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STATE OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS, AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING

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STATE MEDICAL BOARD

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MINUTES OF MEETING
Thursday, November 5, 2020

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By authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.62, a video-conference meeting of the Alaska State Medical Board was held on Thursday, November 5, 2020.

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1. Call to Order/ Roll Call

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Roll Call

Board members present, constituting a quorum:
David Boswell, Public Member (Secretary)
Christopher Gay, MD
Larry Daugherty, MD
Maria Freeman, MD
Lydia Mielke, Public Member
Steve Parker, MD
Richard Wein, MD (Chair)

Ms. Bigelow Hood was unable to join the meeting. Dr. Gay joined the meeting at 4:14 p.m.

Board staff:

Sher Zinn, Acting Executive Administrator
Sara Chambers, Director
Jun Maiquis, Regulations Specialist

Visitors present for portions of the meeting:

Harriet Milks, Assistant Attorney General, Dept. of Law
Dr. Michael Levy, EMS Director, State of Alaska

Review Agenda

The board reviewed the agenda.

**On a motion duly made by Dr. Parker, seconded by Dr. Daugherty,
the agenda was approved with revisions by affirmation.**

Ethics disclosure

There were no ethics to report.

1 **2. COVID – 19 Status Report**

2 The board reviewed the letters from Commissioner Crum, DHSS, and the Alaska State Hospital and
3 Nursing Home Association. The letters concerned the need to expedite licensure for healthcare
4 providers to assist in dealing with the current COVID – 19 pandemic in the state.
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6 **3. Proposed Solutions**

7 Harriet Milks introduced draft regulations for an emergency courtesy license to meet the needs of a
8 possible shortage of healthcare providers during the pandemic. The regulations allow the board to
9 determine what an “urgent situation” means for purposes of obtaining the courtesy license.
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11 Dr. Daugherty left the meeting at 5:08 p.m.
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13 **4. Adoption of Emergency Regulations- 12 AAC 40.010, 40.015, 40.035, 40.045, 40.963- Emergency**
14 **Courtesy License**

15 The board reviewed the draft as presented. The emergency courtesy license regulation language was
16 changed by making the courtesy license valid for six months, with a six-month extension if requested. It
17 was noted the emergency courtesy license holder would be required to obtain a full permanent license
18 if they want to continue working in the state. A letter would be sent with the initial courtesy license
19 notifying the provider of the expiration date and the requirement to obtain a permanent license.
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21 **On a motion duly made by Dr. Parker and seconded by Dr. Freeman,**
22 **the medical board recognized the emergency and declared the emergency, and moves the**
23 **regulation project forward as an emergency regulation with the intent to make the**
24 **regulations permanent.**
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26 Roll call- Yeas: David Boswell, Dr. Freeman, Dr. Gay, Lydia Mielke, Dr. Parker, Dr. Wein.
27 No nays.
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29 Dr. Wein introduced two letters from The Alaska Hospitalist Group, LLC and Alaska Trauma & Acute Care
30 Surgery, LLC, that were submitted regarding licensing during the COVID – 19 pandemic. The letters
31 requested the board to continue screening applicants with the current “rigorous” process.
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33 **5. MICP – COVID-19 Scope of Practice**

34 The board reviewed the proposed extended scope of authorized activities of a mobile intensive care
35 paramedic for the current COVID – 19 pandemic, submitted by Dr. Michael Levy.
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37 After allowing Dr. Levy to expound on the letter, and in accordance with 12 AAC 40.370(d), the board
38 voted to authorize mobile intensive care paramedics extended scope of authorized activities.
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41 **On a motion duly made by Dr. Parker, seconded by Dr. Freeman, and approved by roll**
42 **call vote, the board authorizes MICPs to perform the following under 12 AAC 40.370(d),**
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- 44 1. Provide services requested by DHSS Public Health Department including but not limited to
45 immunizations, SARS-CoV2 testing, assessment and treatment of patients in accordance to
46 authorized treatment protocols at alternative sites of care during declared disasters;
- 47 2. Physical assessment of patients at the direction of medical director;

3. Treatment of conditions within the scope of training, education and practice for which the sponsoring physician has credentialed the provider;
4. Dispensing of medications at the direction of the sponsoring physician by standing, or direct order;
5. Active interventions for high volume users of the 911 system;
6. Welfare checks at the request of case management to include patient assessments, dressing changes, medication management for patients waiting for Home Health or Hospice evaluation;

through March 1, 2021, in response to the COVID – 19 pandemic. The board will reevaluate this authorization at that time.

Roll Call- Yeas: David Boswell, Dr. Freeman, Lydia Mielke, Dr. Parker.
Nays: Dr. Gay, Dr. Wein.

6. Adjourn

There being no further business, the board adjourned the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Sher Zinn
Sher Zinn, Acting Executive Administrator
Alaska State Medical Board

Richard J. Wein, M.D.
Richard Wein, MD, President
Alaska State Medical Board

11/24/2020
Date

December 3, 2020
Date