

MEETING MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 2018

ES-18-09-13

AA, CR, TS2

JESSICA RUBINO, MD

MH

Specialties/Certifications:

Board Certified in Family Medicine.

Board Action:

To determine whether to license in view of answering “yes” to screening question #8.

Background:

Dr. Rubino answered “yes” to screening question #8, which asks:

1. **Question #8** – “Are you presently now, or have you ever been, under a corrective action plan imposed by an employer, medical facility or educational program?”

Dr. Rubino reported that during her 3rd year of residency training at University of Texas Southwestern (UT Southwestern) in 2016, she was placed on probation for several weeks for failing to respond to a pager.

The letter enclosed in the FCVS profile from UT Southwestern reported that Dr. Rubino’s urine tested positive for cannabinoids. Dr. Rubino’s employer Parkland Health and Hospital System referred Dr. Rubino to its Committee on Physician Peer Review and Assistance (COPPRA). The committee reported to Dr. Rubino’s training program that she would be tested weekly and was not to report to the training program until she was cleared by COPPRA to resume training. Dr. Rubino was absent from the training program from 12/24/2014 to 02/18/2015.

UT Southwestern reported that Dr. Rubino was under administrative investigation by the Texas Medical Board (TMB), and that the residency program did not receive any official notification from the TMB regarding the status of the investigation. Also, UT Southwestern reported that Dr. Rubino was on probation from 5/24/2016 to 7/22/2016 for issues related to patient care and professionalism. Dr. Rubino successfully fulfilled all requirements of her probation and completed the program on 8/24/16.

Of note, information was requested from Dr. Rubino regarding the Texas Medical Board investigation, however she refused to provide

any such records.

CBC Report:

Federal – Negative

State – Negative

Licensure Status:

Dr. Rubino currently holds unrestricted active medical licenses in Michigan and Texas. Dr. Rubino previously held a training license in Illinois; however, staff has only been able to informally verify licensure via Illinois' website, as the formal verification of licensure has not been received.

Motion:

Motion made by Mr. Smith to table the case until the information is obtained. Seconded by Dr. Iyengar.

Dr. Wessel, Dr. Fripp, Dr. Wind, Dr. Strudwick, Mr. Smith, Dr. Iyengar, Dr. Smith, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Straub and Dr. Anderson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MEETING MINUTES – OCTOBER 2018

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The Board reviewed Dr. Rubino's application at the September 26, 2018 board meeting. As part of Dr. Rubino's application, she disclosed information regarding an investigation performed by the Texas Medical Board. When staff asked Dr. Rubino for clarification, she refused to provide such information. Following review at the September Board meeting, the matter was tabled and staff was directed to again request information from the applicant as well as follow up with the Texas Medical Board regarding the corrective action plan.

The applicant has submitted a detailed explanation of the events