



July 28, 2021

Summary of the July 22-23, 2021, Board Meeting

Total Cases Reviewed: The Board reviewed 90 cases.

New Investigative Cases: The Board reviewed 65 new investigative cases.

Statement of Charges: If the Board determines that probable cause exists for formal disciplinary action against a licensee, the Board may issue a Statement of Charges that includes the Board's allegations against the licensee.

The Board approved 1 Statement of Charges.

1. An Iowa licensed physician who practices family medicine in Washington, Iowa, had a Statement of Charges issued by the Board on July 23, 2021. The Board alleged that the physician engaged in professional incompetency, failed to comply with a Board subpoena, and failed to comply with a Board investigation. A disciplinary hearing has been scheduled on August 19, 2021.

Combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement: If the Board determines that probable cause exists for formal disciplinary action against a licensee, the Board and the licensee may enter into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement to resolve the matter. The combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement contains the Board's allegations and the disciplinary sanctions.

The Board approved 1 Combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement.

1. An Iowa licensed physician who practices anesthesiology and pain medicine in Des Moines, Iowa, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board on July 23, 2021. The Board alleged that the physician engaged in a sexual relationship with a nurse with whom he worked, and that the physician provided medical care to her throughout the course of their relationship. The Board also alleged that the physician repeatedly engaged in the use of marijuana, an illegal drug. Under the terms of the July 23, 2021, combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement, the Board issued the physician a Citation and Warning and ordered him to pay a \$1,000 civil penalty and complete a Board-approved professional boundaries program. The Board also referred the physician to the Iowa Physician Health Program to determine whether participation in the program is needed. Finally, the Board placed the physician on probation for a period of two years subject to Board monitoring.

Termination Order: If the Board determines that a physician has fully complied with a disciplinary order the Board may issue a Termination Order.

The Board voted to issue 1 Termination Order.

1. An Iowa licensed physician who practices pediatric medicine in Waterloo, Iowa, had a Termination Order issued by the Board on July 23, 2021. On October 23, 2020, Dr. LeClair entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board. The Board alleged that Dr. LeClair engaged in unprofessional conduct when she inappropriately accessed the medical records of patients who were not under her care while practicing medicine in Iowa City, Iowa, from June 2012 to August 2018. Dr. LeClair denied the allegation. Under the terms of the October 23, 2020, combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement, the Board issued Dr. LeClair a Citation and Warning and ordered her to pay a \$5,000 civil penalty and complete a Board-approved professional ethics program. On July 23, 2021, the Board determined that Dr. LeClair has satisfied the terms of her Order and voted to issue a Termination Order. Therefore, the terms of Dr. LeClair's Order are terminated and her Iowa medical license is returned to its full privileges, free and clear of all restrictions.

Confidential Letters of Warning or Education: When the Board determines that probable cause does not exist to take formal disciplinary action against a licensee, the Board may send a confidential, non-disciplinary, letter to the licensee expressing concerns and requesting that the licensee take corrective action, including further education.

The Board voted to issue 10 confidential Letter of Warning or Education due to the following area of concern:

1. Concerns that a physician experienced difficulty performing neonatal resuscitation services.
2. Concerns about a physician's workload, excessive testing and medical record keeping.
3. Concerns that a physician experienced a mislabeled lab specimen.
4. Concerns that a physician failed to perform an appropriate pre-operative workup and took a photograph of the patient without appropriate consent.
5. Concerns that a physician failed to review a patient's previous medical records prior to providing medical care to the patient.
6. Concerns that a physician failed to perform Cesarean Section delivery in a timely manner.
7. Concerns that a physician failed to appropriately respond to a patient with a potential mental health emergency.
8. Concerns that a physician misread radiologic imaging that showed a spinal fracture.
9. Concerns that a physician failed to properly submit death certificate information to the State's reporting system.
10. Concerns that a physician failed to perform a rectal exam on a patient.

Licensure Committee: The Licensure Committee reviews initial applications, renewals, and reinstatements and licensure policies. Most applications are approved by staff without committee review. However, some concerns identified during the review process must be reviewed by the committee to determine whether a license should be granted, renewed or reinstated.

The committee reviewed 7 applications for Iowa medical licensure. The committee took the following actions:

1. Granted 3 permanent Iowa medical licenses.
2. Granted 1 temporary Iowa medical license.
3. Denied 1 application for a permanent Iowa medical license.
4. Denied 1 application for a compact medical license.
5. Left 1 case open.

A Press Release describing public disciplinary action taken by the Board was distributed and posted on the Board's website on July 28, 2021. If you have any questions about this summary or the Press Release, please contact Kent M. Nebel, J.D., Executive Director, at (515) 281-7088 or kent.nebel@iowa.gov.