



**Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners
Reentry Taskforce**

Monday, October 31, 2022

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The Reentry Taskforce meeting of the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners was called to order at 2:16 p.m. in the Poplar Room, Ground Floor, Metro Center Complex, 665 Mainstream Drive, Nashville, Tennessee 37243 by Dr. Stephen Loyd, Board Chair.

Committee members present: Keith Anderson, MD
Samantha McLerran, MD - Chair

Staff present: Francine Baca-Chavez, JD, Office of General Counsel
Stacy Tarr, Executive Director
Brandi Allocco, Administrative Director

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Samantha McLerran. Ms. Francine Baca-Chavez opened the meeting by stating the task of the committee is to discuss and consider the Reentry Policy for licensure. The Board of Medical Examiners (hereinafter “the Board”) meeting discussions have indicated the Board does not always follow the reentry flowchart and the Board voted to convene this committee to revisit the flowchart, make changes, and present it to the full Board for adoption. One of the items the Board has considered that is not included in the flowchart is preceptorships. It was discussed the current flowchart is restrictive and the remediation requirements are expensive. It was discussed that those out of practice for ten (10) or more years, should expect to encounter significant costs and requirements to reenter practice. Discussion took place regarding certification exams and maintaining certification for those out of practice. It was stated that taking and passing a test does not mean that a physician is clinically safe to see patients in Tennessee. Discussion was had that an approved preceptorship would allow a preceptor to report that a physician out of practice was safe to reenter practice. The length of time and requirements for the preceptorship could be individualized based on the time out of practice. Ms. Baca-Chavez stated the Issuance of a Limited License Checklist would be useful for this purpose. Discussion began regarding revising the flowchart. The taskforce determined the preceptorship should be the first box and use of the Limited License Checklist could be used to determine the requirements of the preceptorship. It was then decided based on the results and recommendations of the preceptor that additional requirements may be required. The taskforce decided to add the items of the current flowchart as the “may be required based on the results of the preceptorship” to the current flowchart. Dr. McLerran did a sketch of the flowchart discussed. Dr. Anderson reviewed the sketch. Dr. Anderson motioned to accept. Dr. McLerran seconded. The motion passed. Discussion took place regarding finding preceptors. It was decided to reach out to Tennessee Medical Association (hereinafter “TMA”) and ask if TMA will help to educate physicians in Tennessee that the Board is utilizing preceptorships to help physicians reenter practice with the goal of acquiring a pool of preceptors. Dr. Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. McLerran seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 pm