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Barry Kaplan, DPM; Joseph Leonetti, DPM; Dedrie Polakof, DPM;
Jeanne Reagan, Public Member; Jose Villanueva, Public Member; Sarah Penttinen, Executive Director

**TELECONFERENCE
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

April 2, 2010; 1:00 p.m.
1400 West Washington St., Ste. 230
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Board Members: Dedrie Polakof, D.P.M., President
Joseph Leonetti, D.P.M., Member
Barry Kaplan, D.P.M., Member
Jose Villanueva, Secretary-Treasurer
Jeanne Reagan, Public Member

Staff: Sarah Penttinen, Executive Director

Assistant Attorney General: Keely Verstegen

The Agenda for the meeting is as follows:

I. Call to Order

Dr. Polakof called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Dr. Polakof noted for the record that Dr. Kaplan and Ms. Reagan also were on the phone line. Ms. Penttinen advised she and Ms. Verstegen was present but that Mr. Villanueva could not participate due to a scheduling conflict. She also stated that Dr. Leonetti informed her he would be in surgery today and probably would not be able to participate. Dr. Polakof noted that there was a quorum present and she proceeded with the business stated on the agenda.

III. Review, Discussion and Possible Action – Administrative Matters

- a. Review of budget bill information from the 49th Legislature, 7th Special Session and consideration of request for exemption from agency/staff furloughs.

Dr. Polakof reviewed the matter at hand which is the Board's decision to request an exemption to the furloughs enacted with the most recent budget bill. Dr. Kaplan stated he had spoken with Dr. Leonetti and agreed with Dr. Leonetti's opinion that the Board should request an exemption to the furloughs with the condition that staff would telecommute on the designated furlough days. There would be no air conditioning in the State buildings or other State personnel present so telecommuting should be permitted. Dr. Kaplan also stated he feels it is improbable that the Board's request will be approved but that there is no harm in making the request. Ms. Reagan stated that she was surprised by discussion during the March 31, 2010 teleconference when Ms. Penttinen stated she regularly performs work duties at home and she was unaware that so much staff time was being spent outside the office. Ms. Penttinen clarified that any work she does from home is in addition to, not in place of, work completed in the office.

Dr. Polakof asked Ms. Penttinen to review the types of duties which can be performed outside the office if she were telecommuting. Ms. Penttinen stated she can write and print correspondence on investigations including notifications to licensees and complainants as well as subpoenas. She can interview complainants and licensees by phone. She has access to office voice mail and has the ability to check agency email and respond. Ms. Penttinen stated that when telecommuting she is able to perform nearly every duty as if she were in the office. Although she does not have regular access to a

fax or copy machine she would be able to do so if needed. Dr. Kaplan asked how the agency's phone system would work and if the phones would be forwarded to another phone number, and he asked for clarification of whether his calls going to voice mail on occasion meant that staff was not in the office. Ms. Penttinen stated that currently on days when she is out sick or on annual leave she calls in the check voice mails and then returns calls from her home phone. However, a call going to voice mail does not mean that she is absent because the agency phone is a one-line system so if she is already on another call any new call would go straight to voice mail. Ms. Penttinen stated she is able to access the agency voice mail as frequently as needed and usually does so three to four times per day when she is out of the office.

MOTION: Dr. Polakof moved to still make a request for exemption to the furloughs. Dr. Kaplan seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously by roll-call vote.

IV. Call To The Public

There were no requests to speak during the Call to the Public.

V. Next Board Meeting Date:

a. April 14, 2010, 8:30 a.m.

VI. Adjournment

There being no other business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:11 p.m.