

OPIOID MINIMUM DISCIPLINE TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: August 29, 2018
TIME: 10:00 A.M., CT
LOCATION: Health Related Boards
Iris Room
665 Mainstream Drive
Nashville, Tennessee

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: J. Michael Wieting, DO - Board of Osteopathic Examination
Thomas C. Williams, DDS – Board of Dentistry
John W. Hale, Jr., MD - Board of Medical Examiners
Mark Allen Young, RN, APN – Board of Nursing
Gregory Cain, PA-C – Committee on Physician Assistants

BOARD MEMBERS

ABSENT: Jennifer G. Uhl, OD – Board of Optometry
Ramesh B. Pavuluri, DPM – Board of Podiatric Medical
Examiners

STAFF

PRESENT: Mary Katherine Bratton, Chief Deputy General Counsel
Yvette Vagle, Board Administrator

Mary Katherine Bratton, Chief Deputy General Counsel called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. A roll call was conducted, and a quorum was present.

Elect Chairperson

Thomas C. Williams, DDS made a motion to elect John W. Hale, Jr., MD as chair person. The motion was seconded by J. Michael Wieting, DO.

The motion carried.

Discuss and vote on interpretation of Public Chapter 978, as to which type(s) of opioid prescribing the minimum standards apply

John W. Hale, Jr., MD made a motion that Public Chapter 978 is not tied to Public Chapter 1039 and that the minimum standards apply to all opioid prescribing cases. The motion was seconded by Thomas C. Williams, DDS.

The Motion carried.

Discuss and vote on uniform Minimum Disciplinary Standards for a significant deviation or a pattern of deviation from sound medical judgement by a healthcare practitioner who treats human patients with opioids

The Task Force discussed proposed rules from the Office of General Counsel and also proposed rules from the Tennessee Medical Association, Tennessee Association of Nurse Anesthetists, Tennessee Nurses Association, Tennessee Academy of Physician Assistants, and Tennessee Pharmacists Association, jointly.

Adjourn

At 2:42 p.m., John W. Hale, Jr., MD adjourned the meeting.