

OPIOID MINIMUM DISCIPLINE TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: October 31, 2018

TIME: 10:00 A.M., CT

LOCATION: Health Related Boards
Poplar Room
665 Mainstream Drive
Nashville, Tennessee

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: J. Michael Wieting, DO - Board of Osteopathic Examination
Thomas C. Williams, DDS – Board of Dentistry
John W. Hale, Jr., MD - Board of Medical Examiners – Chairman
Mark Allen Young, RN, APN – Board of Nursing
Gregory Cain, PA-C – Committee on Physician Assistants
Ramesh B. Pavuluri, DPM – Board of Podiatric Medical
Examiners

BOARD MEMBERS

ABSENT: Jennifer G. Uhl, OD – Board of Optometry

STAFF

PRESENT: Jennifer Putnam, Assistant General Counsel
Andrea Huddleston, Deputy General Counsel
Yvette Vagle, Board Administrator

Dr. John W. Hale, Jr., Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. A roll call was conducted, and a quorum was present.

Review/Approve August 29, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes

Upon review of the August 29, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes, Dr. Williams made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Dr. Wieting. The motion carried.

Discuss and vote on uniform Minimum Disciplinary Standards for a significant deviation or a pattern of deviation from sound medical judgement by a healthcare practitioner who treats human patients with opioids (Proposed Rules).

Jennifer Putnam, Assistant General Counsel, presented the proposed draft rules to the task force members. Yarnell Beatty, JD, Vice President and General Counsel of the Tennessee Medical Association, stated that the proposed rules are the result of an agreement between the Office of General Counsel, the Tennessee Medical Association, the Tennessee Association of Nurse

Anesthetists, the Tennessee Nurses Association, the Tennessee Academy of Physician Assistants, the Tennessee Pharmacists Association, the Tennessee Dental Association, and the Tennessee Osteopathic Medical Association.

After review and discussion of the proposed rules, Mark Allen Young made a motion to accept the rules. The motion was seconded by Gregory Cain. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Ms. Putnam explained the next steps in the rulemaking process, which includes filing the rules as Emergency Rules and scheduling a Rulemaking Hearing in March or April.

Adjourn

At 10:16 a.m., Mr. Cain made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Young.