



**Florida Committee of Medicine  
Probation Committee Meeting  
Teleconference Meeting  
Tallahassee, Florida**

**July 30, 2020**

**MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting of the Florida Committee of Medicine Probation Committee was called to order by David Diamond, M.D., Probation Committee Chair, at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 30, 2020.

**Members Present:**

David Diamond, M.D., Chair  
Shailesh Gupta, M.D., Vice Chair  
Kevin Cairns, M.D.  
Luz Pages, M.D.  
Nicholas Romanello, Consumer Member

**Others Present:**

William Jacobs, M.D.  
PRN Associate Medical Director

**Committee Staff Present:**

Ed Tellechea, Esquire, Committee Counsel  
Nancy Murphy, Certified Paralegal  
Towanda Burnett, Regulatory Specialist III  
Crystal Sanford, Program Operations Administrator

**Court Reporter:**

Rebecca Heghen, Court Reporter  
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Meeting call to order @ 8:00 a.m.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from June 3, 2020 Probation Committee meeting.

### **First Appearance with Monitor Request**

#### **Tab 1 – Neelam T. Uppal, M.D., Case Number 200913497, 201106111, 201117799**

Dr. Uppal made an appearance, accompanied by her attorney Mr. Bruce Lamb and purposed monitor Dr. Krishan K. Batra, before the Probation Committee. Dr. Uppal requested approval for Dr. Krishan Batra, to serve as monitor. Dr. Uppal, Dr. Batra and Mr. Lamb were asked a series of questions by the committee.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously to grant limited scope of practice monitoring from Dr. Batra in Addiction Medicine. Supervised Monitoring does not count towards the 2-year probationary period and Dr. Uppal must submit a request for another monitor specialized in Internal Medicine per order.

**Action Taken:** Committee voted to grant approval of monitor with conditions.

### **Final Appearances**

#### **Tab 2 – John O’Connor, M.D., Case Number 201301499**

Dr. O’Connor made his final appearance before the Probation Committee. Dr. O’Connor was asked a series of questions by the committee.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously to formally accept the last appearance.

**Action Taken:** Committee voted to accept final appearance.

#### **Tab 3 – Christopher L. Rodriguez, P.A., Case Number 201301499**

Mr. Rodriguez made his final appearance before the Probation Committee. Mr. Rodriguez was asked a series of questions by the committee.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously to formally accept the last appearance.

**Action Taken:** Committee voted to accept final appearance.

#### **Tab 4 – Joseph Rosado, M.D., Case Number 201519677**

Dr. Rosado made his final appearance before the Probation Committee. Dr. Rosado was asked a series of questions by the committee.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously to formally accept the last appearance pending final report.

**Action Taken:** Committee voted to accept final appearance.

**Tab 5 – Fred A. Liebowtiz, M.D., Case Number 200923088, 201002186, 201004931, 201107030**

Dr. Liebowtiz made his final appearance before the Probation Committee. Dr. Liebowtiz was asked a series of questions by the committee.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously to formally accept the last appearance pending final report.

**Action Taken:** Committee voted to accept final appearance.

**Reinstatement of License Request**

**Tab 6 – Stephen M. Becker, M.D., Case Number 201218708**

Dr. Becker was not present. Dr. Becker request to lift suspension was presented to the committee for consideration.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously to formally grant reinstatement of license with conditions.

**Action Taken:** Committee voted to grant reinstatement of license with conditions.

**FL CARES Evaluation Request**

**Tab 7 – Serge E. Cayemitte, M.D., Case Number 201218708**

Dr. Cayemitte made an appearance before the Probation Committee. Dr. Cayemitte requested approval from committee for Evaluation. Dr. Cayemitte was asked a series of questions by the committee.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously to approve evaluation.

**Action Taken:** Committee voted to approve evaluation.

**Lecture Request**

**Tab 8 – Julian A. Cameron, M.D., Case Number 201820903**

Dr. Cameron was not required to attend this meeting. Dr. Cameron requested the committee approval of lecture presented for consideration.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously to approve the lecture

**Action Taken:** Committee voted to formally approve the lecture.

**Tab 9 – Ramon Vazquez, M.D., Case Number 201624699**

Dr. Vazquez was not required to attend this meeting. Dr. Vazquez requested the committee to waive the board imposed one-hour lecture on Wrong Site Surgery request presented for consideration.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously to deny the request to waive the lecture and granted an extension until December 31, 2020.

**Action Taken:** Committee voted to deny the request and granted an extension.

**Continuing Medical Education Requests**

**Tab 10 – Ata Atogho, M.D., Case Number 201707343**

Dr. Atogho was not required to attend this meeting. Dr. Atogho requested to have continuing medical education (CME) in Risk Management (5 hours) presented for consideration.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously to approve the course.

**Action Taken:** Committee voted to formally approve the CME course.

**Tab 11 – Darwin K. Clark, M.D., Case Number 201903415**

Dr. Clark was not required to attend this meeting. Dr. Clark requested to have the continuing medical education (CME) in Risk Management (5 hours) and Wrong Site Surgery (1 hour) presented for consideration.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously to approve CME request for Wrong Site Surgery and denied request for Risk Management.

**Action Taken:** Committee voted to formally approve the Wrong Site Surgery CME and denied the Risk Management CME.

**Tab 12 – Christopher Paschall, M.D., Case Number 201708906**

Dr. Paschall was not required to attend this meeting. Dr. Paschall requested to have continuing medical education (CME) in Reading EKGs (10 hours) and Treating Non-

STEMI (10 hours) was presented for consideration.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously to approve the course.

**Action Taken:** Committee voted to formally approve the CME courses.

**Tab 13 – Gregory K. Pennock, M.D., Case Number 201517434**

Dr. Pennock was not required to attend this meeting. Dr. Pennock requested to have the continuing medical education (CME) in Diagnosis and Treatment of Lung Cancer (5 hours) presented for consideration.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously to approve the course.

**Action Taken:** Committee voted to formally approve the CME course.

**Tab 14 – Harvey C. Roth, M.D., Case Number 201723375**

Dr. Roth was not required to attend this meeting. Dr. Roth requested to have continuing medical education (CME) in Risk Management (5 hours) presented for consideration.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously to approve the course.

**Action Taken:** Committee voted to formally approve the CME course.

**Tab 15 – Hamisu M. Salihu, M.D., Case Number 201318973**

Dr. Salihu was not required to attend this meeting. Dr. Salihu requested to have the continuing medical education (CME) course in Risk Management (5 hours) and Prescribing Drug Course presented for consideration.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously to approve the course.

**Action Taken:** Committee voted to formally approve the CME courses.

**Tab 16 – Krishna Tripuraneni, M.D., Case Number 201527899**

Dr. Tripuraneni was not required to attend this meeting. Dr. Tripuraneni requested to have continuing medical education (CME) in Risk Management (5 hours) presented for consideration.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously to approve the course.

**Action Taken:** Committee voted to formally approve the CME course.

**Tab 17 – Kang Lu, M.D., Case Number 201933402**

Dr. Lu was not required to attend this meeting. Dr. Lu requested to have continuing medical education (CME) in Ethics (5 hours) presented for consideration.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously to deny the course.

**Action Taken:** Committee voted to formally deny the CME course.

**Extension Requests**

**Tab 18 – Raymond D. Adamcik, M.D., Case Number 201802459**

Dr. Adamcik was not required to attend this meeting. Dr. Adamcik requested to the committee for an extension of time to complete the board imposed continuing medical education course presented for consideration.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously to approve an extension until December 31, 2020.

**Action Taken:** Committee voted to approve the extension

**Tab 19 – Eva I Pizarro, M.D., Case Number 201215501**

Dr. Pizarro was not required to attend this meeting. Dr. Pizarro requested to the committee for an extension of time to complete the board imposed continuing medical education course presented for consideration.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously to approve an extension until December 31, 2020.

**Action Taken:** Committee voted to approve the extension

**Tab 20 – Heraclio F. Castro, M.D., Case Number 201811588, 201814067**

Dr. Castro was not required to attend this meeting. Dr. Castro requested that the committee waive the administrative fine and investigative costs that was presented for consideration.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously to deny the request to waive the fees and granted and extension until December 31, 2020.

**Action Taken:** Committee voted to deny waive request and approve an extension.

**Tab 21 – Millicent Muir, M.D., Case Number 201317653**

Dr. Muir was not required to attend this meeting. Dr. Muir requested to the committee for an extension of time to complete the board imposed continuing medical education course presented for consideration.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously to approve an extension until December 31, 2020.

**Action Taken:** Committee voted to approve the extension

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 a.m.