

NMMB
BOARD ACTIONS

(Actions taken between April 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023)

John Smolley, M.D. – Applicant – Decision and Order Denying License based upon respondent’s history of adverse licensure actions dating back to 1998. Respondent has not clinically practiced since 2007 and is not licensed to practice in any other state. Respondent engaged in conduct contemplated by the Medical Practice Act’s non-exclusive definition of “unprofessional or dishonorable conduct”. (April 2023)

Sterling Williams, M.D. – Agreed Order for Stipulation on License mandating that respondent sign a mandatory treatment and participation contract with the NM Health Professional Wellness Program. To abstain completely from the use of all mind-altering substances, alcoholic beverages, and controlled substances. This is not considered a restriction on the license. (April 2023)

Joseph Cohn, M.D.– Agreed Order for Stipulation on License mandating that respondent sign a mandatory treatment and participation contract with the NM Health Professional Wellness Program. To abstain completely from the use of all mind-altering substances, alcoholic beverages, and controlled substances. This is not considered a restriction on the license. (April 2023)

Michael Widener, D.N. 01029 - Agreed Order and Issuance of a Reprimand and \$1,000 fine. This action is based on Respondent’s failure to renew his Naprapathy license and submit the required documentation to the Board and practicing with an expired license. (May 2023)

Hil Rizvi, M.D. – Applicant- Decision and Order Denying License based upon discipline imposed by another state, including denial, probation, suspension, or revocation, based upon acts similar to the acts described in this section, see, e.g., NMSA 1978, § 61-6-15 (D)(14). Conduct unbecoming in a person licensed to practice or detrimental to the best interests of the public, see, e.g., NMSA 1978, § 61-6-15 (D)(29). Misrepresentation in applying for a license to practice in this state in connection with an application, see, e.g., NMSA 1978 § 61-6-15 (o)(8). Failure to furnish the board, its investigations or representatives with information requested by the board, see, e.g., NMSA 1978, § 61-6-15 (D)(23). Interaction with physicians, hospital personnel, patients, family members or other that interferes with patient care or could reasonably be expected to adversely impact the quality of care rendered to a patient, see, e.g., NMSA 1978, § 61-6-15 (D)(36). (May 2023)

Curtis Quintana, PA – PA2003-0032 - Order of Release from Stipulation. Licensee has a full and unrestricted license. (May 2023)

Leonard Gruppo, PA – PA2017-0015 - Order of Release from Stipulation. Licensee has a full and unrestricted license. (May 2023)

Jason Trujillo – MD2014-0752 - Order of Release from Stipulation. Licensee has a full and unrestricted license. (May 2023)

Stephen Rath- MD2008-0112 Order of Release from Stipulation. Licensee has a full and unrestricted license. (May 2023)

Leah Becker, PA 2000-PA11- Order of Release from Stipulation. Licensee has a full and unrestricted license. (May 2023)

Irene Lazarus, Resident MD – RS2019-0715 – Agreed Order for Stipulation on Licensure mandating that the Respondent contract with NM Health Professional Wellness Program. This is not considered a restriction on the license. This action is non-disciplinary. (August 2019)

Irene Lazarus, Resident MD – RS2019-0715 o – Order releasing respondent from the Stipulations placed on her license based solely on the fact that the Respondent's New Mexico license has expired. (May 2023)

Gordon Lee, MD- Physician Applicant – Agreed Order for Stipulation on License mandating that respondent maintain a mandatory treatment and participation contract with the NM Health Professional Wellness Program. This action is non-disciplinary. (May 2023)