

**Florida Board of Medicine
Finance & Process Accountability
Committee Meeting**



**Peabody Orlando
9801 International Drive
Orlando, FL 32819
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November 29, 2012

MEETING REPORT

1 Roll call 12:45 pm

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3 **Members Present:**

4 Donald Mullins, Consumer Member, Chairman

5 Nabil El Sanadi, M.D.

6 James Orr, Jr., M.D.

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8 **Staff Present:**

9 Ed Tellechea, Board Counsel

10 Nancy Murphy, Paralegal

11 Crystal A. Sanford, CPM, Program Operations Administrator

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16 **Tab 1 – Fee Review**

17 Mr. Mullins summarized the spreadsheet provided by Melinda Simmons, Chief Financial Officer
18 for the Division of Medical Quality Assurance. He explained the Department has been refining
19 their processes and not spending as much money so it was time to look at possibly reducing the
20 renewal fee so the Board does not carry as much of a surplus. He explained by changing the
21 renewal fee as opposed to the initial or application fee, a larger population base is affected.

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23 Mr. Tellechea reminded the Committee this would require rulemaking. He also reminded them
24 that raising fees later might require Legislative ratification.

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26 Dr. El Sanadi suggested looking at the population base as to the number of new licensees versus
27 the number that are leaving, retiring or otherwise no longer holding a Florida medical license.
28 He also suggested looking at the actual dollar amount to ensure no deficit at any point.

Members Absent:

Bradley Levine, Consumer Member

Brigitte Goersch, Consumer Member

Others Present:

American Court Reporting

Linda Kalkhurst

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A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to look into this issue further.

Action taken: conduct research as requested and schedule for next meeting

Tab 2 – Emergency Action Unit Model Update

Carol Gregg, Prosecuting Services Unit, addressed the Committee regarding changes in the Emergency Action Unit. She provided statistics that show a decrease in the number of days it takes to get a case from receipt to the Board in emergency cases. She indicated they would continue to look for ways to streamline the process.

Tab 3 – MQA Technology Funding

Mr. Mullins asked Ms. Pouncey if there was a way to change the direct charge method to the allocation method where technology was concerned in an effort to save money by spreading the allocation charges across all boards.

Ms. Pouncey indicated the current ImageAPI contract would expire in 2013 and the new contract went in the direction Mr. Mullins was suggesting. She said if a Board buys laptops, those are direct charges, but if they check them out, then it's an allocated charge.

She also reminded the Committee the new system would be piloted in February. She also explained images would be the basis for costs under the new contract.

Mr. Mullins suggested taking a look at the types of images on the DVD in the future since we would be charged by the image.

New Business

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1 Mr. Mullins explained he reviewed several cases scheduled on the agenda the following day
2 where the Department did not recoup all costs associated with the cases. He asked Ms. Gregg to
3 explain why.
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5 Ms. Gregg stated there are multiple reasons for not recouping all of the costs. She has instructed
6 her attorneys to inform the members why in those cases. Following are some of the reasons she
7 provided:

- 8 • Part of the negotiating process of a Settlement Agreement in cases that just need to be
9 settled
 - 10 • Turn over of attorneys effects costs charged to the Respondent
 - 11 • Miscalculations
 - 12 • Time tracking issues
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14 Dr. Orr asked Ms. Gregg if there was a way to make it less frustrating on the members trying to
15 figure out why the costs are not being recouped. He suggested putting a statement in the Board
16 Memo if there is a substantial difference between the actual costs and the costs being
17 recuperated.
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19 Jason Rosenberg, M.D., Chairman of the Board, addressed the Committee. He said the Board
20 made some suggestions, PSU made the changes and now the Board is prepared to handle more
21 cases.
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23 Mr. Mullins thanked Ms. Gregg and Ms. Pouncey for their hard work.
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25 The meeting adjourned at 1:34 pm