



**Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners
Development Committee**

January 9, 2023

MINUTES

The Development Committee meeting of the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners was called to order at 4:02 p.m. in the Poplar Room, Ground Floor, Metro Center Complex, 665 Mainstream Drive, Nashville, Tennessee 37243 by Dr. Melanie Blake.

Committee members present: Melanie Blake, MD
Robert Ellis, Consumer Member
Samantha McLerran, MD

Staff present: David Silvus, JD, Office of General Counsel
Stacy Tarr, BME Executive Director
Brandi Allocco, Administrative Director

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Blake with a roll call of members and staff present. Having determined a quorum with three members present, Dr. Blake opened the meeting with the first agenda item.

I. UPDATE FROM SEXUAL MISCONDUCT TASKFORCE

The revised policy was approved by the Sexual Misconduct Taskforce and is up for consideration by the Development Committee. The policy was amended to resemble the Federation of State Medical Boards most recent revisions. Mr. Robert Ellis motioned to approve the revised Sexual Misconduct Policy. Dr. Samantha McLerran seconded. The motion passed.

II. PUBLIC CHAPTER 949

Public Chapter 949 allows ten (10) of Twelve (12) site visits to take place remotely by HIPPA-compliant means. The current rule conflicts with the statute and will need to be revised. Concerns with the definition of site visits, requirements to visit to each site a practitioner works at and rotating practitioners were brought forth. Mr. David Silvus suggested these are all things that would need to be defined within the rule. This agenda item was tabled until the next meeting.

III. UPDATE FROM REENTRY TASKFORCE

The revised diagram was submitted to the Committee for consideration. Mr. Silvus suggested the removal of the word "or" since the intent seems to be all applicants out of practice will be required to

complete a preceptorship and additional requirements could be required. Administrative staff will review the Report on Reentry and suggest revisions and provide an updated date to reflect the review. A note on the reentry diagram that all applicants are considered on a case-by-case basis should be included. Mr. Ellis motioned to approve the Reentry Diagram with the or changed to and. Dr. McLerran seconded. The motion passed.

IV. **REQUEST FOR ADVISORY RULING**

Dr. Abdelhamid Alsharif is requesting an exemption from Rule 0880-2-.14(c) to allow prescribing of amphetamines for hypersomnia. The Board has proposed changes to the current rules, which, when they become effective, would allow the prescription of amphetamines for treatment of Food and Drug Administration approved indications, as well as other proposed changes. The proposed rules have not had a rulemaking hearing, so the Board is granting the authority to prescribe amphetamines under the conditions of the proposed changes for the licensee making the inquiry. Dr. McLerran motioned to approve the drafted response. Mr. Ellis seconded the motion. The motion passed.

V. **PUBLIC CHAPTER 970**

Public Chapter 970 grants a license for supervised practice while training for applicants licensed in another country. Mr. Silvus suggested this is an agenda item that the Committee should take action on and maybe the Board could elect one member to work with Francine Baca – Chavez to draft rules that can be brought back to the Board. It was also suggested the Board should approve the training programs that can participate with the license type. The elected Board member and Ms. Baca-Chavez can reach out to interested parties to contribute to the rule discussion.

VI. **PUBLIC CHAPTER 747**

Public Chapter 747 changes the language of the statute for International Medical Graduates from completion of a three (3) year residency training program to a three (3) year training program. This will require rule revision. Mr. Silvus suggested this be accomplished in the same manner as PC 970, by electing a Board Member to work with Ms. Baca-Chavez. Dr. Blake would like to include someone from Tennessee Medical Association, Vanderbilt, and UT training programs to contribute to the rule discussion.

VII. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - No public comment

The meeting adjourned at 4:46 pm.