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Minutes of 03/03/2023

Board Members Present: Mary Eggleston Thompson, PA- Chair
Erin Carver, PA
Valentin Garcia, Public Member

Division Staff: Stephanie Lotridge, Licensing & Registration Program Manager
Russ Spencer, General Counsel
Berk Fraser, Chief Investigator
Mike Celeste, Investigations Supervisor
Jan Arrasmith, RT, Education, and Practice Specialist
Frutoso Gonzalez, Investigator
Helen Kuo, Investigator
Janet Mitchell, Investigator
Susan Villanueva, Board Support Specialist

Board Member Absent: Heather Whitson, PA

Others Present: Joan Callahan, Board Prosecutor

The meeting was called to order at 8:34 AM by Mary Eggleston Thompson, PA.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve 10/14/2022 minutes was made and seconded. Motion carried.

DIVISION BUSINESS

Open Meeting Law: Mr. Spencer presented the Open Meeting Law training to the Board.

DOPL Strategic Plan: Ms. Lotridge presented the DOPL 2023 Strategic Plan.

2023 Legislative Session Overview: Ms. Lotridge gave an overview of the following legislation:

H0028- The proposed legislation creates the Idaho Allied Health Professionals Board by combining the Physical Therapy Licensure Board, Dietetic Licensure Board, Occupational Therapy Licensure Board, Board of Athletic Trainers, and Respiratory Therapy Licensure Board into a single board. This was held in committee and DOPL will continue to work with stakeholders through the summer on this matter.

H0074- This legislation creates a universal work recognition licensure pathway for individuals with four years of work experience in the military, another state, district, or territory of the United States that does not require a license to regulate that person's profession or occupation but for which Idaho uses a license to regulate a profession or occupation. This has been sent back for language clarification.

H0003- This bill removes an outdated requirement for a licensed physician to obtain supervising physician registration when supervising interns, residents, and other medical personnel. This has passed the House and the Senate and has been sent to the Governor for review.

H0004- This bill mirrors the federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) controlled substance scheduling decisions for 2022, including placing synthetic opioids in Schedule I, a substance to treat insomnia in Schedule IV, and an anticonvulsant substance in Schedule V. This has passed the House and the Senate and has been sent to the Governor for review.

Confidentiality, Conflict of Interest, and Honoraria Policies: Mr. Spencer reviewed these policies with the Board.

Update Regarding Idaho Abortion Law: Mr. Spencer reviewed the impact of IC 18-622.

Financial Update: The Board reviewed the financial report.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

HPRP Update: Ms. Stuart gave an update to the Health Professions Recovery Program (HPRP) formally PRN.

Member Recruitment Discussion: The Board discussed the need for a new PAAC member, and asked what the requirements are for a PAAC Board Member. Ms. Lotridge will send the Board a list of requirements.

PDMP 37-2722 Update: Dr. Chopski reviewed statistics related to mandatory checking requirements of the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP). Since its implementation two years ago, overall, the numbers continue to trend upward across all professions. However, there is still room for improvement across all health profession licensees. She also stated that as of April 1, 2023, there will be discipline for those not checking the PDMP at all.

SharePoint Update: Ms. Lotridge stated that the staff created a SharePoint platform which will make it easier for the Board Members to review Board meeting documents.

Executive Session

A motion was made and seconded to enter Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(d) to consider investigative and disciplinary records related to a licensee's ability to retain a license, which is exempt from public disclosure. Motion seconded. Roll call, Mary Eggleston Thompson, aye; Erin Carver, aye; and Valentin Garcia, aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to exit Executive Session. Motion carried.

DISCIPLINE

A motion was made and seconded to recommend to the Board of Medicine to close case numbers 2022-PAC-10039 and 2022-PAC-10040. Motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend to the Board of Medicine to send a Letter of Concern in case number 2022-PAC-10051. Motion carried.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:26 AM.

The next Board meeting is on 06/16/2023.