

DMV MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 6, 2010, 4:00 P.M.
60 STATE STREET, DMV MULTI-MEDIA ROOM
WETHERSFIELD, CT 06161

MAB MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Michael G. Betten, Chairman; Dr. Egils Bogdanovics, Dr. Carl Koplin, Dr. Thomas Stevens, Dr. Richard Marottoli, and Dr. David Gallo,

DMV EMPLOYEES IN ATTENDANCE: Agency Legal Director Sharon Geanuracos, MV Division Chief Kathleen Flanagan-Beal, MV Analyst Supervisor Denicia Chalwell, MV Analysts Michele Moroni, Mae Ghee, Lynell Montgomery, Joanna Biskupski, and Darlene LaBonte, Handicapped Driver Training Consultant Dino Toce.

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Doctor Betten called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m. and thanked everyone for attending.

2. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 5, 2009 MINUTES

Doctor Betten requested a motion to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2009 meeting. The motion for approval of the minutes was made by Doctor Bogdanovics, and was seconded by Doctor Koplin. All were in favor, the motion was carried. The minutes of the November 5, 2009 meeting were accepted.

3. INTRODUCTIONS.

At the request of Doctor Betten, all present introduced themselves.

LEGAL SERVICES/LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Attorney Sharon Geanuracos presented a summary of agency related legislation that was passed by the General Assembly, specifically Bill #414. She described the changes to CGS §14-46 that will now allow a Physician Assistant or Advanced Practice Registered Nurse to report chronic health problems that may impact the ability of someone to safely operate a motor vehicle. This section also adds a provision that provides medical professionals immunity from a civil suit for reporting such information. Discussion also occurred as Attorney Geanuracos described the failed legislative proposal for mandatory medical reporting that was opposed by the American Medical Association.

Attorney Geanuracos provided an update of November 5, 2009 discussion concerning Handicapped Parking Permits. Copies of Federal handicapped permit guidelines were handed out. Discussion ensued concerning recent legislation that provides for deputizing local individuals to enforce handicap parking laws. Numerous concerns and questions

were raised regarding continued abuse the permits, such as what type of information is handed out with permits; must the individual to whom the permit is issued be in the vehicle in order for an individual to use handicapped parking. According to Attorney Geanuracos, penalties were raised under CGS §14-253A to increase fines to \$150.00 for the first violation, to \$200.00 for the second violation.

4. COMMERCIAL DRIVER LICENSE INFORMATION SYSTEM (CDLIS).

Kathleen Flanagan-Beal provided an update, indicating a registry of CDL medical examiners is expected to be available by January 2012. FMCSA would be responsible for certification of the physicians, although criteria is still developing on how this is to be accomplished, including the type of computer applications that will be used. It is hoped that, with national certification, a CDL operator could, conceivably, obtain a physical in a state other than his state of record, although there might be physicians who would not want to transmit this type of information electronically. More details should be available by the end of next year.

6. BUREAU UPDATE

Kathy provided an update concerning November 5, 2009 remarks regarding an individual who needed an ignition interlock device but, due to inadequate lung capacity, was unable to operate the device. To date, no decision has been made concerning the status of this individual as the individual has not contacted us again. A response has not been received from the Ignition Interlock Device manufacturers concerning a resolution to this issue as diminished breath samples effect the test results.

Driver Services analysts are cross-training in the unit formerly known as Medical Review. It is anticipated that cross-training will be completed by the end of this year.

Medical Forms are being modified continually to respond to physician feedback. It was recommended that all forms be modified to indicate whether a driver retest is advisable, in that, cognitive and comprehension issues may also be factors in determining an individual's ability to operate a motor vehicle safely. Dr Chasse expressed concerns about binocular test results not being accurately reported by eye care professionals. He asked if some kind of alert might be attached to the Form P-142OP that would point out the requirement. Dr Chasse also agreed to draft a letter or notice that Comm. Ward might share with eye care organizations.

Form P-142D (Diabetes Medical) should be modified to incorporate new medical innovations for treating this condition, such as non-insulin injectables. Dr Bogdanovics spoke about the changing treatment of diabetics; including elimination of some earlier remedies including inhalants. He also indicated that diet could be deleted from the form as all medical professionals would use that and if no other box was checked, it was a safe assumption that diet was addressing the condition.

Form R-323 – should be modified with large type.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Betten inquired if anyone knew the status of Dr. Flamm as he has not attended any meeting in a very long time. Dr. Marottoli said he would inquire in the Yale community to see if he could learn anything.

Doctor Betten indicated he will be unable to attend the next meeting scheduled for November 8, 2010; therefore, the consensus is the next board meeting will be held on November 18, 2010, at 4:00 p.m. in the Department of Motor Vehicles Multi-Media Room, 60 State Street, Wethersfield.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Doctor Betten adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Michael Betten M.D.
Chairman