

MINUTES

**UTAH
PHYSICIANS
BOARD MEETING**

June 10, 2009

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

CONVENED: 9:04 A.M.

ADJOURNED: 11:34 A.M.

Bureau Manager:
Board Secretary:
Division Compliance Manager:

Noel Taxin
Karen McCall
Debbie Harry

Board Members Present:

Marc E. Babitz, MD, Chairperson
John Bennion, Ph.D.
James R. Fowler, MD
George C. Pingree, MD
Lori Buhler
James H. Pingree, MD
Richard Sperry, MD
Elizabeth F. Howell, MD
Kristen Ries, MD
Daniel J. Parker, MD

Board Members Absent:

Stephen Lamb, MD

Guests:

JL Stayner
Allie Strobel

DOPL Staff Present:

Kent Barnes, Sr. Business Analyst
Rick Morton, Assistant to AG

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

MINUTES:

The minutes from the May 13, 2009 Board meeting were read.

Dr. Howell made a motion to approve the minutes with minor revisions. Dr. James Pingree seconded the

motion. **The Board vote was unanimous.**

FYI

Dr. Babitz reminded the Board of today being Dr. Sperry's last meeting as he has served 2 terms on the Board. He voiced appreciation for Dr. Sperry serving as he was very knowledgeable and an asset to the Board.

Ms. Taxin and the Board members thanked Dr. Sperry for his service.

BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Evaluation compliance Unit Update Process

Ms. Taxin reviewed the Board's suggestions to have the compliance unit give the compliance update once, give the update prior to a few probationers and then again for the next group or to give the update just prior to each probationer. She asked the Board for their preference.

Following discussion the Board determined they want one update if the meeting lasts until noon and two updates if the meeting is all day.

APPOINTMENTS:

9:20 am

Debbie Harry, Compliance Update

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

Ms. Harry requested the Board to review the probation form and be sure to sign, date and indicate if the probationer is in compliance or out of compliance.

Ms. Harry reported **Dr. Randall N. Ellsworth** is currently out of compliance as his employer report has not been received and his therapist report has not been received since March 30, 2009.

Ms. Harry reported **Dr. Aaron W. Jones** is currently in compliance. She stated Dr. Jones has submitted monthly reports for 6 months and could move to quarterly reports.

Ms. Harry reported **Dr. F. Michael Crane** is currently

out of compliance. She stated his reports are all due monthly and have not been received. Ms. Harry stated she left a detailed message regarding the missing reports and where to find them on the website. She stated Dr. Crane is working as a volunteer but the reports are still due. Ms. Harry stated Dr. Crane's probation time started March 10, 2009 as that is when he started working and it will be extended to March 10, 2010.

Dr. Babitz commented Dr. Kurt Rifleman is the new medical director at the facility where Dr. Crane works and he might not be aware he needs to submit reports for Dr. Crane.

9:30 am

Dr. Randall N. Ellsworth, Probationary
Interview

Dr. Ellsworth met for his probationary interview.

Dr. Parker conducted the interview.

Dr. Parker requested Dr. Ellsworth to update the Board regarding his health and his employment.

Dr. Ellsworth stated Dr. Buckner, his therapist, has submitted a letter requesting the therapist reports be submitted every 6 months and has asked Dr. Ellsworth to meet with him every 6 months. He stated he is aware that he submitted the paperwork late.

Ms. Harry responded she has not received Dr. Ellsworth's employer report. She reminded him that all reports are due quarterly by the 28th of the month prior to his appointments with the Board. Ms. Harry stated she called and left a detailed message for Dr. Ellsworth last week regarding submitting the PIR documentation and his employer report.

Dr. Ellsworth stated he understood the documentation is due quarterly which would be in March and June, etc. He stated he did not receive Ms. Harry's message as they do not use their home phone.

Following additional discussion Dr. Parker made a motion for Dr. Ellsworth's employer reports and therapist reports to be due every 6 months, in

November and May.

Dr. Howell seconded the motion.

The Board vote was unanimous.

Dr. Parker then made a motion for Dr. Ellsworth to meet with his therapist every 6 months, in October and April.

Dr. George Pingree seconded the motion.

The Board vote was unanimous.

Ms. Taxin suggested the meeting be closed for Dr. Ellsworth to discuss his health.

Dr. Sperry made a motion to close the meeting to discuss Dr. Ellsworth's health.

Dr. George Pingree seconded the motion.

The Board vote was unanimous.

Dr. James Pingree made a motion to reopen the meeting.

Dr. George Pingree seconded the motion.

The Board vote was unanimous.

Dr. Ellsworth reported he will be out of town from July 2, 2009 to July 14, 2009. He asked to be excused from the drug testing during that time.

Ms. Taxin thanked him for notifying the Board and stated there are testing sites all over the United States now. She requested he contact Ms. Harry after the meeting regarding the drug testing procedures.

The Board determined if Dr. Ellsworth submits all his paperwork prior to June 30, 2009 they will consider him in compliance with his Stipulation and Order based on confusion regarding quarterly dates when paperwork is due.

An appointment was made for Dr. Ellsworth to meet again December 9, 2009.

9:45 am

Dr. Aaron W. Jones, Probationary Interview

Dr. Jones met for his probationary interview.

Dr. Bennion conducted the interview.

Dr. Bennion requested Dr. Jones to update the Board regarding his employment and his California license.

Dr. Jones responded he is still employed at the same agency in Logan, Utah and his California license is now on inactive status. He reported at the end of June he will be the only physician at the facility for 3 or 4 months until another physician has been hired.

Dr. Bennion thanked Dr. Jones for the notification. He stated Dr. Jones is currently in compliance with his Stipulation and Order as he is very conscientious about submitting the required information on time. Dr. Bennion stated it appears Dr. Jones practice is stable and asked if Dr. Jones would like the Board to consider having him meet every 6 months.

Dr. Jones responded he believes he is making good progress in his probation and his life and would like to meet every 6 months for the final year of his probation.

Dr. Bennion made a motion for Dr. Jones to meet every 6 months with paperwork also due every 6 months. He stated the appointments would be December and June with paperwork due November and May.

Dr. Howell seconded the motion.

The Board vote was unanimous.

Dr. Bennion asked Dr. Jones if he is in therapy.

Dr. Jones responded therapy is not mandated by his

Stipulation and Order but he is in therapy to learn how to be a better parent.

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

An appointment was made for Dr. Jones to meet December 9, 2009.

10:00 am

Dr. F. Michael Crane, Probationary Interview

Dr. Crane met for his probationary interview.

Dr. Howell conducted the interview.

Dr. Crane stated he is still doing volunteer work with the Health Clinics of Ogden. He stated the clinic is open Monday through Thursday and he now works ½ day on Friday at another clinic. He stated he averages being at the clinic 3 times a week.

Dr. Howell reminded Dr. Crane that his reports are due monthly and a report was received from Rett Hansen, the clinic manager, but the reports and chart review information have not been received from Dr. Richard Gregoire, the Physician.

Dr. Crane responded he gave the reports to Ms. Hansen and Dr. Gregoire to complete. He stated he will follow-up on the reports and chart review. He reported Dr. Gregoire has submitted his notice to leave the agency as the medical director.

Dr. Babitz suggested Dr. Crane request copies of all reports for his own records. Dr. Babitz stated Dr. Crane will need to ask Dr. Gregoire to submit reports for March, April and May for his file to be complete at this time.

Ms. Harry requested the phone number of Rett Hansen and volunteered to contact her regarding the required reports.

Dr. Howell asked Dr. Crane to update the Board regarding his volunteer work.

Dr. Crane responded he is enjoying working with a

population that is so interesting and who most Physicians never see. He stated there is not a private practice mix with this population and he has the same positive impression that this is what medicine is all about. Dr. Crane stated there are many luxuries afforded by private citizens or practitioners that are not available to these people such as MRI's. He stated there is a wonderful opportunity to increase health, wellbeing and mental health as the indigent population is willing to meet the expectations.

Dr. Howell thanked Dr. Crane for his comments. She stated it appears he has written 2 or 3 prescriptions which are not for pain since his last visit with the Board.

Dr. Crane responded he has written another 2 or 3 since the date Dr. Howell mentioned. He stated that the expectation is he will be the person writing all prescriptions in the future.

Dr. Babitz commented Dr. Crane must have a new supervisor.

Dr. Crane responded Dr. Babitz is correct. He stated there will also be issues with the PA's as they need to have a supervisor as he does not supervise them. Dr. Crane stated Ms. Hansen is aware of the need for a supervising Physician and is working to hire one. He stated the HOME program is starting July 16, 2009 outside Salt Lake City and he will be working with the program. He explained it is a program where they treat each patient for 1 hour. Dr. Crane stated the patients may be unruly and a difficult group of individuals every week.

Dr. Babitz explained the HOME program treats non-institutionalized people for mental health and medical care.

Dr. Howell recommended Dr. Crane get the reports submitted and contact Ms. Harry regarding who the supervising Physician will be.

The Board determined Dr. Crane is out of compliance with his Stipulation and Order based

on required reports not being submitted.

An appointment was made for Dr. Crane to meet again September 9, 2009.

Probation Update

Ms. Taxin updated the Board regarding Dr. Goates not yet working. She stated she called and asked if he would like to cancel his appointment for today and use the time for seeking employment. Ms. Taxin stated she informed Dr. Goates there would be no penalty if he did not meet today and his probation time would not stop. She stated he did not want to cancel the appointment.

Ms. Taxin stated she then informed Dr. Goates of the Board's recommendation to extend his probation for 5 years as he had confirmed using alcohol. She stated she informed him of Dan Lau, AG, writing up a new amendment to his Stipulation and Order and could mail it to him to review or give it to him today at the meeting to take for review. She stated Dr. Goates called her back and said there should be some amendments to the last amended Order that he would like to discuss with the Board. She stated Dr. Goates thought he, his legal counsel, Dan Lau, AG, and Ms. Taxin would meet together to review some of the items in the Stipulation and Order and determine what should be written in another amendment. Ms. Taxin stated she informed Dr. Goates that the time for that type of meeting has passed and he would be given 2 weeks from Friday, June 12, 2009, to review the new amended Order and sign it or the Division will start the process for an Order to Show Cause Hearing.

Dr. Howell asked Ms. Taxin why Dr. Goates is not yet working.

Ms. Taxin responded the Utah State Hospital asked for additional amendments to the last amended Order and if the amendments were not made Dr. Goates could not return to work there. She stated the Board recommended there be no additional amendments to the last amended Order and she assumes the State Hospital terminated their contract with Dr. Goates as she has not heard further from them or Dr. Goates.

Ms. Taxin stated she informed Dr. Goates that the Board may want to discuss his recanting of his alcohol problem.

Dr. Howell stated the Board was very clear with Dr. Goates and drug tests do not lie.

Dr. James Pingree agreed and stated at the May meeting Dr. Goates recanted his comments.

Ms. Taxin stated the letter with the new amended Order explains the extended probation time is based on Dr. Goates using alcohol during his probation and then recanting his comments regarding his alcohol use.

Following additional discussion the Board recommended the new amended Stipulation and Order be offered to Dr. Goates.

Ms. Taxin updated the Board regarding Dr. Heap. She stated Mr. Lau offered Dr. Heap to surrender his license. She stated Dr. Heap and Mr. Cunningham, his legal counsel, asked if the Division would do an amended Stipulation and Order. Ms. Taxin stated an Order has been drafted that requires him to complete a psychological and substance use evaluation with an evaluator approved by the Division. She stated Dr. Heap agreed to surrender his license if the evaluation documents he is not competent. Ms. Taxin read the agreed upon non-compliance issues. She stated he has not yet signed the Order but has been given the offer to have the evaluation and if the evaluation documents he is unsafe to practice in any way he will surrender his license until he is safe to practice. She stated if treatment is recommended then Dr. Heap will go to treatment. Ms. Taxin reminded the Board that Dr. Heap's supervisor, Dr. Spector, supports Dr. Heap and his practice.

Dr. Howell voiced concerns in having a non-psychiatrist monitoring/supervising a psychiatrist. She stated the psychiatry boundaries are very strict and it is more appropriate for a psychiatrist to monitor/supervise.

Ms. Taxin responded maybe having a psychiatrist monitor/supervise should be one of the requirements.

Dr. Babitz voiced concern for the rural areas as they may not have a specialized Physician available.

Dr. Howell responded she believes for Dr. Heap it would be important to require a psychiatrist. She stated Dr. Heap and the supervisor may have to travel some. She stated Dr. Heap's charts could be perfect but other things might be out of order. She stated the supervisor should have been more aware and offered more information to the Board. Dr. Howell stated other States require probationers to have a supervisor approved within a month or they are not allowed to continue working until a supervisor is in place. She stated she believes the Board is not being very pro-active with probationers. Dr. Howell stated it is the responsibility of the probationer to follow their Stipulation and Order if they want to practice in Utah they should take responsibility and follow through.

Dr. Howell recommended the agenda include a discussion item to discuss appropriate referral programs when probationers or potential probationers need suggestions. She stated she believes substance use programs need specific components for physicians.

Ms. Taxin thanked the Board for their comments.

10:15 am

Debbie Harry, Compliance Update

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

Ms. Harry reported **Dr. Michael Goates** is currently in compliance with his Stipulation and Order as much as he can be without working as his paperwork has been submitted.

Ms. Taxin asked Dr. Goates interviewer to request him to date all paperwork he submits.

Ms. Harry reported **Dr. Alan F. Heap** is currently in compliance with his Stipulation and Order. She requested the interviewer to remind Dr. Heap to have Dr. Spector fill out the supervision form completely.

Supervision Questions

Dr. James Pingree asked if there has ever been a supervisor who submits reports but never really supervises.

Ms. Taxin responded there have been supervisors who fill out reports but do not supervise but not with this Board. She explained she usually speaks with the supervisors to discuss the requirements and expectations for supervision of the Board/Division.

Dr. Howell suggested a form be prepared that delineates the expectations and what is required. She stated the supervisors need to understand they are not friends with the probationer but need to have an open mind in their supervision.

Ms. Harry responded the compliance unit has developed a form that requires the probationer and the supervisor to fill out and sign. She stated they then have the signatures of both in case the need arises to compare signatures.

10:30 am

Dr. Michael G. Goates, Probationary Interview

Dr. Goates met for his probationary interview.

Dr. Babitz conducted the interview.

Dr. Babitz asked Dr. Goates to update the Board regarding his employment situation.

Dr. Goates responded he was upset this morning for having been shaken down by Larry Gooch, investigator. He stated he has never had that happen to him. He stated he has not had anything to drink this month and has attended the AA meetings and continued to drug test.

Ms. Taxin informed the Board that Dr. Goates drug tests have all been negative. She stated she recommended he not meet today since he is

unemployed and has provided his paperwork and has had negative drug tests. She stated this would provide him time to look for employment.

Dr. Goates stated he is still not working as the Utah State Hospital is requiring requirements 9, 11 and 12 be deleted from the amended Order before they will allow him to return there to work. He stated he has filed for Chapter 12, has 2 homes in the process of foreclosure and had to borrow gas money to keep his appointment last month with the Board and for drug testing today. He explained he had an interview with the VA and then received a letter stating they could not hire him at this time. Dr. Goates stated he has gone to job services to try to help him locate employment and vocational rehabilitation to try to train for a different vocation. He stated he has also checked with the UMA. Dr. Goates stated he is open for opportunities but his best option is still the State Hospital. He stated he would open a private practice if he had the finances to start one up.

Ms. Taxin and Dr. Babitz asked if he has applied at the 4th Street Clinic, a free clinic for the homeless, or the Maliheh Clinic.

Dr. Goates responded he has not tried at either place.

Dr. Babitz requested Dr. Goates date the record review report and the employer report when he submits them. Dr. Babitz asked if the Division has had further requests for patient records.

Ms. Taxin responded none at this time.

Dr. Goates stated he contacted the patient who needed additional records and has provided the information to him.

Dr. Babitz stated it is the understanding of the Board that Dr. Goates has talked with Ms. Taxin regarding reviewing a new Stipulation and Order which Mr. Lau, AG, has prepared.

Mr. Lau responded he has written an addendum to the current Stipulation and will give Dr. Goates a

copy to review for the next 2 weeks. He explained the addendum extends Dr. Goates probation through May 14, 2014 based on Dr. Goates admitting he was drinking alcohol while on probation and then recanting his statement last month. He stated the deadline for Dr. Goates to complete his review, sign and return the amended Order is June 26, 2009 and if Dr. Goates or his legal counsel have not responded by that date Mr. Lau will prepare an Order to Show Cause to deal with the same issues. He explained Dr. Goates is not being bullied, there is no heavy handedness or coercion to sign but if he does not want to sign then the Order to Show Cause will be prepared. He asked if Dr. Goates had any questions. Mr. Lau provided Dr. Goates with the addendum Order.

Dr. Goates responded he did not have any questions at this time. He stated it would be helpful to him if the Board would consider deleting the 3 requirements (9, 11 and 12) from his current amended Order so he could return to work at the Utah State Hospital as that would make his life move in a different direction from where it is now.

Dr. Babitz responded at the May 2009 meeting the Board determined the amended Order should remain as it was written.

The Board determined Dr. Goates is currently in compliance with his Stipulation and Order as much as he can be by providing the paperwork but without being employed.

An appointment was made for Dr. Goates to meet again September 9, 2009.

Ms. Taxin stated if Dr. Goates obtains employment prior to September 9, 2009 he should contact her and an appointment will be made for him to meet with the Board.

Dr. Goates again asked the Board to help him with employment by removing the 3 requirements from his amended Order. He stated he is hesitant to sign a new Order for another 5 years on probation based on not

being able to obtain employment. Dr. Goates stated he signed the original Stipulation and Order in good faith with the representation of his attorney with the understanding there would be an end to his probation. He stated he does not understand the Boards decision and he hopes similar misfortunes do not fall on Board members.

Mr. Lau responded the process is not meant to be heavy handed. He stated the Board's/Division's reasons for the addendum and possibly an Order to Show Cause are based on the events of Dr. Goates which needed to be addressed to protect the public.

Dr. Babitz responded the Board believes Dr. Goates was drinking while on probation as the drug tests were positive. He stated that was a violation of Dr. Goates probation. Dr. Babitz stated Dr. Goates admitted to drinking fairly large amounts of alcohol which puts the public at risk and then recanting his statements at the May meeting. He stated Dr. Goates will have the opportunity at a formal hearing before the Administrative Law Judge to explain why he violated his probation as the Board does not debate the issue in this meeting.

Dr. Goates responded he did not believe he would be given a fair hearing as the Administrative Law Judge, the witnesses, the Board as the jury and Mr. Lau are all employees of the Department of Commerce.

Mr. Lau explained if Dr. Goates does not agree with the outcome of a hearing he may appeal the ruling of the Administrative Law Judge through the Department of Commerce or through the civil courts which would be outside of the Department. He stated, as a former Administrative Law Judge, he would review the facts as presented to make his determination and not predetermine or be biased because of his employment.

Dr. Goates stated he is hampered by the Board/Division Administration. He stated he would review the addendum and get back to Ms. Taxin.

11:00 am

Dr. Alan F. Heap, Probationary Interview

Dr. Heap and Mr. Cunningham, legal counsel, met for his probationary interview.

Dr. Babitz conducted the interview.

Dr. Babitz thanked Dr. Heap for turning in his paperwork on time. He stated Dr. Heap is in compliance with his Stipulation and Order today. Dr. Babitz requested Dr. Heap to have Dr. Spector fill out each section of the supervisor's form and to be more thorough with his comments. He stated there are some missing prescriptions in the triplicate prescriptions Dr. Heap submitted. He stated the prescriptions appear to be appropriate. Dr. Babitz stated there is some decrease in the number of prescriptions written. He asked if Dr. Heap's patient base has decreased or if he is just writing fewer prescriptions.

Dr. Heap responded he had noticed the missing triplicate prescriptions and his office manager sent a note of explanation. He stated the number of patients is down from what it was. Dr. Heap stated he has been dropped from Medicare/Medicaid and Blue Cross/Blue Shield due to the probation. He stated he is now doing more pro-bono but is losing his practice with the insurance reimbursement. He stated his health is fine and Dr. Spector has treated him.

Ms. Taxin asked for clarification if Dr. Spector is both his supervisor and practitioner.

Dr. Heap responded no, Dr. Spector is acting as his supervisor only. He notified the Board/Division he will be out of town from June 28, 2009 through July 15, 2009. He stated he is still going to the Monastery every other weekend.

Dr. James Pingree asked if he was dropped from Blue Cross/Blue Shield recently.

Dr. Heap responded yes as he did not file in time and then was informed they dropped him due to the probationary license.

Ms. Taxin stated everything is reported to the National Practitioner Databank. She stated she has noticed that the insurance companies do not always treat cases equally. Ms. Taxin stated she wrote a letter April 16, 2008 to Blue Cross confirming Dr. Heap was in compliance at that time.

Dr. James Pingree asked if Ms. Taxin would write another letter for Dr. Heap.

Dr. Howell voiced frustration with the insurance companies dropping probationers who are being monitored.

Ms. Taxin suggested Dr. Heap contact Blue Cross at the insurance company and ask how he can get on the list and back on their panels. She stated Dr. Heap also should ask why he was dropped as it might not be just because he is on probation. Ms. Taxin stated she received several phone calls from insurance companies who informed her that Dr. Heap was not in his office when they stopped by or called for him. She stated she would not be able to write a compliance letter at this time as Dr. Heap has had so many different issues this year. She gave Dr. Heap a copy of the April 16, 2008 letter. Ms. Taxin stated there is another probationer who does a cash only clinic and he is too busy to keep up. She suggested Dr. Heap consider offering services for a reasonable fee so people could afford cash over insurance.

Dr. Heap responded he believes his services are needed in Tooele. He stated he has never harmed a patient and no one has ever died. He stated he has talked about going to a cash only clinic and will consider it again.

Dr. Babitz suggested Dr. Heap meet again in 3 months based on his compliance today. He reminded Dr. Heap to continue to submit his paperwork monthly.

The Board determined Dr. Heap is in compliance with his Stipulation and Order based on him submitting all required paperwork on time.

An appointment was made for Dr. Heap to meet again September 9, 2009.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

FYI

Ms. Taxin stated at the May meeting the Board talked about receiving a copy of the new Stipulation and Order for Dr. Darrell Anderson. She stated copies of that document were provided today to each Board member to review for Dr. Anderson's appointment in July. Ms. Taxin stated Dr. Lamb volunteered to interview Dr. Anderson when he meets. She stated Dr. Anderson agreed to the amended Stipulation and Order requirements. She stated the other Stipulation and Order requirements have been included into one document and the old one is also attached.

FYI

Ms. Taxin informed the Board that the proposed Rules have been filed and the Rules Hearing is scheduled for July 8, 2009 at 9:00 am in room 475. She then explained the hearing process for the Board.

Dr. Fowler stated he is supportive of the Rule changes but will be absent for the July meeting.

Dr. Howell brought to Ms. Taxin's attention a misspelled word on page 2, under 302(d)(2)(c).

Ms. Taxin thanked Dr. Howell and Dr. Fowler for their input and stated she will have the word corrected.

FYI

Dr. Howell submitted a brochure from the Vanderbilt program and stated she believes this program would be an appropriate program for the Board to consider for evaluations for probation or after probation. She stated the Board does not have to settle for a program based on cost. She stated the Board deals with critical issues and need to know if physicians are safe to practice.

Dr. Babitz responded it would be good to have some type of criteria to compare the different programs.

Dr. Howell stated part of the criteria should be an

intensive evaluation of at least 4 days. She stated when she was in Georgia they took feedback from staff who lived in-house with those being evaluated and found it very beneficial.

Ms. Taxin asked if the Board is aware of some programs who would meet the criteria.

Dr. Bennion stated he believed the Board did have the prerogative to say no to the program Dr. Goates attended.

Ms. Taxin stated she believes Mr. Lau thought it was better for Dr. Goates to go through a program of some type because he would not agree to the other programs.

Dr. Fowler stated the National Board conference had some information at the conference he attended. He stated he believes it was only advertising for their specific programs.

Ms. Taxin stated she recommended a probationer to a program she knows is very thorough. She stated the person had additional issues that she and the program were not aware of and they discharged her but kept her money with the recommendation she attend another program for the issues they do not address.

Dr. Babitz asked for this to be an agenda item for the next scheduled Board meeting. He also asked Ms. Taxin to call the National Association and ask if they have some criteria for the Board to review.

Dr. Howell stated Ms. Taxin could also contact other Boards and professional health programs regarding rehabilitation programs they have approved and may recommend. She stated there is a large variety of price ranges for different programs. She stated if she does an evaluation for a disability there are specific things they require her to look for and evaluate.

Ms. Taxin stated she has a list of programs but it needs to be updated. She stated she also has a list of approved evaluators which should be reviewed and updated.

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR: July 8, 2009

ADJOURN: The time is 11:34 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.

August 12, 2009
Date Approved

(ss) Elizabeth F. Howell, MD
Chairperson Elect, Utah Physicians Licensing Board

June 23, 2009
Date Approved

(ss) Noel Taxin
Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational &
Professional Licensing