

MINUTES

Florida Board of Medicine
Finance & Statistics Committee
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This meeting began at the conclusion of the Surgical Care Committee.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Donald Mullins, Chairman
Gary Winchester, M.D.
Bradley Levine, Consumer Member

STAFF PRESENT:

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

The meeting was called to order at 6: 08 p.m.

Tab 1 – GAO Report

Mr. Mullins presented the report regarding disciplinary action taken against International and American foreign medical graduates resulting in suspension or revocation. It was suggested the data be filed as informational.

Action taken: no action taken

Tab 2 – Wrong Site Surgery Report(s)

Mr. Mullins presented the reports provided by staff regarding wrong site surgery cases from 2005 to 2010 and informed the Committee that the information would be provided to the full board.

Action taken: no action taken

Tab 3 – Shipping Expenses/Distribution Methods & IT Security Policies

Ms. Bowen explained board staff's process improvement initiatives regarding more cost effective methods for dispersing agenda materials to the board, but also explained the size restrictions for utilizing the File Transfer Protocol (FTP) server currently used for some materials. Mr. Mullins suggested an analysis be conducted on the cost of providing materials in paper compared to the costs associated with increasing the FTP server space.

Mr. Tellechea raised concerns about the methods used by the Prosecution Services Unit for providing last minute material to members and staff for Probable Cause Panel meetings and requested that in the future these materials be provided electronically. Ms. Bowen stated that she would coordinate a meeting with PSU staff to address these issues.

Action taken: Suggestion regarding submission of material to PCP be provided to PSU.

Tab 4 – Licensure/Renewal Fees

Mr. Mullins presented the report provided by MQA staff regarding fee scenarios for renewal fees from 2010 – 2016 and addressed the amount of excess surplus in the division's cash balance each year should the renewal fee stay as is. He suggested the fee be reduced to \$320 from \$360 in order to reduce the surplus.

Dr. Winchester asked Mr. McPherson to explain the benefits to modifying the fees in the long-run. Mr. McPherson reminded the Committee of HB 1565 which states that any rule changes that have an impact of an excess of \$200, 000 would have to have a Statement of Estimated Regulatory Cost (SERC) drafted and presented to the legislature during the following legislative session. Mr. Tellechea also asked the Committee to keep in mind that they were only able to raise fees by 10%.

Mr. Levine suggested that lowering the fees by the suggested amount may be too much too soon and suggested a smaller decrease over a longer period of time. Mr. Tellechea mentioned possible difficulties with re-raising fees at a later date if not viewed favorably by the legislature.

Dr. Winchester agreed with Mr. Levine that lowering fees over a period of time may be better, but was concerned about the long term deficit as a result, and the practical difficulties of re-raising the fees in the future.

Mr. Levine made a motion to reduce the fees by 5% changing the current renewal fee to \$342 from \$360. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Mr. Tellechea will refer to the Rule/Legislative Committee an amended rule reducing the renewal fee by 5%.

Action Taken: the Committee voted to reduce the MD renewal fee by 5%, changing the current fee to \$342 from \$360.

Larry McPherson thanked Ms. Bowen for her hard work on gathering the information for the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.