

Vermont Secretary of State
Office of Professional Regulation
BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIANS & SURGEONS
UNAPPROVED MINUTES
June 12, 2008

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m.

Board members present: Howard S. Jonas, D.O., Chairman; William Cove, D.O., Vice-Chair; John Welch, Esq.; and Mary C. Mazzariello. Absent: John Peterson, D.O.

OPR staff present: Larry Novins, Board Counsel; Carl Preston, Unit Administrator; and Kara Shangraw, Administrative Assistant.

2. The Chair called for approval of the Minutes of the June 28, 07 meeting. Ms. Mazzariello made a motion, seconded by Dr. Cove, to approve the Minutes of the June 28, 2007 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

3. **Hearings/Stipulations Review:**

4. **Reports/Guests:**

Lisa Robin, Rita Hou-Mohsin, and Dr. Kim Edward LeBlanc from the Federation of State Medical Boards attended the meeting and discussed resources available from the FSMB in a powerpoint presentation. Some of the highlights from the presentation included: An Opioid's book for pain management available for distribution, common licensing, members resource center, on-line FSMB profile forms, public safety issues, and weekly and monthly webinars.

5. **Legislation/Rulemaking:**

Dr. Jonas discussed the need to amend the statute in Vermont regarding physician's leaving the state. For public protection, the physicians should include an notice in local newspapers, send a letter to all of his/her patients, and enclose a release form to the patients so that the physician may release the patient's record to a new physician. He said the provisions should include a seven year retention of records and a 30 day minimum notice.

6. **Complaints/follow-up cases:**

OS01-0807-Report of Concluded Investigation-The Board reviewed the Report of Concluded Investigation. Based on the information provided, Mr. Welch made a motion, seconded by Dr. Cove, to accept the Investigative Team's recommendation to conclude this matter without charges. Motion passed 3-0. Dr. Jonas, Investigating member, did not participate in the vote.

7. Applications/Discussion:

The Board voted to formally approve the following applicants for licensure as Osteopathic Physicians:

Kris Eschbach, DO – 032-555 Katherine Riggert, DO – 032-556

Carolyn Saluti, DO – 032-554 Rebecca Yukica, DO – 032-553

Sherry Cipriano, DO – 032-557

The Board voted to approve the following applicant for licensure as an Osteopathic Physician:

Melissa Dymond, DO – 032-558

8. Newsletter Topics:

The Board reviewed and approved the renewal form. Topics for the newsletter were mentioned.

9. Correspondence:

a. The Board reviewed and approved the May 30, 2008 memo from the Medical Board regarding the survey to be mailed with the renewal forms.

b. The Board reviewed and noted the miscellaneous correspondence.

10. Federation of State Medical Boards Correspondence:

a. The Board reviewed and noted the June 2007 thru March/April 2008 "Newslines."

b. The Board reviewed and noted the Journal of Medical Licensure and Discipline.

c. The Board reviewed and noted the 2007 and 2008 State of the States.

11. Other Business Introduced by the Board

12. Public Comment

13. The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kara Shangraw
Administrative Assistant