



MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA
Executive Office



Executive Committee

AGENDA ITEM 2

**UCLA Medical Center
200 Medical Plaza, Suite 206
Los Angeles, CA 90095**

January 10, 2008

MINUTES

Agenda Item 1 Call to Order/Roll Call

The Executive Committee of the Medical Board of California was called to order by the Chair, Dr. Fantozzi, at 11:15 a.m. Notice had been sent to interested parties.

Members Present:

Richard Fantozzi, M.D., President
Cesar Aristeiguieta, M.D.
Hedy Chang
Gary Gitnick, M.D.

Members Absent:

Steve Alexander

Agenda Item 2 Approval of the January 10, 2008

It was m/Gitnick, s/Aristeiguieta, c/all to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2008 meeting.

Agenda Item 3 President's Report

Dr. Fantozzi reported the following:

- AB 253 (Eng) Restructuring of the MBC became law on January 1, 2008.
- The Diversion Transition Plan has been implemented and is moving through the process.
- The Diversion Summit will be held on January 24, 2008 in Sacramento for individuals and organizations to recommend alternative approaches for dealing with substance abusing physicians..

- Staff has finalized the workplan for the Strategic Plan and is working on the goals and objectives.
- Staff is working on developing online educational programs to place on the Board's Web site.
- The Board headquarters office on Howe Avenue is on schedule to move into its new location on March 14, 2008.
- Staff is in the process of providing training to all members on the review of disciplinary cases and licensing matters.

Dr. Fantozzi reported on AB 329 (Nakanishi) Chronic Diseases: Telemedicine which went into effective on January 1, 2008. He explained this bill allows the MBC to establish a telemedicine pilot program. However, no funding was provided for staff to assist with this project. He noted at a previous meeting the members had asked for the re-establishment of the medical position. He stated the need for a program manager position to over see the pilot program for AB 329 is more urgent and a higher priority than the senior medical advisor. He advised he will be recommending this change to the full board at the February 2008 meeting.

Agenda Item 4 Committee Reorganization

Dr. Fantozzi directed the members attention to a copy of the committee list provided in their legislative packet for their review and consideration of the proposed changes. He stated these changes will eliminate redundancy and allow all members to be knowledgeable about these programs.

- Diversion Committee dissolved and updates regarding this Program to be provided to the full Board.
- Midwifery Committee dissolved. The Midwifery Advisory Council to provide report on midwifery activities to the full Board.

It was m/Gitnick, s/Aristeiguieta, c/all to accept the changes to the committees as presented.

Agenda Item 5 2007 - 2008 Legislation

Linda Whitney, Chief of Legislation gave an update on implementation of 2007 legislation and presented the newly introduced legislation for 2008 as follows:

- AB 311 (Dymally) Colon Hydrotherapy. The Executive Committee took a position of "oppose" on the bill.
- AB 547 (Ma) "Cap" on Fees. This is board-sponsored legislation.
- AB 1154 (Leno) Diabetes. The Executive Committee referred the bill to the Access to Care Committee for further discussion.
- AB 1436 (Hernandez) Nurse Practitioners: Scope of Practice. The Executive Committee took a position of "Oppose" on the bill.
- AB 1444 (Emmerson) Physical Therapists: Scope of Practice. The Executive Committee took a position of "Oppose" on the bill.

- AB1643 (Niello) Nurse Practitioners. The Executive Committee took a position of “Oppose unless amended” on the bill.
- SB 761 Physicians and Surgeons: Diversion and Vertical Prosecution. This is board-sponsored legislation.
(Ridley-Thomas)
- SB 797 Professions and Vocations. This is board-sponsored legislation.
(Ridley-Thomas)
- SB 907 (Calderon) Physicians and Surgeons: Referrals. The Executive Committee took a position of “Oppose” on the bill.

Agenda Item 6 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Ms. Chang asked the members if the board would consider taking a position on the Governor’s Health Care Plan.

A motion was made and carried to place this item on the agenda for discussion at the full Board meeting in February 2008.

Agenda Item 7 Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.