

# Vermont Board of Medical Practice

July 3, 2024

280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT 05671

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10:00 AM Licensing Committee

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12:00 PM Vermont Board of Medical Practice

- **Call to Order; Roll Call; Acknowledge Guests:**
- **Public Comment:**
- **Approval of Minutes of the June 5, 2024, Board Meeting**
- **Board Issues (Dr. Hildebrant):**
- **Administrative Update (David Herlihy):**
- **Board Consideration of Motion for Summary Suspension, In re: Tania K. Sarkaria, MD, Docket Nos. MPS 175-0823 & MPS 067-0424 (1 PM until completed)**
- **Other Business:**
  - **Overview of Symposium on Alternative Pathways to Licensure for Foreign-Trained Physicians** -- the Chair and Executive Director will provide the Board an overview of the symposium they attended in Washington, DC on June 18. The event, convened by FSMB, focused on the concept of establishing alternative pathways to licensure for physicians who trained overseas and who have not completed a residency program in the United States or Canada.
  - **Medical Licensing Requirements Topics in the News** – On June 19 a consultant to the Green Mountain Care Board and the AHS Director of Health Care Reform presented a report about challenges to Vermont hospitals as part of a process to support sustainable access to care in Vermont, as directed by Act 167 of 2022. The Board will

receive a brief overview of the report and media coverage of its contents. The slides used during the presentation and a news article about the presentation are included with the agenda as Attachment A and Attachment B.

- **Naturopathic Physician Technical Advisory Group – Act 158 of 2024** (Attachment C ) calls for the Commissioner of the Vermont Department of Health to convene a work group to consider integration of naturopaths into statewide policies on Vermont’s Patient Choice at End of Life law, DNR orders, advance directives, and clinician orders for life-sustaining treatment (COLST). As the Department of Health staff prepares for that process, the Board has been asked to provide input on what information or other resources would be helpful to the group in completing its assignment. Some examples of helpful categories would be:
  - information about each of the processes, specifically the factors considered in each process and the role of the clinician;
  - facts about the education and training of allopathic, osteopathic, and naturopathic physicians; and,
  - to what extent are naturopaths involved in these processes in other states?

Members will be asked to share thoughts about other information that would be useful for the Advisory Group; this will be shared with VDH staff to help them prepare materials for the group.

- **Executive Session to discuss:**
  - Investigative cases recommended for closure
  - Other matters that are confidential by law; if any
- **Return to Open Session; Board Actions on matters discussed in Executive Session:**
- **Board Actions on Committee recommendations regarding any non-confidential matters:**
- **Upcoming Board meetings, Committee meetings, hearings, etc.:** [Locations are subject to change. A notification will be provided if a change takes place.](#)

- **July 11, 2024, North Investigative Committee Meeting, 9:00 AM.**  
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  - **July 12, 2024, Central Investigative Committee Meeting, 9:00 AM.**  
Remote via Teams and 280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT 05671.
  - **July 17, 2024, South Investigative Committee Meeting, 12:00 PM.**  
Remote via Teams and 280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT 05671.
  - **August 7, 2024, Licensing Committee Meeting, 10:30 AM.** Remote via Teams and 280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT 05671.
  - **August 7, 2024, Board Meeting, 12:00 PM.** Remote via Teams and 280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT 05671.
  - **Open Forum:**
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