

MINUTES

**UTAH
OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIANS
LICENSING BOARD MEETING**

May 15, 2015

**Room 474 – 4th Floor – 9:00 A.M.
Heber Wells Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84111**

CONVENED: 9:14 A.M.

ADJOURNED: 10:40 A.M.

Bureau Manager:

April Ellis

Board Secretary:

Lisa Martin

Compliance Assistant:

Debbie Harry

Board Members Present:

Layne A. Hermansen, DO, Chairperson
Noel C. Nye, DO
Jacob Jessop, DO

Board Members Absent:

Lynsey J. Drew, DO
Eric Pierce, Public Member

DOPL Staff:

Guests:

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

MINUTES:

The minutes from the February 12, 2015 Board meeting were read.

Dr. Nye made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Dr. Jessop seconded the motion. The Board vote was unanimous.

APPOINTMENTS:

9:15 A.M.

Debbie Harry, Compliance Update

Ms. Harry reported the following are in compliance or out of compliance with their Stipulations and Orders:

• Dr. Kerry Blackham

Dr. Blackham is in compliance with his Stipulation and Order.

9:30 A.M.

Dr. Kerry Blackham, Telephonic Probationary Interview

• **Dr. Dennis Concoby**

Dr. Concoby has requested to meet before the Board and will be requesting his license be reinstated.

Dr. Hermansen conducted the interview asking how Dr. Blackham is doing.

Dr. Blackham states he began his residency in South Dakota in March.

Dr. Hermansen asks about the residency.

Dr. Blackham states he is enjoying the position. He participates in many rotations, the residency is a year long and at the end he will be eligible to take the boards for geriatric specialty.

Dr. Hermansen asks what Dr. Blackham is doing to stay in compliance in the new state.

Dr. Blackham states he is attending weekly meetings, continuing his affinity testing, submits his monthly reports, and the supervisor submits quarterly reports.

An appointment was made for Dr. Blackham to meet with the board telephonically on August 13, 2015.

9:40 A.M.

Dr. Dennis Concoby, Reinstatement Request

Dr. Nye conducted the interview asking how Dr. Concoby is doing.

Dr. Concoby states he has been working at a power substation and he has realized there are far reaching implications to the loss of his license.

Dr. Nye asks what Dr. Concoby does at the power station

Dr. Concoby states he has been digging trenches, running cables, and pulling cables from transformers to the operator station.

Dr. Nye asks what far reaching implications Dr. Concoby was referring to.

Dr. Concoby states originally he had thought the probation process would be simple. He had believed it he would quickly be able to regain his license and obtain a position in a clinic. As time has gone by Dr. Concoby has realized that the process is much more intensive and that there are many steps to complete to be ready to practice again.

Dr. Jessop asks what Dr. Concoby's plan is once the license is reinstated.

Dr. Concoby states he has looked into working at an all male prison, however he was unable to get much momentum without a license.

Dr. Nye states it is the board's responsibility to help physicians get their licenses back while continuing to protect the public. Dr. Nye asks what makes Dr. Concoby ready to have his license reinstated.

Dr. Concoby states he has had issues in his past that make him susceptible; having this knowledge allows him to be aware and keep constant check on his issues to ensure there is not a repeat of action.

Dr. Nye asks what measures Dr. Concoby would have in place to maintain an appropriate practice.

Dr. Concoby states he would ensure a chaperone would be present at all times.

Dr. Hermansen asks how often Dr. Concoby is seeing his therapist.

Dr. Concoby states he has been seeing two different therapists; he sees each once a month. He also attends an appointment for addiction twice a month.

Dr. Hermansen asks about the appointment with Dr. Byrne.

Dr. Concoby states he discussed the evaluation process he had gone through with Dr. Byrne.

Dr. Hermansen asks what Professional Renewal Center's recommendations were.

Dr. Concoby states they recommended he continue seeing a therapist, maintain daily mental self checks, and that he attend a refresher course at PACE.

Dr. Hermansen asks if Dr. Concoby is ready to have his license returned.

Dr. Concoby state he would have said he was ready a year ago; however the change and growth that he has experienced over the last year makes him confident that he is truly ready at this time.

Dr. Hermansen asks if Dr. Concoby has been participating in any continuing education.

Dr. Concoby states he had been prior to starting the job with the power substation.

Dr. Hermansen states the board will continue to discuss the option of returning Dr. Concoby's license. Dr. Hermansen informs Dr. Concoby that if the license is returned there will be many requirements associated with it.

Ms. Ellis states many of the requirements will not be established until after a practice plan is submitted.

The board thanks Dr. Concoby for his time.

Dr. Jessop states Dr. Concoby seemed to be more sincere and that an all male prison setting would be a good start. If there were to be a transition from the prison setting to a community based practice there would need to be continued reporting to the board.

Ms. Ellis states if the board reinstates the license

Dr. Concoy would not be able to work until the board approves the practice plan.

Dr. Nye made a motion to reinstate Dr. Concoy's license. Dr. Jessop seconds the motion. The board vote was unanimous.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

FSMB Update

Dr. Hermansen states he attended the FSMB conference. The interstate compact was a major topic of discussion at the conference. The compact has been approved by many states including Utah.

Medical marijuana was another main topic. The bill did not pass in Utah this past session, however it looks likely to pass next year. The division is formulating a committee that will include many professional boards to work from a medical standpoint to formulate a bill for the next session.

Ms. Ellis states the hearing that was for Matthew Told was cancelled due to his signing a stipulation and order. Dr. Told is not at this meeting as he is getting an evaluation. Dr. Told is scheduled for the August 13, 2015 meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR:

ADJOURN:

The time is 10:40 A.M. and the Board meeting is adjourned.

Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.

11-12-15
Date Approved



Chairperson, Utah Osteopathic Physicians Licensing Board

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Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational &
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