

Minutes/Report

Expert Witness Committee Meeting Board of Medicine Telephone Conference Call January 9, 2008

12:00 Noon, EST

The meeting was called to order at 12:10 P.M.

Ms. Willis called the roll and determined that the Committee had a quorum.

Attendees:

Carmel Barrau, M.D., Chair

Trina Espinola, M.D.

H. Frank Farmer, M.D.

Staff Attendees:

Larry McPherson, Executive Director

Deborah Loucks, Board Counsel

Irene Lake, Expert Witness Program Representative

Gwyn Willis, Board Staff

New Applicants:

Tab #1 Arturo Guiloff, M.D., Plastic Surgery

After discussion, the Committee decided that Dr. Guiloff was a good candidate.

Action Taken:

Dr. Barrau made a motion to approve the applicant. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Tab #2 Thomas Walter, M.D. OB/GYN

After discussion, the Committee decided that Dr. Walter was a good candidate.

Action Taken:

A motion was made to approve the applicant. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Tab #3 Opinion Review/Discussion

The Full board referred the all expert opinions from Dr. Margurite Barnett, M.D. and James A. McAlear, M.D. to the Expert Witness Committee for review and discussion.

Dr. Barrau asked the committee to table a final decision to allow more time to review the files.

Irene Lake stated that the prosecuting attorneys agreed that Dr. Barnett and Dr. McAlear were good expert witnesses and their expertise was beneficial to cases.

Dr. Farmer and Dr. Espinola stated that they had reviewed the materials and agreed that they saw no problems with the opinions.

Deborah Loucks stated that it would be more helpful if the Board members would specify which cases they wanted the Expert Witness Committee to review. She thought that specific directions would give the Committee a better idea of what was objectionable about the opinion and allow for better analysis.

Action Taken:

The Committee agreed to table the Review/Discussion about the expert witness opinions until the next Expert Witness Committee meeting.

Use of CD/DVD:

The Committee members stated that they liked the use of a CD/DVD and would like to continue to use the format in the future.

The meeting adjourned at 12:32 P.M.