

VERMONT BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE
Minutes of the January 4, 2023 Board Meeting
Remote via Teams

Unapproved

- **Call to Order; Call the Roll; Acknowledge Guests:**

Dr. Rick Hildebrant, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:03 PM

Members Present:

Richard Bernstein, MD; Richard Clattenburg, MD; Gail Falk; Matthew Greenberg, MD; Rick Hildebrant, MD; Patricia Hunter; Suzanne Jones, PA-C; Leo LeCours; David Liebow, DPM; Sarah McClain; Christine Payne, MD; Marga Sproul, MD; Margaret Tandoh, MD; Robert Tortolani, MD.

Others in Attendance:

David Herlihy, Executive Director; Paula Nenninger, Investigator; Scott Frennier, Investigator; Jane Malago, Operations Administrator; Tracy Hayes, Licensing Specialist; Justin Sheng, AAG; Megan Campbell, AAG; Kurt Kuehl, AAG; George Belcher, Esq.; Kirsten Lanpher, PA-C.

- **Approval of the Minutes of the December 7, 2022 Board Meeting:**

S. McClain moved to accept the minutes of the December 7, 2022 meeting. Dr. Payne seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: none.

- **Administrative Updates (David Herlihy):**

J. Malago presented data about the 2022 physician renewal. Numbers of physicians renewing, and lapsing were summarized. Some data about age and specialty of those lapsing were also provided.

D. Herlihy introduced members to some issues regarding supervision of radiologist assistants that were the subject of an inquiry by one of the hospitals and that will likely be presented in an upcoming Board meeting.

- **Presentation of Applications:**

Applications for physician, physician assistant, and limited temporary physician licensure were presented and acted upon as detailed in Appendix A, incorporated by reference into these minutes.

Dr. Hildebrant moved for the issuance of physician licenses and physician assistant licenses. (See Appendix A)

S. McClain made a motion to accept all applicants for licensure as presented. Seconded by Dr. Greenberg. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: none.

Dr. Hildebrant moved for the issuance of limited temporary licenses to practice medicine. (See Appendix A)

P. Hunter made a motion to accept all applicants for licensure as presented. Seconded by PA-C Jones. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: none.

- **Executive Session to Discuss:**
 - **Investigative cases recommended for closure**
 - **Other matters that are confidential by law, if any**

Dr. Liebow made a motion at 12:36 PM to enter Executive Session to discuss confidential matters related to investigations. Dr. Payne seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: none.

- **Return to Open Session at 1:09 PM**
- **Convene hearing to discuss any stipulations or disciplinary matters that are before the Board (1:15 PM):**

In re: Patty A. Thornton, PA-C – Stipulation and Consent Order – Matter MPN 022-0219 and MPN 057-0519

Judge Belcher inquired if the Respondent or counsel would attend; K. Kuehl, AAG stated that they had indicated they would not. Judge Belcher invited K. Kuehl, AAG to present the matter. K. Kuehl, AAG addressed the Board, summarizing the facts leading up to the Stipulation and Consent Order. Dr. Greenberg made a motion to approve the Stipulation and Consent Order. Dr. Tortolani seconded the motion.

J. Malago recorded the roll-call vote: The motion passed; Yeas: Dr. Clattenburg, G. Falk, Dr. Greenberg, Dr. Payne, Dr. Hildebrant, P. Hunter, Dr. Liebow, and Dr. Tortolani. Opposed: none; Abstained: none; Recused: PA-C Jones and North Investigative Committee

In re: Mark E. Logan, MD – Stipulation and Consent Order and Relicensing – MPN 004-0116 and MPN 182-1215

Judge Belcher inquired if the Respondent or counsel would attend; K. Kuehl, AAG stated that they had indicated they would not. Judge Belcher invited K. Kuehl, AAG to present the matter. K. Kuehl, AAG addressed the Board, summarizing the facts leading up to the Stipulation and Consent Order providing for Dr. Logan's relicensing and reentry to practice. Dr. Payne made a motion to approve the Stipulation and Consent Order. Dr. Tortolani seconded the motion.

J. Malago recorded the roll-call vote: The motion passed; Yeas: Dr. Clattenburg, G. Falk, Dr. Greenberg, Dr. Payne, Dr. Hildebrant, P. Hunter, PA-C Jones, Dr. Liebow, and Dr. Tortolani. Opposed: none; Abstained: none; Recused: North Investigative Committee

K. Kuehl stated that there was an additional matter to address with regard to Dr. Logan's license. Dr. Logan had requested amendment of paragraph 6 of the Stipulation and Consent

Order issued in MPN 182-1215. D. Herlihy read a draft entry order that would remove the existing paragraph 6 of the Order in MPN 182-1215 and replace it to say:

Respondent shall be permanently prohibited from prescribing Schedule II, III, IV, and V controlled substances, as defined in 21 C.F.R. § 1308, other than buprenorphine. At no time shall Respondent request or otherwise seek to amend this Stipulation and Consent Order to authorize him to prescribe any other Schedule II, III, IV, and V controlled substance.

G. Falk made a motion to approve the Stipulation and Consent Order as provided in the draft entry order read to the Board. Dr. Greenberg seconded the motion. Discussion of the proposal took place before a vote was taken. J. Malago recorded the roll-call vote: The motion passed; Yeas: G. Falk, Dr. Greenberg, Dr. Payne, Dr. Hildebrant, P. Hunter, PA-C Jones, Dr. Liebow, and Dr. Tortolani. Opposed: none; Abstained: Dr. Clattenburg; Recused: North Investigative Committee.

In re: Kirsten Lanpher, PA-C – Revised Reentry Agreement – MPC 017-0220

Judge Belcher inquired if the Respondent or counsel would attend; J. Sheng, AAG stated that K. Lanpher was in attendance and would not be represented by counsel. Judge Belcher invited J. Sheng, AAG to present the matter. J. Sheng, AAG addressed the Board, summarizing the facts leading up to the Revised Reentry Agreement. Judge Belcher invited K Lanpher to present comments to the Board; she declined. S. McClain made a motion to approve the Revised Reentry Agreement. PA-C Jones seconded the motion.

J. Malago recorded the roll-call vote: The motion passed; Yeas: Dr. Bernstein, S. McClain, Dr. Hildebrant, PA-C Jones, Dr. Liebow. Opposed: none; Abstained: none; Recused: Central Investigative Committee and Licensing Committee.

The Hearing Concluded at 2:38 PM.

- **Presentation of Application:**

Having approved the Stipulation and Consent Order providing for reentry to practice of Mark E. Logan, MD, the Board took up the matter of issuing him a license. G. Falk made a motion to issue a license to Dr. Mark E. Logan, subject to the conditions approved during the hearing portion of the meeting (see Appendix A); seconded by Dr. Payne. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: none.

- **Reconvene meeting; Executive Session to Discuss:**
 - **Investigative cases recommended for closure**
 - **Other matters that are confidential by law, if any**

Dr. Bernstein made a motion at 2:41 PM to reenter Executive Session to continue discussion of confidential matters related to investigations. PA-C Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: none.

- **Return to Open Session at 3:14 PM; Board Actions on matters discussed in Executive Session:**

L. LeCours, North Investigative Committee, asked to close:

MPN 070-0721 – Special #2
MPN 036-0422 – Special #1 – Dr. Hildebrant recused
MPN 065-0622 – Special #1 – Dr. Hildebrant recused
MPN 020-0219 – Special #1
MPN 081-0822 – Letter #1 – Dr. Hildebrant recused
MPN 061-0820 – Letter #1 – PA-C Jones recused
MPN 097-0619 – Letter #1 – PA-C Jones recused

Dr. Tortolani made a motion to close the cases presented. Dr. Payne seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: North Investigative Committee and those as noted above.

Dr. Payne, Central Investigative Committee, asked to close:

MPC 046-0522 – Special #1
MPC 077-0822 – Letter #1 – Dr. Hildebrant recused
MPC 015-0222 – Special #2 – Dr. Tandoh and Dr. Sproul recused

P. Hunter made a motion to close the cases presented. PA-C Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: Central Investigative Committee and those as noted above.

Dr. Liebow, South Investigative Committee, asked to close:

MPS 093-0821 – Special #1

L. LeCours made a motion to close the case presented. Dr. Payne seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: South Investigative Committee.

- **Upcoming Board meetings, committee meetings, hearings, etc.: [Locations are subject to change. A notification will be provided if a change takes place.](#)**
 - **January 12, 2023, North Investigative Committee Meeting, 9:00 AM, [Remote via Teams](#)**
 - **January 13, 2023, Central Investigative Committee Meeting, 9:00 AM., [Remote via Teams](#)**
 - **January 18, 2023, Board Meeting on pending applications, 12:10 PM, [Remote via Teams](#)**

- **January 18, 2023, South Investigative Committee Meeting, 12:15 PM, [Remote via Teams](#)**
 - **February 1, 2023, Licensing Committee Meeting, 11:00 AM, [Remote via Teams](#)**
 - **February 1, 2023, Board Meeting, 12:00 PM, [Remote via Teams](#)**
- **Adjourn:**

Dr. Hildebrant declared the meeting adjourned at 3:22 PM.

APPENDIX A
PRESENTATION OF FULL APPLICATIONS
January 4, 2023

Note: Applicants listed below have been notified that their applications for licensure appear to be complete and may be presented at the next scheduled Board Meeting.

**** Must pass through licensing prior to being presented.**

Name	School	Specialty	Practice Location
Behar, Eric MD	St. Georges University (Grenada)	Psychiatry (BC)	Bend Health
**Bellavance, Olivia PA-C	Marist College	Unknown	NVRH First Assist
**Berry, Jazmyne PA-C	Franklin Pierce University	Unknown	Springfield Health Center
Brown, Andrew PA-C	University of North Dakota	Unknown	UVMMC Dept of Surgery
**Burch, Rebecca MD	University of Massachusetts	Neurology (BC)	UVMMC
Burdette, Laura MD	Marshall University	Psychiatry (BC)	Included Health
**Constantinescu, Simona MD	University of Medicine (Romania)	Family Practice (BC)	NWVMC
**Crockett, Andrew MD	University of Utah	Surgery (BC)	DHMC
**Dennis, Christopher MD	St. Georges University (Grenada)	Psychiatry (BC)	Private Practice
Feingertz, Lily PA-C	Pace University	Unknown	TBD
**Holt, Linda MD	University of Chicago	OB/GYN	Copley Hospital
**Joshi, Ripudaman MD	St. Georges University (Grenada)	Internal Medicine (BC)	RRMC
King, Irina MD	Ulyanovsk State University (Russia)	Psychiatry (BC)	King County Correction
**Logan, Mark MD	University of Vermont	Emergency Medicine (BC)	CT Valley Addiction
Nguyen, Louis MD	University of Chicago	General Vascular Surgery (BC)	Brigham and Women's
**Osman, Hibah MD	Amer. Univ. of Beirut (Lebanon)	Family Practice (BC)	TBD
Pagels, Kara PA-C	Albany Medical College	Unknown	UCM Digital
Pendleton, Brian PA-C	Texas College	Unknown	TBD
Pommerening, Matthew MD	University of Texas	Surgery (BC)	TDB
Rice, Abraham MD	University of Vermont	Pediatrics (BC)	TDB
Schmitt, Richard MD	Virginia Commonwealth	Emergency Medicine (BC)	TBD

Schumacher, Heidi MD	University of Vermont	Pediatrics (BC)	UVMHC Pediatrics
**Shafiq, Majid MD	Aga Khan University (Pakistan)	Internal Medicine (BC)	Brigham and Women's
Sheffield, Mary MD	Columbia University	Internal Medicine	CHCRR
**Shelton, Karie PA-C	Midwestern University	Unknown	Drs. Hogenkamp
**Snodgrass, Natalie MD	West Virginia University	Psychiatry (BC)	Telemedicine
Thompson, Christopher MD	Penn State Medical School	Gastroenterology (BC)	Brigham and Women's
Tiwari, Vivekanand MD	Inst. Of Medical Sciences (India)	Rheumatology	DHMC
Tucker, Lauren MD	Medical University of South Carolina	Psychiatry (BC)	TimelyMD
Wilhelm, Jenna PA-C	Charleston Southern University	Unknown	TBD

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Presentation of Limited Temporary License Applications for Board Approval

26 VSA Section 1391 (e) authorizes a limited temporary license to practice medicine/Podiatry in the State of Vermont for a period of one year only. The following persons have applied for limited temporary licenses:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Hospital</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Type</u>
Congelosi, Peter MD	Surgery	DHMC	1/1/23	MD
Howe, Lindsay MD	Emergency Medicine	UVMHC	1/1/23	MD
Liao, Jennifer MD	Internal Medicine	UVMHC	1/1/23	MD
McCabe, Zachary MD	Emergency Medicine	Carlos Otis	1/1/23	MD
Narcisco, Ryan MD	Sports Medicine	Killington	1/1/23	MD
Zimmerman, Timothy MD	Sports Medicine	Killington	1/1/23	MD

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These applications appear to have met the requirements. The Board, pursuant to 26 VSA Section 1391 (e), grants to each of them a limited temporary license.

**PRESENTATION OF FULL APPLICATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN ISSUED THROUGH THE
COMPACT**

Note: Applicants listed below have already received a license through the compact.

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Credential Number	Name
<u>042.0016644-COMP</u>	Sameer Aggarwal
<u>042.0016645-COMP</u>	Cheryl Elizabeth Anderson
<u>042.0016646-COMP</u>	Taha Ansari
<u>042.0016648-COMP</u>	E Thomas Bernhoffer
<u>042.0016649-COMP</u>	Vikas Bhimani
<u>042.0016650-COMP</u>	Patrick Andrew Brighton
<u>042.0016651-COMP</u>	Lloyd Patterson Walton Claycomb
<u>042.0016652-COMP</u>	Alex Foxman
<u>042.0016653-COMP</u>	Eduardo Garcia
<u>042.0016654-COMP</u>	Rhianon Michele Groom
<u>042.0016655-COMP</u>	Sarah Mermelstein
<u>042.0016656-COMP</u>	Ruth Lo Pan
<u>042.0016657-COMP</u>	Stuart Seigel
<u>042.0016658-COMP</u>	Gina Zareena Khan Tilley
<u>042.0016661-COMP</u>	Curtis Nathan Crane
<u>042.0016662-COMP</u>	Avrim B Fishkind
<u>042.0016663-COMP</u>	Hassan Abdul Ghani
<u>042.0016664-COMP</u>	Frances Reis Jensen
<u>042.0016665-COMP</u>	Julie Kim
<u>042.0016666-COMP</u>	Stella Kinyota
<u>042.0016667-COMP</u>	Amy Merritt
<u>042.0016668-COMP</u>	Opal Williams
<u>042.0016669-COMP</u>	Dean Ziegler