutledge with Rutledge Independent Reporting.

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

Respondent last practiced medicine in clinical setting at Anesthesia Associates in DeKalb, Illinois in March of 2013 and has been sober since December of 2009 but continues to attend group therapy.

Respondent has recently accepted a position with Dr. Furry at Central Illinois Associates in Decatur, Illinois.

Respondent has kept current with all CMEs and has complied with all terms and conditions of his probation.

Respondent's Exhibits:

Exhibit 1: Letter from Cynthia Gordon, M.D., Illinois Professional Health Program.

After discussion, the Board moved to WITHDRAW Respondent's PROBATION.

Barai/Green, 6/0/0

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

Motion carries

John Sturman, M.D., License No. 01064902A, Cause No. 2017 MLB 0035

Respondent appeared in person and with counsel, Gillian DePrez-Kiefner, Esq., regarding a Petition for Reinstatement scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Aaron Milewski, Deputy Attorney General and Jessica Krug, Supervising Deputy Attorney General. The court reporter sworn in for this matter was Sherri Rutledge with Rutledge Independent Reporting.

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

On January 8, 2018, Respondent's license was placed on Indefinite Suspension for six (6) months, due to prescribing practice violations, and that upon his petition for reinstatement, the Board moved that he must show proof of completion of ten (10) hours of continuing medical education in Record keeping; and a Board review course in Neurology; and his license would be reinstated on probation with terms and conditions that include him not having the authority to prescribe or dispense controlled substances in the State of Indiana ever again.

The following witnesses testified on behalf of the Respondent:

Larry Blankenship, Jr., M.D., Central Indiana Neurology
Jon Legrant, Pharm.D., Opioid Safety Initiative

Respondent admitted the following exhibits into evidence:

- Exhibit 1: Mayo Clinic Record of Attendance, Neurology Board Review; Clinical Neurology for Initial Certification and MOC, 77.25 credit hours
- Exhibit 2: Mayo Clinic Record of Attendance, Neurology Board Review; Basic Sciences and Psychiatry for Initial Certification – Maintenance of Certification, 32 credit hours
- Exhibit 3: University of California in Irvine, PBI Medical Record Keeping course, 17 credit hours
- Exhibit 4: Affidavit of Larry Blankenship, Jr., M.D., Central Indiana Neurology
- Exhibit 5: Affidavit of Jon Legrant, Pharm.D., Opioid Safety Initiative

After discussion, the Board moved to REINSTATE Respondent's LICENSE on INDEFINITE PROBATION with terms and conditions.

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

Anthony Conrardy, M.D., License No. 01069491A, Cause No. 2017 MLB 0041

Respondent failed to appear in person but with counsel, Paul Rossi, regarding a Final Hearing scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Roxanne Hilton, Deputy Attorney General and Natalie Stidd, Deputy Attorney General. The court reporter sworn in for this matter was Sherri Rutledge with Rutledge Independent Reporting.

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

Both parties agreed to an agreement for three (3) years of probation with terms and conditions.

On April 21, 2016, Respondent was criminally charged with thirteen (13) counts of Unlawful Distribution of Controlled Substances.

On March 21, 2017 a jury found him guilty of five (5) counts of Unlawful Distribution of Controlled Substances.

On August 25, 2017, the United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan, entered judgment against Respondent, adjudicating him of the above-referenced five (5) counts, and sentenced him to thirty (30) months of incarceration with thirty-six (36) months of supervised release thereafter.

The State admitted the following exhibits into evidence:

- Exhibit A: United States District Court Eastern District of Michigan file regarding Respondent's conviction
- Exhibit B: Respondent's complaint and stipulation from the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board
- Exhibit C: Respondent's Criminal case judgement with United States District Court Eastern District of Michigan
- Exhibit D1: Respondent's administrative complaint with Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Bureau of Professional Licensing
- Exhibit D2: Respondent's Judgement in a Criminal Case with United States District Court Eastern District of Michigan

Respondent admitted the following exhibits into evidence:

- Exhibit 25b: Transcript of audio from Patient MH encounters with Dr. Conrardy
- Exhibit 12: Respondent's clinic inter-office memo, October 29, 2012
- Exhibit 14: Respondent's clinic inter-office memo, February 21, 2013

After discussion, the Board moved to find Respondent in violation of Indiana Code 25-1-9-4(a)(2)(A):

Barai/Masten, 6/0/0

Ayes: Masten, Barai, Strobel, Green, McCann, Mueller

Motion carries

After further discussion, the Board moved to find Respondent in violation of Indiana Code 25-1-9-4(a)(2)(B):

Masten/Barai, 6/0/0

Ayes: Masten, Barai, Strobel, Green, McCann, Mueller

Motion carries

After further discussion, the Board moved to find Respondent in violation of Indiana Code 25-1-9-4(a)(2)(A):

McCann/Masten, 6/0/0

Ayes: Masten, Barai, Strobel, Green, McCann, Mueller

Motion carries

After further discussion, the Board moved to find Respondent in violation of Indiana Code 25-1-9-4(a)(2)(B):

McCann/Masten, 6/0/0

Ayes: Masten, Barai, Strobel, Green, McCann, Mueller

Motion carries

After further discussion, the Board moved to find Respondent in violation of Indiana Code 25-1-9-4(a)(2)(A):

McCann/Masten, 6/0/0

Ayes: Masten, Barai, Strobel, Green, McCann, Mueller

Motion carries

After further discussion, the Board moved to find Respondent in violation of Indiana Code 25-1-9-4(a)(2)(B):

McCann/Masten, 6/0/0

Ayes: Masten, Barai, Strobel, Green, McCann, Mueller

Motion carries

After further discussion, the Board moved to find Respondent in violation of Indiana Code 25-1-9-4(a)(2)(A):

McCann/Mueller, 6/0/0

Ayes: Masten, Barai, Strobel, Green, McCann, Mueller

Motion carries

After further discussion, the Board moved to find Respondent in violation of Indiana Code 25-1-9-4(a)(2)(B):

Mueller/Green, 6/0/0

Ayes: Masten, Barai, Strobel, Green, McCann, Mueller

Motion carries

After further discussion, the Board moved to find Respondent in violation of Indiana Code 25-1-9-4(a)(2)(A):

Green/Barai, 6/0/0

Ayes: Masten, Barai, Strobel, Green, McCann, Mueller

Motion carries

After further discussion, the Board moved to find Respondent in violation of Indiana Code 25-1-9-4(a)(2)(B):

Barai/McCann, 6/0/0

Ayes: Masten, Barai, Strobel, Green, McCann, Mueller

Motion carries

After final discussion, the Board moved to PLACE Respondent's license on INDEFINITE SUSPENSION with terms and conditions that include completing twenty (20) hours of Continuing Medical Education in opioid prescribing; full residency training in specialty of his choosing; and free and clear license in Michigan.

Barai/Masten, 6/0/0

Ayes: Masten, Barai, Strobel, Green, McCann, Mueller

Motion carries

Gregory Doll, M.D., License No. 01038616A, Cause No. 2018 MLB 0001

Respondent failed to appear in person but with counsel, Barclay Wong, regarding a Final Hearing scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Roxanne Hilton, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Sherri Rutledge with Rutledge Independent Reporting.

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

An administrative complaint was filed on January 2, 2018 alleging that Respondent, has his privileges suspended at Fayette Regional Health System (FRHS) for failing to complete patient records and that he had failed to report this suspension on his 2015 IPLA renewal form.

On July 19, 2018, as part of the discovery process, the State received new information, which indicated that Respondent has continued to be scheduled after his privileges had been suspended.

The State requested that the Board dismiss this hearing.

After discussion, the Board moved to DISMISS Respondent's HEARING.

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

Louis Hahn, M.D., License No. 01032332A, Cause No. 2018 MLB 0006

Respondent appeared in person and with counsel, James Voyles, regarding a Final Hearing and Respondent's Notice of Intention to Surrender Medical License scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Natalie Stidd, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Sherri Rutledge with Rutledge Independent Reporting.

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

Respondent has been non-compliant with Board ordered Indiana State Medical Association Physician Assistant Program (ISMA PAP) since July of 2017 due to his positive blood alcohol test, positive breathalyzer screens, and refusing to participate in an extended assessment.

Respondent's case with ISMA PAP has been closed and he is no longer part of the program.

The State has opened an administrative complaint on Respondent.

Respondent is requesting to surrender his Indiana medical license.

The State requested that the Board impose stipulations on Respondent if Respondent reapplies for licensure in the future.

After discussion, the Board moved to ACCEPT Respondent's SURRENDER of his medical license with terms and conditions if Respondent reapplies for medical licensure in the State of Indiana.

Masten/Green, 6/0/0
Ayes: Masten, Green, Strobel, McCann, Barai, Mueller
Motion carries

Faizuddin Shareef, D.O., License No. 02003711A, Cause No. 2018 MLB 0026

Respondent appeared in person and with counsel, Paul Rossi, regarding a Petition for Summary Suspension scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Tim Weber, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Sherri Rutledge with Rutledge Independent Reporting.

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

The State presented to the Board that Respondent represented a clear and immediate danger to the public health and safety if allowed to continue to practice as a medical doctor in the State of Indiana due to the deaths of four of Respondent's patients who died from drug overdoses under his pain management care.

The State admitted the following exhibits:

- Exhibit A: Medical records for Patients A, C and B
- Exhibit B: DEA Reports of Investigation for Patients A, B, C & D
- Exhibit C: Coroner reports for Patients A, B, C & D
- Exhibit D: Inspect Reports for Patients A, B, C & D
- Exhibit E: Statistical Information on the Opioid Crisis in Indiana
- Exhibit F: Post-Mortem photos of patient C
- Exhibit G: Corkboard Timeline of Patients A through D

The following witnesses testified on behalf of the State:

Palmer MacKie, Professor, IU school of Medicine, Pain Management Clinic
Juan M. Morales, DEA Diversion Investigator
Zhuo Wang, M.D., Forensic Pathologist, Lake County Coroner's office

After discussion, the Board moved to SUMMARILY SUSPEND Respondent's LICENSE for NINETY (90) DAYS with terms and conditions.

Strobel/Masten, 3/2/0, Barai out
Ayes: Strobel, Masten, Mueller
Nays: McCann, Green
Motion carries

Van Evanoff, M.D., License No. 01053652A, Cause No. 2018 MLB 0012

Respondent failed to appear in person or with counsel, regarding a Notice of Proposed Default & Order to Show Cause scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Natalie Stidd, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Sherri Rutledge with Rutledge Independent Reporting.

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

Respondent failed to appear before the Board, however sent a letter requesting that they reschedule the order to show cause.

Board moved to find Respondent in Default.

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

The following witness testified for the State:

Candace Backer, ISMA

Ms. Backer stated she met with him on Dec., 4, 2017. She asked him to get an assessment at Positive Sobriety. They diagnosed him with severe substance abuse disorder. ISMA gave him several options for treatment. He stated he could not sign contract because he felt he would not be able to afford the treatment costs.

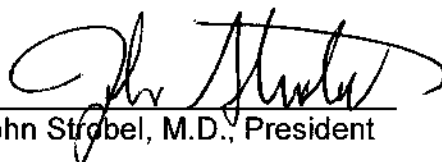
He has not signed a contract with ISMA.

State recommends the Board place Respondent on Indefinite Suspension.

After discussion, the Board moved to PLACE Respondent's LICENSE on INDEFINITE SUSPENSION.

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



John Strobel, M.D., President

Kirk Masten, M.D., Vice President

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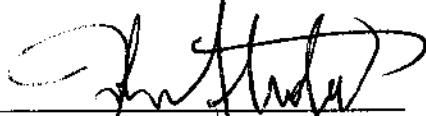
He has not signed a contract with ISMA.

State recommends the Board place Respondent on Indefinite Suspension.

After discussion, the Board moved to PLACE Respondent's LICENSE on INDEFINITE SUSPENSION.

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



John Strobel, M.D., President



Victoria McCann, J.D., Secretary