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**VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Tuesday, September 19, 2006	Holiday Inn Select	Fredericksburg, Virginia
CALL TO ORDER:	A Special Conference Committee of the Board was called to order at 9:15 a.m.	
MEMBERS PRESENT:	Jane E. Piness, M.D. John H. Armstrong, M.D., Chair Gen. Clara Adams-Ender, R.N.	
STAFF PRESENT:	Jennifer L. Deschenes, Deputy Executive Director, Discipline Reneè S. Dixson, Discipline Case Manager Virginia A. Scher, Adjudication Specialist	
MATTER SCHEDULED:	Colleen Ann Blanchfield, M.D.	License No.: 0101-048338 Case No.: 98342
OTHERS PRESENT:	Jody Russell, RN, (Clinical Nurse Specialist) (on behalf of Dr. Blanchfield)	
DISCUSSION:	Dr. Blanchfield appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of the Board dated July 21, 2006. Dr. Blanchfield was represented by Michael Goodman, Esquire. The Committee fully discussed the allegations in the Notice with Dr. Blanchfield.	
CLOSED SESSION:	Upon a motion by Gen. Adams-Ender, and duly seconded by Dr. Armstrong, the Committee voted to convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711.A(28) of the Code of Virginia, for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Dr. Blanchfield. Additionally, she moved that Ms. Deschenes and Ms. Dixson attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Board in its deliberations.	
RECONVENE:	Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the Committee re-convened in open session and announced its decision.	

DECISION: Upon a motion by Gen. Adams-Ender, and duly seconded by Dr. Armstrong, the Committee made certain Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and voted to impose no sanction .

ADJOURNMENT: The Committee adjourned at 12:33 p.m.

As provided by law this decision shall become a Final Order thirty (30) days after service of such Order on Dr. Blanchfield, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Dr. Blanchfield within such time. If service of the Order is made by mail three (3) additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the decision of the Special Conference Committee shall be vacated.

Jane E. Piness, Chair

William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director

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CALL TO ORDER: A Special Conference Committee of the Board was called to order at 1:05 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: John H. Armstrong, M.D., Chair
Jane E. Piness, M.D.
Gen. Clara Adams-Ender, R.N.

STAFF PRESENT: Jennifer L. Deschenes, Deputy Executive Director, Discipline
Reneè S. Dixson, Discipline Case Manager
Virginia Scher, Adjudication Specialist

MATTER SCHEDULED: Douglas E. Heritage, M.D. License No.: 0101-058190
Case No.: 97754

DISCUSSION: Dr. Heritage appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of the Board dated July 21, 2006. Dr. Heritage was represented by Donna Foster, Esquire. The Committee fully discussed the allegations in the Notice with Dr. Heritage.

CLOSED SESSION: Upon a motion by Gen. Adams-Ender, and duly seconded by Dr. Piness, the Committee voted to convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711.A(28) of the Code of Virginia, for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Dr.

Heritage. Additionally, she moved that Ms. Deschenes and Ms. Dixon attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Board in its deliberations.

RECONVENE: Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the Committee re-convened in open session and announced its decision.

DECISION: Upon a motion by Dr. Piness, and duly seconded by Gen. Adams-Ender, the Committee made certain Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and voted to issue Dr. Heritage a reprimand.

ADJOURNMENT: The Committee adjourned at 3:17 p.m.

As provided by law this decision shall become a Final Order thirty (30) days after service of such Order on Dr. Heritage, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against him is received from Dr. Heritage within such time. If service of the Order is made by mail three (3) additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the decision of the Special Conference Committee shall be vacated.

John H. Armstrong, Chair

William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director

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CALL TO ORDER: A Special Conference Committee of the Board was called to order at 3:25 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gen. Clara Adams-Ender, R.N., Chair
John H. Armstrong, M.D.
Jane E. Piness, M.D.

STAFF PRESENT: Jennifer L. Deschenes, Deputy Executive Director, Discipline
Reneè S. Dixon, Discipline Case Manager
Michelle Wilson, Adjudication Specialist

MATTER SCHEDULED: **Craig S. Cropp, M.D.** License No.: 0101-058190
Case No.: 107251

OTHERS PRESENT: Michelle Cropp (on behalf of Dr. Cropp)

DISCUSSION:

Dr. Cropp appeared before the Committee in accordance with a Notice of the Board dated July 21, 2006. Dr. Cropp was not represented by counsel. The Committee fully reviewed and discussed Dr. Cropp’s compliance with the Board’s Order entered November 8, 2004.

CLOSED SESSION:

Upon a motion by Dr. Piness, and duly seconded by Dr. Armstrong, the Committee voted to convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711.A(28) of the Code of Virginia, for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Dr. Cropp. Additionally, she moved that Ms. Deschenes and Ms. Dixson attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Board in its deliberations.

RECONVENE:

Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the Committee re-convened in open session and announced its decision.

DECISION:

Upon a motion by Dr. Piness, and duly seconded by Dr. Armstrong, the Committee made certain Findings of Fact and voted to continue the license of Dr. Cropp on certain terms and conditions.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Committee adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

As provided by law this decision shall become a Final Order thirty (30) days after service of such Order on Dr. Cropp, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against him is received from Dr. Cropp within such time. If service of the Order is made by mail three (3) additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the decision of the Special Conference Committee shall be vacated.

Gen. Clara Adams-Ender, R.N., Chair

William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director

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CALL TO ORDER: A Special Conference Committee of the Board was called to order at 5:03 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gen. Clara Adams-Ender, R.N., Chair
John H. Armstrong, M.D.
Jane E. Piness, M.D.

STAFF PRESENT: Jennifer L. Deschenes, Deputy Executive Director, Discipline
Reneé S. Dixon, Discipline Case Manager
Michelle Wilson, Adjudication Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT: Judy Custer [*on behalf of Dr. Custer*]

MATTER SCHEDULED: **Karl D. Custer, D.C.** License No.: 0104-000160
Case No.: 105401

PRELIMINARY MATTERS: Dr. Custer acknowledged that by counsel, he had agreed to waive 30-days notice prior to convening of this informal conference.

DISCUSSION: Dr. Custer appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of the Board dated August 23, 2006. Dr. Custer was represented by William M. DuPray, Esquire. The Committee reviewed Dr. Custer's petition for reinstatement and his compliance with the Board's Order entered March 24, 2006.

CLOSED SESSION: Upon a motion by Dr. Piness, and duly seconded by Dr. Armstrong, the Committee voted to convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711.A(28) of the Code of Virginia, for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Dr. Custer. Additionally, she moved that Ms. Deschenes and Ms. Dixon attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Board in its deliberations.

RECONVENE: Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the Committee re-convened in open session and announced its decision.

DECISION: Upon a motion by Dr. Armstrong, and duly seconded by Dr. Piness, the Committee made certain Findings of Fact and voted to reinstate the license of Dr. Custer on certain terms and conditions.

VOTE: The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: The Committee adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

As provided by law this decision shall become a Final Order thirty (30) days after service of such Order on Dr. Custer, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against him is received from Dr. Custer within such time. If service of the Order is made by mail three (3) additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the decision of the Special Conference Committee shall be vacated.

Gen. Clara Adams-Ender, R.N., Chair

William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director

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CALL TO ORDER: A Special Conference Committee of the Board was called to order at 6:50 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gen. Clara Adams-Ender, R.N., Chair
John H. Armstrong, M.D.
Jane E. Piness, M.D.

STAFF PRESENT: Jennifer L. Deschenes, Deputy Executive Director, Discipline
Reneè S. Dixson, Discipline Case Manager
Michelle Wilson, Adjudication Specialist

MATTER SCHEDULED: **Bruce P. De Carlo, M.D.** License No.: 0101-058293
Case No.: 91491

PRELIMINARY MATTERS: The Chair noted that the time was 5:05 p.m. and Dr. De Carlo was not present. Ms. Wilson advised that no communication had been received from Dr. De Carlo and presented an affidavit signed by the Executive Director of the Board attesting that the Notice had been sent to Dr. De Carlo's last known address of record with the Board.

Based on the information presented, the Chair determined that proper notice had been made to Dr. De Carlo, therefore, the informal conference would proceed in his absence.

DISCUSSION: Dr. De Carlo did not appear before the Committee in accordance with a Notice of the Board dated July 21, 2006. Dr. De Carlo was not represented by counsel. The Committee received

information from Ms. Wilson regarding the allegation in the Notice.

DECISION:

Upon a motion by Dr. Armstrong, and duly seconded by Dr. Piness, the Committee made certain Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and voted to issue Dr. De Carlo a reprimand.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Committee adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

As provided by law this decision shall become a Final Order thirty (30) days after service of such Order on Dr. De Carlo, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against him is received from Dr. De Carlo within such time. If service of the Order is made by mail three (3) additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the decision of the Special Conference Committee shall be vacated.

Gen. Clara Adams-Ender, R.N., Chair

William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director

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