The Impaired Physicians Liaison Committee (“Committee”) of the Missouri State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts convened at 4:00 P.M. on Wednesday, January 16, 2019, at the Drury Inn & Suites St. Louis Brentwood, 8700 Eager Road, Brentwood, Missouri 63144.

Committee Members Present:
Connie Clarkston, Executive Director
Katherine Mathews, MD, Committee Co-Chair
Lisa Thomas, MD, Missouri Physicians Health Program
Robert Bondurant, Missouri Physicians Health Program
Heather Johns, Missouri Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons
Mary Fahey, Missouri Physicians Health Program
Kay O’Shea, Missouri Physicians Health Program
John Cisper, Probation Supervisor
John Short, Probation Supervisor
Tim Giger, Probation Supervisor

Committee Members Absent:
James DiRenna, DO, Committee Chair
Patrick Mills, Missouri State Medical Association
Jim Wieberg, Missouri Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons

Staff Present:
James Leggett, Associate Executive
Bridget Otto, Executive Assistant
Kayci Hollingsworth, Associate Executive Assistant
Kyle Maddox, Information Support Coordinator
Katie Struemph, General Counsel
Hong Chen, Associate General Counsel
Jana Jacobs, Associate General Counsel
Whitney Long, Paralegal
Michelle Heislen, Enforcement Supervisor
Sidney Conklin, Chief Investigator
Maggie McDowell, Investigator II
William Smittle, DO, Chief Medical Officer
William Voss, DO, Medical Staff

Guests Present:
Tib Albach, Northbound Treatment
Joe Stephenson, Northbound Treatment
1. Prerogatives of the Chair
Dr. Mathews had no prerogatives of the chair.

2. Minutes for Approval
The meeting minutes from the August 1, 2018 Impaired Physician Liaison Committee meeting were presented for review and approval.

Motion made by Mr. Bondurant and seconded by Dr. Thomas to approve the August 1, 2018 Open Meeting Minutes as submitted. Mr. Bondurant, Mr. Cisper, Ms. Fahey, Mr. Giger, Ms. Johns, Ms. O'Shea, Mr. Short and Dr. Thomas voted in favor of the motion. Dr. DiRenna, Mr. Mills and Mr. Wieberg were absent. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Approved Providers to be Presented to Full Board
At its August 2018 meeting, Synergy Recovery Center and SSM Health Treatment and Recovery presented their programs to the Committee for consideration of being adopted as approved treatment providers for Missouri physicians and surgeons suffering from substance abuse or mental health disorders. The Committee voted to table both providers’ requests and to seek permission from the full Board to work with these providers for one (1) year while monitoring their effectiveness. The Committee was advised that its request for permission has been prepared for the Board’s review.

The above matter was presented for update purposes only and no motions were made.

4. Non-Disclosure Clause
At its August 2018 meeting, the Board’s legal staff presented two (2) legislative proposals of a “non-disclosure clause.” The Committee reviewed and discussed both proposals and suggested changes. A draft of the chosen statutory proposal with suggested changes was provided for the Committee’s review.

Motion made by Dr. Thomas and seconded by Mr. Bondurant to recommend the proposed language to the full Board. Mr. Bondurant, Mr. Cisper, Ms. Fahey, Mr. Giger, Ms. Johns, Ms. O’Shea, Mr. Short and Dr. Thomas voted in favor of the motion. Dr. DiRenna, Mr. Mills and Mr. Wieberg were absent. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Northbound Treatment Center – New Provider
On September 17, 2018, the Board received information from Missouri Physicians Health Program (MPHP) regarding Northbound Treatment, an intensive outpatient program for individuals with substance abuse disorder. Northbound Treatment is located in Saint Louis, Missouri. Providers from Northbound Treatment were in attendance and presented on the program before the Committee.

Motion made by Mr. Bondurant and seconded by Dr. Thomas to recommend Northbound Treatment to the full Board for inclusion on its list of approved providers. Mr. Bondurant, Mr. Cisper, Ms. Fahey, Mr. Giger, Ms. Johns, Ms. O’Shea, Mr. Short and Dr. Thomas voted in favor of the motion. Dr. DiRenna, Mr. Mills and Mr. Wieberg were absent. Motion carried unanimously.
6. BoardPrep Recovery Center – New Provider
On November 7, 2018, the Board received information from MPHP regarding Board Prep Recovery Center, a treatment program for health professionals. Board Prep Recovery Center is located in Tampa, Florida. Mary Fahey, Program Director, MPHP, presented on the program and the visit she experienced there.

Motion made by Mr. Bondurant and seconded by Ms. Fahey to invite the program director from Board Prep Recovery Center to present before the Committee. Mr. Bondurant, Mr. Cisper, Ms. Fahey, Mr. Giger, Ms. Johns, Ms. O’Shea, Mr. Short and Dr. Thomas voted in favor of the motion. Dr. DiRenna, Mr. Mills and Mr. Wieberg were absent. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Video-Based Communication Assessment
The National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME) is researching and developing a new self-guided assessment tool, Video-Based Communication Assessment (VCA). This tool is geared to provide feedback on provider communication effectiveness and style. Ms. Chen introduced the Committee to VCA.

Motion made by Dr. Thomas and seconded by Mr. Bondurant to invite a representative of NBME to present on VCA and its developments before the Committee. Mr. Bondurant, Mr. Cisper, Ms. Fahey, Mr. Giger, Ms. Johns, Ms. O’Shea, Mr. Short and Dr. Thomas voted in favor of the motion. Dr. DiRenna, Mr. Mills and Mr. Wieberg were absent. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Discussion Topics Per MPHP
Ms. Fahey initiated the below discussion topics amongst Committee members.

Center for Professional Recovery is a treatment facility located in Malibu, California. Mr. Bondurant and Ms. O’Shea traveled on behalf of MPHP to conduct a site visit. Mr. Bondurant shared with the Committee his reflection of the visit and commends this program as an option for Missouri physicians. A handout with program information was provided to the Committee for review.

This matter was presented for informational purposes only and no motion was made.

Ms. Fahey requested clarification be provided to the Committee in regards to the Board’s response to licensees reporting first-time charges of Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol (DUI). Ms. Clarkston confirmed that each case is reviewed on an individual, case-by-case basis and explained that MPHP information is provided to each licensee upon disclosure of substance-related charges. Mr. Bondurant expressed concerns that there may be need for first-time DUI reports to receive more intense exploration.

Although no formal motion was made, Dr. Mathews stated that she will bring such concerns before the full Board.

Ms. Fahey expressed interest in having future Board appearance notices include a sentence wherein the licensee would be provided with a suggestion to contact their physician health program with notification of such appearance.
Although no formal motion was made, Board staff confirmed that this request can be satisfied to the degree of a generic statement in future appearance notice letters.

Ms. Fahey is interested in gaining insight to the Board’s process in determining how to proceed (i.e. letter of concern, In Lieu of Discipline (ILOD) agreement) once in receipt of information that a licensee has been diagnosed with Substance Use Disorder. Mr. Bondurant opined that ILOD agreements have historically been more effective than letters of concern to the effect that they require licensees to continue seeking help and support from their physician health program.

This matter was presented for discussion purposes only and no motion was made.

**Adjournment**

Motion was made by Mr. Bondurant and seconded by Dr. Thomas to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned approximately at 4:52 P.M. Mr. Bondurant, Mr. Cisper, Ms. Fahey, Mr. Giger, Ms. Johns, Ms. O’Shea, Mr. Short and Dr. Thomas voted in favor of the motion. Dr. DiRenna, Mr. Mills and Mr. Wieberg were absent. Motion carried unanimously.