DATE REPORT ISSUED: October 12, 2017  
ATTENTION: Members, Medical Board of California  
SUBJECT: Special Faculty Permit Review Committee Recommendation  
STAFF CONTACT: April Alameda, Staff Services Manager II

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the Special Faculty Permit Review Committee (SFPRC) recommendation for a Special Faculty Permit (SFP) appointment for Stefano Pallanti, M.D., Ph.D., pursuant to California Business and Professions Code (BPC) section 2168.1(a)(1)(B).

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS:

The Medical Board of California (Board) is authorized to issue an SFP to a physician who is academically eminent and meets all of the requirements pursuant to BPC section 2168.1.

The SFP authorizes an individual to practice medicine only within the medical school itself and any affiliated institutions in which the SFP holder is providing instruction as part of the medical school’s educational program, and for which the medical school has assumed direct responsibility.

The SFPRC is comprised of two Board members, one who is a physician and one who is a public member, and one representative from each of the 10 allopathic medical schools in California for a total of 12 members. The SFPRC reviews and makes recommendations to the Board regarding applicants applying pursuant to BPC section 2168.1.

At the SFPRC’s October 11, 2017 meeting, the SFPRC reviewed the qualifications of one applicant from the Stanford University School of Medicine (SUSM).

Laurence Katzenelson, M.D., Associate Dean of Graduate Medical Education, SUSM, presented SUSM’s request for Dr. Pallanti to receive an SFP and provided the SFPRC with his qualifications.

Dr. Pallanti’s area of expertise is psychiatry, specifically in the area of severe comorbid psychiatric disorders.

Dr. Pallanti has held the position of a tenured Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Florence since 2001 and serves as Chair of Education and Director of the psychiatry program. His extensive portfolio of scholarly work has focused on the underlying neurobiology and treatment of major psychiatric disorders. He has an excellent record of accomplishment of extramural research funding as principal investigator from both government agencies and industry.
Dr. Pallanti has more than 180 peer-reviewed articles in journals and has been invited to lectures at institutions and professional meetings around the world. He has held visiting professorships at Stanford, Harvard, Mount Sinai School of Medicine, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, University of California Davis School of Medicine, and Imperial College London. Dr. Pallanti serves on the editorial boards of several scientific journals and has served as Editor-in-Chief for the Italian edition of the American Journal of Psychiatry.

Dr. Pallanti will hold a full-time faculty appointment as a Professor of Psychiatry at SUSM, if approved for an SFP appointment by the Board. Dr. Pallanti will provide clinical care in the inpatient and outpatient psychiatry clinic at SUSM along with other facilities affiliated with SUSM. Dr. Pallanti will provide expert leadership in the area of complex and severe comorbid psychiatric disorders. Dr. Pallanti is academically eminent to hold a full-time professor clinical faculty appointment at SUSM and SUSM has a strong clinical need for his expertise in psychiatry and his programmatic leadership.

EDUCATION:

Medical School:

University of Florence Faculty of Medicine and Surgery Italy 1977-1983
Graduated December 7, 1983

Postgraduate Training:

- University of Florence Faculty of Medicine and Surgery Psychiatry Italy 1983-1987
- University of Florence Faculty of Medicine and Surgery Neurophysiopathology (Ph.D.) Italy 1989-1993

SPECIAL FACULTY PERMIT REVIEW COMMITTEE FINDINGS:

The SFPRC recommended approval of Dr. Pallanti for an SFP at SUSM pursuant to BPC section 2168.1 (a)(1)(B).