

**Department of Health
Florida Board of Medicine
Specialty Credentialing Committee
Meeting Report**

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June 4, 2010

Roll Call 5:00 p.m.

Present:

H. Frank Farmer, M.D., Chair
Brigitte Goersch, Consumer Member

Not Present:

Trina Espinola, M.D.

Staff Present:

Larry McPherson, Executive Director
Ed Tellechea, Board Counsel
Donna McNulty, Board Counsel
Nancy Murphy, Paralegal
Crystal Sanford, Administrator
Whitney Bowen, Board Staff

Others Present:

American Court Reporting

Mr. Tellechea explained the American Board of Interventional Pain Physician (ABIPP) had submitted a request to be approved by the Board as a certifying organizations pursuant to Rule 64B8-11.001, FAC – Advertising. He stated the request came before the Committee in April, but no one from the organization was available to appear before the Board and the matter was referred to this meeting. Mr. Tellechea added the ABIPP had appeared before the Osteopathic Board in February and was approved.

Harold Cordner, M.D. addressed the Board regarding ABIPPS's background, criteria and examination process. He went through each of the Board's criteria to be a certifying organization and explained how ABIPP met each criterion.

Deborah Tracy, M.D. then addressed the Committee as the President of the Florida Society of Interventional Pain Physicians. She reminded the Committee that pain management is a sub-specialty of 4 areas: psychiatry, anesthesiology, neurology and physical medicine and rehabilitation. She stated that ABIPP is recognized in 14 other states and have applied to the remaining states. She suggested to the Committee that allowing this organization to become a certifying agency would help alleviate the access problem related to pain management physicians.

Mr. Tellechea reminded them this hearing is for them to be a certifying agency only and does not necessarily mean the training requirements for Proposed Rule 64B8-9.0131, FAC (the standards for physicians practicing in pain management clinics rule) will be changed to approve this organization to meet the requirements of that rule.

Dr. Tracy suggested that might be their next step.

Ms. Goersch asked if a re-certification examination is required by ABIPP.

Dr. Cordner stated recertification is required every 10 years.

Mr. Tellechea asked how members of this board would advertise.

Dr. Cordner stated he was not sure.

Mr. Tellechea stated the members can only advertise they are board certified in interventional pain medicine.

A motion was made and seconded to approve ABIPP as a certifying agency.

Paul Sloan addressed the Committee and explained his concerns about approving this organization since it was not an American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) approved board. He asked how many other states approved of ABIPP.

Mr. Tellechea explained this was the mechanism non-ABMS boards could be approved as certifying agencies only for the purpose of advertising.

Ms. Goersch stated ABIPP, in their presentation, stated 14 other states had approved ABIPP. She further stated that when she looked up some of the physicians who are members of the ABIPP, most of them also carried board certification under ABMS.

Sean Emma, M.D. next addressed the Committee and reiterated Mr. Tellechea's point that these physicians must advertise they are interventional pain medicine physicians and not pain management physicians.

Dr. Cordner reminded the Committee that interventional pain certification is in addition to pain management. He stated that members are trained and tested in all components of pain.

The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.