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## MEETING REPORT

**Thursday, February 4, 2016**

Roll call 2:12 p.m.

**Members Present:**

Steven Rosenberg, M.D., Chair  
Magdalena Averhoff, M.D., Vice Chair  
James W Orr, Jr, M.D.  
Zachariah P. Zachariah, M.D.  
Merle P. Stringer, M.D.  
Joy Tootle, J.D., Consumer Member  
Brigitte Goersch, Consumer Member  
Gary Dolin, M. D.  
Seela Ramesh, M.D.  
Enrique Ginzburg, M.D.  
Bernardo Fernandez, M.D.

**Members Absent:**

Sarvam TerKonda, M.D.  
Jorge Lopez, M.D.

**Staff Present:**

Adrienne Rodgers, J.D., Interim Executive Director  
Edward Tellechea, Esquire, Board Counsel  
Donna McNulty, Esquire, Board Counsel  
Nancy Murphy, Certified Paralegal  
Crystal A. Sanford, CPM, Program Operations Administrator (850) 421-0058  
Rebecca Hewett, Regulatory Specialist III

**Others Present:**

American Court Reporting  
Suzette Bragg  
425 Old Magnolia Rd  
Crawfordville, FL 32327

**Anti-Trust Training**

Mr. Tellechea introduced Liz Brady, an Assistant Attorney General in the Anti-trust Unit of the Attorney General's Office. Ms. Brady provided the training to the board members and responded to questions afterwards.

Mr. Tellechea explained that many matters coming before Florida regulatory boards have potential for anti-trust challenges. Both the board and individual board members, whether members of the regulated profession or a consumer member, can be sued individually. Rules, discipline and declaratory statements are particularly prone to challenges; therefore, board counsels will send every rule the board proposes or amends to the Anti-trust Unit for review. He

explained that the board's counsel will inform the board when petitions for declaratory statements are identified as having potential anti-trust issues, and counsel's recommendation will be against issuing the declaratory statement. If counsel or the board identify concerns related to other board matters, those matters also can be reviewed by the Anti-trust Unit. He informed the board of risk management's determination that it will not cover legal representation or damages from an anti-trust lawsuit; however, the Department of Health and the Office of the Attorney General are working on means for covering representation fees and trying to determine where payment of damages could come from if an award was made against the board. He also stated that all boards will see changes in the future and boards may no longer have final agency action.

**Action taken:** none necessary

Ms. Sanford went on record to state that Dr. Sandra Schwemmer and Dr. Joel Rose were both present during the training.

### **Go Travel Training**

Ms. Sanford provided an overview of the Go Travel system created by the Finance and Accounting Office. She explained the system was not live for the members yet but when it was she and Ms. Hewett would provide the members with the necessary tools to be able to use the system. She said in the meantime, continue to handle travel reimbursements the way they have been doing in the past.

**Action taken:** none necessary

The training meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.