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**UTAH
OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIAN & SURGEON'S
LICENSING BOARD**

BOARD MEETING

July 2, 2009

**Room 475 – 4th Floor – 9:00 A.M.
Heber Wells Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84111**

RULES HEARING:

CONVENED: 9:00 A.M.

For a complete transcript of the Rules Hearing contact the office of Judge Steve Eklund.

BOARD MEETING:

CONVENED: 9:13 A.M.

ADJOURNED: 11:58 A.M.

Bureau Manager:

Noel Taxin

Board Secretary:

Karen McCall

Compliance Specialist:

Ronda Trujillo

Board Members Present:

J. Howard Loomis, DO, Chairperson

Keith P. Ramsey, DO

W. David Voss, DO

Jane W. Brown

Board Members Absent:

Warren A. Peterson, DO

Guests:

Jeremy Johnson

Mary Moore

DOPL Staff Present:

Mark Steinagel, Division Director

Ray Walker, Regulatory and Compliance Officer

Kent Barnes, Sr. Business Analyst

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

MINUTES:

The minutes from the April 23, 2009 Board meeting were read.

Ms. Brown made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Dr. Voss seconded the motion. **The Board vote was unanimous.**

APPOINTMENTS:

10:20 am

Ronda Trujillo, Compliance Update

Ms. Harry updated the Board regarding the compliance or non-compliance of probationers.

Ms. Trujillo reported **Dr. Larry Andrew** is currently in compliance with his Stipulation and Order. She stated she talked with Dr. Andrew's supervisor, Dr. Patrick Kronmiller, as he had some questions regarding meeting weekly. Ms. Trujillo suggested Dr. Kronmiller talk with the Board telephonically today. She asked the Board to address Dr. Andrew's working time as his Stipulation and Order requires he be working a minimum of 16 hours a week for his time to count and he is only working about 10 hours a week.

Ms. Taxin stated the Board could review the frequency that Dr. Kronmiller supervises to determine if it is appropriate. She stated during the review they could discuss boundary issues, how to act professionally and ethically, Dr. Andrew's practice plan or review additional charts. She stated also Dr. Andrew's therapist has recommended Dr. Andrew meet less frequently for therapy. Ms. Taxin stated the Board could recommend an amendment to Dr. Andrew's Stipulation and Order to reduce the number of hours required to work for the time to count on his probation.

Dr. Loomis stated Dr. Andrew does not see many patients so there would not be much to discuss.

Dr. Ramsey stated the Board has suggested Dr. Andrew do some volunteer work to increase the hours to 16 a week or more but it appears he does not want to do volunteer work.

Dr. Loomis stated he believes Dr. Andrew would like the Board to amend the Order to take away some of the restrictions and allow Dr. Andrew to

return to infertility practice.

Ms. Taxin stated the court restriction should be removed around November. She stated Dr. Andrew and Dr. Kronmiller could discuss what procedures he will have in place when the courts remove the restriction and write up plan. She reminded the Board that Dr. Andrew submitted a practice plan that was written on his infertility letterhead and was requested to rewrite the plan on appropriate letterhead. Ms. Taxin stated a new plan has been submitted. She voiced confusion as there were some things in the new plan that were in the old plan. She stated she is not sure if he read the plan he had already submitted or if he just copied it on different paper to submit to the Board.

Dr. Ramsey asked if the court requires therapy after they have released Dr. Andrew and if the court therapist could give a recommendation regarding therapy to the Division.

Ms. Taxin responded she does not believe the courts require therapy after Dr. Andrew is released but his Stipulation and Order with the Division does require continued therapy. She stated the Board/Division could say they are not comfortable with Dr. Andrew doing infertility treatments until he has another psychosexual evaluation as the one he had reports he is in the moderate range for reoffending. She stated the Board needs to be sure Dr. Andrew understands there will be no consideration for changes until he completes another psychosexual evaluation.

Ms. Trujillo reported Dr. Douglas Callahan is currently in compliance with his Stipulation and Order. She stated Dr. Callahan needs to explain more regarding his CS prescribing.

Ms. Taxin stated the supervisor reports should be more descriptive of what and how he is doing. She stated they are very brief.

Dr. Loomis asked if the database information is

more accurate as it indicated Dr. Callahan had written large number of prescriptions.

Ms. Taxin responded she has marked the triplicate copies of prescriptions she questioned. She stated the database list for Dr. Callahan was huge at his last appointment and he could not account for the numbers on the list with a triplicate copy to verify. She stated he was given the assignment of pulling the database, check it against his prescriptions and to figure out why the large discrepancy. Ms. Taxin stated it appears Dr. Callahan has written appropriate prescriptions the last 3 months.

Ms. Brown asked if the prescriptions match the database this time. She explained that, as a nurse, she calls in a lot of prescriptions to the pharmacies and then she makes a copy to put in the patient charts.

Ms. Taxin stated some of the errors could be pharmacy errors and the Board has to take that into account but the list is not one random name, it is a number of names.

Dr. Voss reminded the Board that Dr. Callahan is not to call in any prescriptions.

Ms. Trujillo stated Dr. Callahan submitted documentation of completing 5 hours of the required Physician Prescribing Course and the Medical Record Keeping Course.

Ms. Taxin stated the Board will need to vote regarding completion of the CE requirement.

Ms. Trujillo reported Dr. Vaughn T. Johnson is currently in compliance with his Stipulation and Order. She reminded the Board they had requested Dr. Johnson to submit court documentation and his narrative regarding a misdemeanor in 2008.

Ms. Taxin stated she approved Steven Porter, MD, as Dr. Johnson's supervisor. She stated Dr. Porter call regarding what is required of him as a

supervisor and she explained the expectations and what is required of Dr. Johnson. She stated the Board had some concerns regarding Dr. Johnson writing prescriptions. Ms. Taxin stated a full investigation was conducted and found Dr. Johnson did nothing wrong as some PA's were writing the prescriptions and the pharmacy picked up Dr. Johnson's name instead of the PA's. Ms. Taxin stated the CPEP evaluation mostly did not indicate deficiencies in areas of the Board's concerns but did indicate deficiencies in other areas. She stated the Board could request Dr. Porter to work on some of the deficiencies with Dr. Johnson or have him work on the issues with CPEP.

Dr. Loomis asked if it would be appropriate to suggest Dr. Johnson and Dr. Porter review the CPEP evaluation and submit a plan of how to resolve the deficiencies.

Ms. Taxin responded it would be appropriate or Dr. Johnson could attend the CPEP courses to resolve the deficiencies but Dr. Johnson had stated he did not believe they were very professional. Ms. Taxin stated she contacted CPEP and they believed the experience with Dr. Johnson was very positive. She stated she found an article regarding organizing and documenting charts and thought it might be helpful to Dr. Johnson as a resource. She gave the article to Dr. Loomis. Ms. Taxin stated Dr. Johnson became more committed in the process after his last appointment and submitted documentation of completing the prescribing course so she lifted the suspension from his CS license. She stated his database list of prescriptions is within reason. Ms. Taxin stated the goal is to be sure Dr. Johnson is prescribing and documenting properly. She stated the Board could request he bring a few files for review. Ms. Taxin suggested the Board ask how Dr. Johnson plans to improve his skills based on the CPEP evaluation deficiencies as it should make him a better practitioner.

10:30 am

Dr. Larry Andrew, Probationary Interview

Dr. Andrew met for his probationary interview.

Mr. Steinagel, Division Director, was introduced.

Dr. Ramsey conducted the interview.

Dr. Ramsey stated in reviewing the requirements of Dr. Andrew's probation all information has been submitted and Dr. Andrew is in compliance. He asked if Dr. Andrew wanted to discuss anything with the Board.

Dr. Andrew responded he just completed a national family medicine board review course for renewal. He submitted the certificate of completion.

Dr. Ramsey stated Dr. Andrew was to complete a sexual boundaries course with 6 months of signing his Stipulation and Order, which was September 28, 2007. He stated Dr. Andrew completed a course in 2006 which the Board may consider as meeting that requirement if Dr. Andrew will explain what was covered and what he learned.

Dr. Andrew responded the course was a 3 day course offered by Vanderbilt and covered boundary issues. He stated the course helped him understand the following: primary and secondary emotions, appropriate fences and boundaries, healthy and unhealthy relationships, shame, guilt, transference, casual and formal workplace, accepting gifts from patients, principles of ethics, anger, family dynamics, disengagement of not being connected, addictions, dual relationships, the importance of dress code in the workplace, inappropriate discussions at the office, forgiveness and much more.

Dr. Voss made a motion to accept the course as meeting the requirement of Dr. Andrew's Stipulation and Order.

Dr. Ramsey seconded the motion.

The Board vote was unanimous.

Ms. Taxin acknowledged Dr. Andrew in making huge progress in being able to express himself and taking responsibility for his actions at the Board

meetings and being more aware.

Dr. Ramsey stated the new practice plan was received which indicates Dr. Andrew is working in Moab once a week. He asked Dr. Andrew to explain.

Dr. Andrew responded his brother is in Moab and they have contacted AIG asking if he can work for the clinic. He stated AIG will allow him to work for the clinic by he cannot prescribe any lab tests or receive Medicaid or Medicare funds. He stated his brother has some cash patients and he sees those patients. Dr. Andrew stated he sees about 10 patients and will be going down again next week.

Dr. Ramsey stated Dr. Andrew will need to submit the address in Moab.

Ms. Taxin stated Dr. Andrew's brother will also need to write a letter confirming he has read the Stipulation and Order, copies charts at random for Dr. Kronmiller to review, the office staff are aware of Dr. Andrew's probation and are willing to assist him being successful.

Dr. Andrew responded he will submit the information.

Dr. Ramsey stated Dr. Andrew had a psychosexual evaluation which documented moderate recidivism. He stated the Board is of the opinion the recidivism needs to be reduced before the Board will be comfortable removing the restriction for infertility treatment even if the court probation is terminated.

Dr. Andrew responded the court probation will be completed in December. He stated in October or November he will have a specific court ordered test for the courts and will send a copy to the Division. He stated he has spent hours of taking all the routine tests the courts have required. He stated his therapist believes he has made significant changes.

Ms. Taxin requested Dr. Andrew request his court therapist to submit to the Division his preliminary report with any recommendations.

Dr. Loomis voiced concern regarding the timing of the evaluation and submitting reports to be sure the Board has a copy of the evaluation to assist in their decision regarding lifting the Board's requirements.

Dr. Andrew stated his finances are a struggle and that has been ongoing and the evaluation is very expensive.

Ms. Taxin stated she previously suggested Dr. Andrew contact the University of Utah or Valley Mental Health as they have a sliding fee scale.

Dr. Andrew responded he thought about contacting the U of U but he would have to go through all the questions, paperwork and test again if he goes to someone different.

Dr. Loomis stated the current evaluator should be able to see the progress Dr. Andrew has made and be able to complete the evaluation sooner as he has all the previous documentation.

Dr. Ramsey requested all the information be submitted for the Board to review at the January 2010 meeting. He asked how many patients Dr. Andrew sees at his own practice at this time.

Dr. Andrew responded he sees about 8 to 10 patients a week in his own practice and 10 to 12 patients a month at his brother's Moab practice.

Dr. Loomis explained the Board had discussed reducing the number of hours he must work for the hours to count toward his probation time.

Dr. Ramsey made a motion to reduce the number of hours Dr. Andrew must work for the time to count toward his probation from 16 hours to 10 hours per week.

Ms. Brown seconded the motion.

The Board vote was unanimous.

The Board called Dr. Kronmiller and Dr. Ramsey asked what Dr. Kronmiller wanted to discuss with the Board.

Dr. Kronmiller responded he believes the weekly telephone call and meeting in person once a month is onerous as Dr. Andrew does not have enough patients to warrant spending so much time. He stated he and Dr. Andrew talk about Dr. Andrew's practice weekly and then review charts on a monthly basis. He asked if the Board would consider discontinuing the weekly calls.

Ms. Taxin responded the Board/Division concern is the court will probably terminate Dr. Andrew's probation in December which will lift the restriction on his doing infertility treatments. She stated the Board/Division need to be sure Dr. Andrew is treating patients appropriately. Ms. Taxin suggested Dr. Kronmiller discuss with Dr. Andrew a plan of what he will do in his practice and how the public will be safe when he is no longer on court probation. She stated they could discuss what procedures he will be doing, how he will do the procedures, who will be in the room when he does the procedures, how patients will be gowned, if the door will be open, etc. She stated Dr. Andrew could ask Dr. Kronmiller any questions he may have regarding any boundaries and/or accepted office practices.

Dr. Kronmiller thanked Ms. Taxin for the information and stated he will meet with Dr. Andrew to develop a plan and provide that plan to the Board/Division for review.

Dr. Voss recommended Dr. Kronmiller and Dr. Andrew discuss the specific procedures Dr. Andrew intends to follow as they will be different from what he was following prior to probation. He suggested they discuss and determine how to integrate the procedures in a more appropriate way when he starts them again.

Dr. Kronmiller asked if it is appropriate for him to ask Dr. Andrew how he will change specific steps in his

procedures that will reflect the change in the course of time.

Ms. Taxin responded Dr. Andrew should practice according to the acceptable standards of the profession. She recommended Dr. Andrew review the Osteopathic Medical Code of Ethics and the State Laws and Rules.

Following discussion regarding the Board having requested Dr. Andrew to meet more frequently than required in his Stipulation and Order and Dr. Andrew agreeing to the request for the past 8 ½ months, Dr. Voss made a motion to amend the supervision and require Dr. Andrew to meet with his supervisor once a month with the option of phone calls when/if necessary for support and questions according to the requirements of his Stipulation and Order.

Dr. Ramsey seconded the motion.

The Board vote was unanimous.

The Board determined Dr. Andrew is in compliance with his Stipulation and Order.

An appointment was made for Dr. Andrew to meet October 8, 2009.

Dr. Douglas Callahan, Probationary Interview

Dr. Callahan met for his probationary interview.

Mr. Steinagel, Division Director, was introduced.

Dr. Voss conducted the interview.

Dr. Callahan commented he believes the April meeting made him realize he needs to be more pro-active regarding his probation and especially the CS's he writes. He stated the suggestion of reviewing the database report has allowed him to make some good changes with some of his patients that have slipped through the cracks. Dr. Callahan stated he believes the changes have made a difference in his practice and he is really improving his practice. He stated he has a

lot of patients as the Board/Division can tell by the list, who are refilling medication more than he realized. He stated he has brought those patients in for discussion and evaluation so they know he is trying to help them. Dr. Callahan stated a few do not fall into his plan for practice and he has talked with them and made some changes or he has referred them out. Dr. Callahan stated he did not realize some of the prescriptions were for scheduled drugs. He stated the list did not give the name of the medicine and he had to look each one up in the patient charts.

Dr. Voss asked if any of CS's were called in from Dr. Callahan's office.

Dr. Callahan responded some were called in and if he calls any in he always writes a triplicate prescription and puts one copy in the patient file.

Ms. Taxin stated Dr. Callahan may call in prescriptions as long as he write a triplicate, one for the file and one to submit to the Division.

Dr. Voss asked what Dr. Callahan is doing to reduce the number of prescriptions written or called in.

Dr. Callahan responded the list is mostly patients who take the prescription 3 or more times a day as they have always done. He stated he has now called each patient in and discussed how it is not appropriate to use more often then he prescribes and they need to reduce the amount they are taking. He stated he sits down with each patient and they make a plan of how to reduce the amount. He stated it is a plan for several months.

Dr. Voss asked what Dr. Callahan does if the patient is not willing to reduce their intake.

Dr. Callahan responded most of his patients have been receptive when he explains. He stated one patient called him back to say they could not reduce the medications. Dr. Callahan stated if patients don't agree to a reduced plan then he refers them out. He explained that a psychiatrist was at their office for a

few years and when he left the office inherited those patients. He stated he informs the patients that he is not comfortable prescribing as the psychiatrist prescribed and if their own psychiatrist believes the medications are appropriate they their own psychiatrist will prescribe for them.

Dr. Loomis asked if Dr. Callahan reviewed the diagnosis and the medications to be sure the medications are appropriate.

Dr. Callahan responded he does review the diagnosis and medications and he has referred several patients to the pain management center as their diagnosis and medications do not appear to be appropriate.

Dr. Voss stated Dr. Callahan has a responsibility to refer patients if they don't meet the criteria of his practice. He stated Dr. Callahan should not feel pressured or coerced into treating patients with medications.

Ms. Brown commented there is a good pain management clinic in St. George and if Dr. Callahan would like the name to contact her.

Dr. Callahan thanked Ms. Brown and stated he is learning who the pain clinics are that give injections and send the patients back to Dr. Callahan to write prescriptions versus treating the pain long term.

Dr. Voss reviewed Dr. Callahan's prescriptions and provided the following feedback: when a prescription is written without a date it is a concern as it could be counted 2 or 3 times. He stated it is a risk for the patient and the date protects the practitioner. He stated a couple of the triplicates appear to be the same family with similar prescriptions. Dr. Voss stated Dr. Callahan should be careful writing similar prescriptions for the same family as there is the potential for sharing. He stated some prescriptions were written again in less than the recommended 30 day period. He showed Dr. Callahan one that was filled again within a 2 day time period.

Dr. Callahan responded the one prescription is for a female he has been working with through her rheumatologist. He stated he will be transferring her to her rheumatologist or to the pain management clinic.

Dr. Voss pointed out one prescription without a name. He commented anyone could fill the prescription.

Dr. Loomis stated the Board/Division would assume it is one prescription that was called in.

Dr. Callahan thanked the Board for their input and stated the database list has been very helpful to him. He stated he has found some prescriptions that are concerning and has made some changes.

Ms. Taxin stated Dr. Callahan may ask for specific information to be included on the database listing to assist him further.

Dr. Voss stated the certificate of completion of 5 hours of CE and the missing CS prescriptions have been received. He stated the supervisor report and record review have also been received. Dr. Voss asked Dr. Callahan to request his supervisor to be more specific in the report regarding what they have talked about and what changes for improvement Dr. Callahan has made.

Dr. Callahan stated his supervisor has been great to tell him what he thinks, how he should do things differently and by holding Dr. Callahan accountable to his actions. He stated he will ask the supervisor to mention specific things on the next report.

Ms. Taxin stated the supervision report protects Dr. Callahan and helps the Board/Division know what Dr. Callahan is doing and what they have discussed.

The Board determined Dr. Callahan is currently in compliance with his Stipulation and Order.

An appointment was made for Dr. Callahan to

meet October 8, 2009.

11:00 am

Dr. Vaughn T. Johnson, Probationary
Interview

Dr. Johnson met for his probationary interview.

Mr. Steinagel, Division Director, was introduced.

Dr. Loomis conducted the interview.

Dr. Loomis informed Dr. Johnson that Ms. Taxin updated the Board regarding Dr. Johnson being very pro-active in completing requirements and submitting information. He stated Dr. Johnson is in compliance with his Stipulation and Order today. Dr. Loomis stated the Board received a copy of Dr. Johnson's CPEP evaluation. He asked if Dr. Johnson also received a copy.

Dr. Johnson responded he did receive a copy and he does not believe the assessment was entirely correct. He stated he will be attending a CME course in the fall that reviews everything in family practice.

Dr. Loomis stated the Board would need Dr. Johnson to address the issues listed in the CPEP evaluation. He stated, with the expense to complete the CPEP course, the Board recommends he review the report with his supervisor and address the deficiencies with him. He stated all the deficiency areas in the CPEP evaluation were not the areas that brought Dr. Johnson before the Board but the evaluation did identify some things that are concerning to the Board.

Ms. Taxin stated the CPEP evaluation addressed Dr. Johnson being deficient in documentation. She stated he will need to submit a plan on how he will correct that deficiency.

Dr. Johnson responded the documentation of the CPEP evaluation did not have a chart of reference for him and wanted him to get the background and make his diagnosis all in about 10 minutes. He stated he tries to develop a rapport with his own patients. He stated the Case Western course was on documentation and record keeping. Dr. Johnson stated his office is in

the process of going to electronic files as they use a lot of forms and have a lot of paperwork to file. He stated he will discuss the issue with Dr. Porter.

Dr. Loomis suggested Dr. Johnson bring a chart with him for the Board to review his charting.

Ms. Trujillo gave Dr. Johnson a new report form.

Dr. Johnson submitted paperwork regarding the misdemeanor. He stated he is not sure about getting the misdemeanor expunged.

Ms. Taxin stated Dr. Johnson will need to complete some forms and request the courts to expunge the misdemeanor.

Dr. Loomis stated the Board was informed that the suspension on Dr. Johnson's CS has been lifted and he can now prescribe. He stated Dr. Johnson should make sure he is prescribing correctly. Dr. Loomis stated Ms. Taxin found an article regarding resources to offer his patients. He gave the article to Dr. Johnson. Dr. Loomis stated this was one deficiency that was noted in the CPEP evaluation.

Ms. Taxin recommended Dr. Johnson go to the website and print out the Utah CS Laws and Rules and review them to be sure he is prescribing appropriately. Ms. Taxin gave Dr. Johnson copies of the CS Laws and Rules. She also referred Dr. Johnson to the DEA Laws and Rules and recommended he obtain copies and review all documents yearly.

Dr. Ramsey informed Dr. Johnson that the Utah Osteopathic Association will be meeting downtown Salt Lake September 23rd through the 26 and he would receive about 30 hours of CE for attending.

Dr. Johnson thanked Ms. Taxin and Dr. Ramsey for the information.

The Board determined Dr. Johnson is currently in compliance with his Stipulation and Order.

An appointment was made for Dr. Johnson to meet

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Board Chairperson

Ms. Taxin explained that Board chairperson is put on the agenda after July 1, the beginning of each fiscal year. She stated the Board may recommend the current chairperson continue serving or may elect a new chairperson.

Dr. Loomis voiced agreement to serve another year if re-elected.

Dr. Voss made a motion for Dr. Loomis to continue as Board chairperson. Dr. Ramsey seconded the motion. The Board vote was unanimous.

5 year Rule for Board Certification or SPEX Examination

Ms. Taxin explained the Division has had some questions regarding when it is required to take the SPEX examination as applicants are confused and frustrated. She stated the Utah Laws and Rules require if an applicant is not Board Certified after 5 years then they have to take the SPEX examination. Ms. Taxin explained there are some new applicants who are in a residency or fellowship for 5 to 15 years, Utah will be their first licensure and they do not believe it is fair for them to be required to take the SPEX as they do not qualify for Board Certification at this time. She stated the MD Law does not require them to take the SPEX if they are not Board Certified. She stated they may be required to take it if there has been disciplinary action or for some other reason(s). Ms. Taxin stated she has talked with Dr. Voss several times regarding this issue and decided to have the Board discuss it as in the past the Division has required the SPEX.

Dr. Ramsey responded Board Certification is a big hurdle for licensure especially if the applicant is in an internship, fellowship or residency.

Mr. Walker stated the requirement is under qualifications for licensure, 58-68-302(2). He read the requirement. Mr. Walker stated precedence has been set regarding endorsement requirements would be for 5 years of practice in good stand and

the applicant would meet requirements for licensure in Utah.

Ms. Taxin stated the status is sometimes restricted as the person is a resident.

Dr. Voss stated there has always been a student/resident license so anyone in a residency program could be endorsed in Utah if their license was in good standing. He asked at what point the resident decides to prolong their residency without being Board Certified. He then asked if licensing is important or if the standing of 5 years is sufficient.

Dr. Ramsey stated the Utah Law requires the applicant to have completed 12 months of residency to be licensed. He stated he believes residents should obtain their license when they qualify.

Dr. Loomis voiced concern regarding individuals in a residency 5 years or longer without obtaining a license.

Mr. Steinagel asked what other States require or if they have the same issues for the Osteopathic Physician.

Ms. Taxin responded she has not researched the requirements for licensure in other States.

Dr. Ramsey stated he is not concerned about requiring a higher standard for Osteopathic Physician licensure. He stated Board Certification requires 10 years of licensure and if the resident is into the residency for 7 years they still would not qualify for Board Certification. He also voiced concern that a resident would stay in a residency over 7 to 10 years and not obtain licensure in some State. He stated for specific specialties the resident may be required an extended fellowship or residency.

Mr. Steinagel stated he believes the Board is saying they have not heard a good reason not to require the SPEX examination.

Dr. Loomis stated he would be interested in the requirement of other States.

Ms. Taxin responded she will contact Arizona, California and Michigan regarding their requirements.

Dr. Voss stated there are more licensed Osteopathic Physicians in Michigan than in any other States.

Dr. Ramsey stated California requires a practical examination, additional courses and other requirements to obtain a license. He stated Utah does not require all California requires but still has a high standard.

Mr. Walker stated National Association(s) are trying to standardize licensing requirements for portability of licensure in other States. He stated it becomes difficult for licensees to move from State to State and obtain licenses in those States. He asked if there is reason for Utah to require the SPEX examination, are there other States with the same requirements or substantially enough the same that they require a specified amount of time and then grant licensure. He recommended Ms. Taxin invite the professional Association to attend the meeting for further discussion.

Ms. Taxin stated the Rules were updated for the first time in many years. She stated FSMB is currently establishing a generic application to assist MD's and DO's in obtaining licenses in other States. She concluded she will print out the requirements of some other States for further discussion and review at the next scheduled Board meeting.

Dr. Loomis suggested Ms. Taxin contact Dr. Peterson regarding a name and phone number of the Association contact person.

Ms. Taxin requested the Board to plan the October 8, 2009 meeting for all day from 8:30 am to about 6:00 pm as Dr. Raymond Bedell is scheduled for a hearing to start at 10:00 am.

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Ms. Taxin reminded the Board of the working lunch meeting with the Physicians Board and FSMB staff on August 12, 2009. She stated the Physicians Board meeting will be held that day and FSMB will meet only during the lunch time.

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR:

October 8, 2009, 8:30 am

ADJOURN:

The time is 11:58 am 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.

Date Approved

Chairperson, Utah Osteopathic Physician Licensing Board

Date Approved

Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing

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