The Impaired Physicians Liaison Committee of the Missouri State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts convened at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 4, 2018, at the Missouri Council of School Administrators Building, 3550 Amazonas Drive, Lower Level, Jefferson City, Missouri 65109.

Committee Members Present:
Dr. James DiRenna, Committee Chair
Connie Clarkston, Executive Director
Patrick Mills, Missouri State Medical Association
Lisa Thomas, MD, Missouri Physicians Health Program
Robert Bondurant, Missouri Physicians Health Program
Mary Fahey, Missouri Physicians Health Program
Kay O’Shea, Missouri Physicians Health Program
Heather Johns, Missouri Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons
Jim Wieberg, Missouri Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons
John Cisper, Investigator, Probation Supervisor
John Short, Investigator II, Probation Supervisor
Tim Giger, Investigator II, Investigator II

Staff Attending:
Jimmy Leggett, Associate Executive
Paul Lefebvre, General Counsel
Hong Chen, Associate General Counsel
Michelle Heislen, Enforcement Supervisor
Bridget Otto, Senior Office Support Assistant
William Smittle, DO, Chief Medical Officer

Meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Dr. DiRenna.

Minutes for approval
The open minutes from the July 12, 2018, Impaired Physician Committee meeting were presented for review and approval.

Motion made by Bob Bondurant and seconded by Jim Wieberg to approve the July 12, 2018, Impaired Physician Committee meeting minutes as submitted. Mr. Mills, Mr. Bondurant, Dr. Thomas, Ms. Fahey, Ms. O’Shea, Ms. Johns, Mr. Wieberg, Mr. Cisper, Mr. Short and Mr. Giger voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
**Boards and Commission Task Force Report**
Ms. Clarkston provided the Committee with an update on the Boards and Commissions Task Force Report. Legislation is moving regarding combination of boards as well as changes in appointing authority for board membership over state-appointed boards.

This information was provided for discussion purposes and no action was taken by the Committee.

**Assistant Physicians**
Ms. Clarkston and Mr. Lefebvre updated the Committee on assistant physician legislation. The Committee discussed how the previously passed bill has effected the medical profession as well as potential positive and/or negative impacts the current bill might impose in the near future.

Ms. Clarkston stated the Board office often receives inquires asking for referrals for collaborating physicians. Ms. Clarkston stated the office does not maintain a list of potential collaborating physicians nor does it maintain a sampling of collaborate agreements. Mr. Mills informed the Committee that the Missouri State Medical Association is not a resource for assistant physicians in need of a physician with whom a collaborative practice agreement may be entered. Mr. Mills stated that State Representative Dr. Keith Frederick has been a reliable source of communication throughout the legislative process; and that they often refer assistant physicians to recruiting agencies.

This information was provided for discussion purposes and no action was taken by the Committee.

**Provider List**
The Committee discussed and reviewed a potential provider for impaired physicians. On March 21, 2018, SSM Health provided to the Board information regarding their service to treat patients suffering from substance use disorders. The SSM Health Treatment & Recovery program is located in St. Charles, Missouri. The Committee agreed that they would like for SSM to present to the Committee at its upcoming August 1, 2018 meeting for further deliberation on accepting its services.

The list of current providers for impaired physicians was reviewed and changes were discussed. Cedar Bridge of Joplin, Missouri; Elmhurst Memorial Healthcare of Elmhurst, Illinois; and Behavioral Medical Institute (BMI) of Atlanta, Georgia are no longer open for services. Promises of Malibu, California is undergoing changes and does not have a current confirmative status. Cumberland Heights of Nashville, Tennessee is no longer being used by Missouri Physician Health Program (MPHP).

Mr. Bondurant will present an update on Promises to the Committee at its August 2018 meeting.

Dr. Thomas raised concerns regarding the lack of access to medical school students via presentation of services. Ms. Clarkston raised concerns with the Board’s limitation to presentation of information, likewise. A case will be created to present to medical school personnel of authority in the state of Missouri in order to gain access to speaking with medical school students. Dr. Thomas will bring this case to the August 2018 meeting for Committee approval.
**Safe Haven Clause**
Ms. Chen updated the Committee members on her research of the Safe Haven Clause. Mr. Bondurant stated his belief that the option provided to physicians under the Safe Haven Clause may be a proactive versus reactive measure in protecting the public.

The Committee agreed that the Board should provide feedback on the Safe Haven Clause before the Committee takes further action. The Safe Haven Clause is to be discussed at the August 2018 meeting. If the Board is in favor of the Safe Haven Clause, the Committee has requested Mr. Lefebvre draft litigation to bring back to the Board for presentation.

**Adjournment**
Motion was made by Mr. Wieberg and seconded by Mr. Bondurant to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned approximately at 5:22 p.m. Mr. Mills, Mr. Bondurant, Dr. Thomas, Ms. Fahey, Ms. O’Shea, Ms. Johns, Mr. Wieberg, Ms. Cisper, Mr. Short and Mr. Giger voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.