

## **BOARD ACTIONS**

(Actions taken between January 1, 2018 through March 31, 2018)

**Rasheed Abassi, MD – Applicant** – Notice of Contemplated Action issued notifying Dr. Abassi of the Board's intent to deny his application based on his failure to satisfy New Mexico's qualifications to be issued a license. Further basis is action taken by another state proving unprofessional or dishonorable conduct, violation of the AMA Code of Ethics, lack of good moral character. (January 2018)

**Rasheed Abassi, MD – Applicant** – Stipulated Order for Withdrawal of Initial Application While Under Investigation. (February 2018)

**Arthur Austin, MD – 79-5** – Agreed Order for Voluntary Surrender of License was issued based on failure to comply with the Board's pain treatment regulations; habitual or excessive use of mind altering substances and incompetency. (March 2018)

**Randolph Baca, MD – MD2010-0170** - Order of Release from Stipulation. Licensee has a full and unrestricted license. (February 2018)

**Chad Barryman, MD – MD2018-0016** - Stipulation of Licensure was issued mandating that physician abstain from the use of mind-altering substances, alcohol and non-prescribed controlled substances and must enter into a treatment contract with NM Monitored Treatment Program. This is not considered a restriction on the license. (January 2018)

**Brian Baxt, MD – Applicant** – Stipulated Order for Withdrawal of Initial Application While Under Investigation was accepted by Dr. Baxt in lieu of further Board action. (February 2018)

**James Marc Beverly, PA – 2001-PA16** – Notice of Contemplated Action issued based on falsification of medical records; using his position of authority to require improper action by a subordinate employee and billed for services that he did not actually provide. (February 2018)

**Steven Black, MD – MD2011-0547** – Notice and Order of Summary Suspension was issued based on evidence indicating that Dr. Black poses a clear and immediate danger to the public health and safety if he continues to practice; Dr. Black is being treated for chronic pain with opiates since January 2016 without undergoing an independent neuropsychological evaluation and having received clearance from his treating physician to continue to practice as required by the NMMB. (February 2018)

**Steven Black, MD – MD2011-0547** – Notice of Contemplated Action was issued based on evidence indicating that Dr. Black poses a clear and immediate danger to the public health and safety if he continues to practice; Dr. Black is being treated for chronic pain with opiates since January 2016 without undergoing an independent neuropsychological evaluation and having received clearance from his treating physician to continue to practice as required by the NMMB. (February 2018)

**Claud Brachfeld, MD – MD2004-0709** – Stipulated Order for Voluntary Surrender of License based on disciplinary action in another state, unprofessional or dishonorable conduct, failure to report disciplinary action in another state and conduct unbecoming in a person licensed to practice or detrimental to the best interests of the public. (January 2018)

**Richard Butler, MD – MD2005-0301** – Default Order Revoking Dr. Butler’s license was issued based on the un rebutted allegations contained in the previously issued NCA, namely failure to report; conduct likely to deceive, defraud, or harm the public and chemical dependency. (March 2018)

**Alden Cockburn, MD – MD2004-0101** - Order of Release from Stipulation. Licensee has a full and unrestricted license. (February 2018)

**Eldie Cruz, MD – MD2013-0287** – Agreed Order for Voluntary Surrender of License was issued based on habitual or excessive use of mind altering substances. (March 2018)

**Sidney England, PA – PA2013-0094** – Notice of Summary Suspension issued based on failure to qualify for NCCPA Certification; engaging in an unprofessional relationship with a patient; prescribing medications to a patient which were not needed by the patient, some of which were returned to the PA for personal use; being treated for chronic pain without complying with the NMMB rules requiring an independent neuropsychological evaluation and being cleared by a physician and failure to provide information to the Board regarding his supervising physician. (January 2018)

**Sidney England, PA – PA2013-0094** – Notice of Contemplated Action was issued based on failure to qualify for NCCPA Certification; engaging in an unprofessional relationship with a patient; prescribing medications to a patient which were not needed by the patient, some of which were returned to the PA for personal use; being treated for chronic pain without complying with the NMMB rules requiring an independent neuropsychological evaluation and being cleared by a physician and failure to provide information to the Board regarding his supervising physician. (January 2018)

**Sidney England, PA – PA2013-0094** – Stipulated Order for Voluntary Surrender of License. (February 2018)

**Christopher Fletcher, MD – 81-45** - Order of Release from Stipulation. Licensee has a full and unrestricted license. (February 2018)

**Jose Garcia, MD – MD2005-0658** - Order of Release from Stipulation. Licensee has a full and unrestricted license. (February 2018)

**Edwin B. Hall, MD – 75-161** – Notice and Order of Summary Suspension was issued based on evidence indicating that Dr. Hall poses a clear and immediate danger to the public health and safety if he continues to practice; prescribing medications and combinations of medications in a manner that poses a threat to the health of minor and adult patients, of which six died of overdoses; failure to effectively screen, evaluate, assess, and monitor patients to whom controlled substances were prescribed; the Board of Pharmacy identified Dr. Khan as a “high risk prescriber” who did not access the prescription monitoring program data base; failure to maintain proper medical records and signing patient applications for medical cannabis after his NM Medical License was

Summarily Suspended. (March 2018)

**Edwin B. Hall, MD – 75-161** – Notice of Contemplated Action was issued based on evidence indicating that Dr. Hall poses a clear and immediate danger to the public health and safety if he continues to practice; prescribing medications and combinations of medications in a manner that poses a threat to the health of minor and adult patients, of which six died of overdoses; failure to effectively screen, evaluate, assess, and monitor patients to whom controlled substances were prescribed; the Board of Pharmacy identified Dr. Khan as a “high risk prescriber” who did not access the prescription monitoring program data base; failure to maintain proper medical records and signing patient applications for medical cannabis after his NM Medical License was Summarily Suspended. (March 2018)

**Molly Hutsinpillar, MD – MD2015-0897** – Order of Release from Stipulation. Licensee has a full and unrestricted license. (February 2018)

**Rob Joseph Kamermans, MD – Reinstatement Applicant (93-294)** – Agreed Order for Withdrawal of Application for Reinstatement While under Investigation was issued based on adverse licensure action by another licensing entity; arrest and conviction of a criminal offense; failure to report adverse actions; misrepresentation on an application and lack of competency to practice. (March 2018)

**Farouk Khan, MD – MD2013-0280** – Stipulated Order for Restriction of License based on disciplinary action in another state, unprofessional or dishonorable conduct, failure to report disciplinary action in another state, misrepresentation on a renewal application and conduct unbecoming in a person licensed to practice or detrimental to the best interests of the public.

Dr. Khan must provide the NMMB with quarterly reports that include his current addresses, contact information for each healthcare entity where he has admitting privileges or is employed, description of his duties and names of his immediate supervisors, any incident reports involving him and any information regarding arrests and/or civil and/or criminal proceeding initiated against him. Dr. Khan may not engage in the practice of medicine in New Mexico until he has appeared before the Board and obtained written pre-approval from the Board as to the scope of his practice in New Mexico. He must also comply fully with all the terms and conditions of his stipulations in Illinois and Alabama. (January 2018)

**Wayne Kuang, MD – MD2006-0203** - Order of Release from Stipulation. Licensee has a full and unrestricted license. (February 2018)

**Joseph Long, MD – MD2018-0212** – Stipulation of Licensure issued mandating that physician abstain from the use of mind-altering substances, alcohol and non-prescribed controlled substances and must enter into a treatment contract with NM Monitored Treatment Program. This is not considered a restriction on the license. (March 2018)

**Adrian Maestas, MD – MD2017-0304** – Agreed Order for Voluntary Surrender of License based on violation of his May 15, 2017 stipulation on his license in NM; violation of a federal drug law and his continued inappropriate use of one or more controlled substances. (March 2018)

**Robert Milne, MD – 81-70** – Notice of Contemplated Action was issued based on violation of his stipulation and order in which he agreed to obtain an assessment by a third party that has been approved by the Board within one year of September 2, 2014. (February 2018)

**Robert Milne, MD – 81-70** – Default Order Revoking Respondent’s License was issued based on the un rebutted allegation contained in the previously issued NCA that Dr. Milne did not obtain the assessment he agreed to have done within one year. (March 2018)

**James Myers, MD – 74-204** – Agreed Order for Voluntary Surrender of License was issued based on failure to report and licensure action in another jurisdiction. (March 2018)

**Nyree Padilla, MD – Applicant** – Order of Reprimand and Stipulation on License mandating that Dr. Padilla accept a formal order of reprimand and payment of a \$1,000.00 fine based on dishonesty when applying for a license and action taken by another licensing jurisdiction. (March 2018)

**Nyree Padilla, MD – MD2018-0214** – Administrative Release from Stipulation was issued based on Dr. Padilla having paid the required \$1,000.00 fine imposed on her by the Board. (March 2018)

**Marc Platt, MD – Applicant** – Agreed Order for Withdrawal of Initial Application While under Investigation was issued based on incompetency and licensure action in another jurisdiction. (March 2018)

**Thomas Prose, MD – 2003-0453** – Decision and Order of Reprimand of was issued based on the Hearing Officer’s report dated December 19, 2017 concluding Dr. Prose being investigated by the Office of the Inspector General of the Health and Human Services Department that resulted in a settlement is considered an adverse action; failure to report adverse action taken by a governmental agency and misrepresentations in procuring a renewal. (February 2018)

**Walter Seidel, MD – 94-351** – Notice and Order of Summary Suspension was issued based on evidence indicating that Dr. Seidel poses a clear and immediate danger to the public health and safety if he continues to practice; failure to request prescription monitoring program reports from the Board of Pharmacy when prescribing controlled substances; prescribing an opioid, a benzodiazepine and carisoprodol, sometimes referred to as “the holy trinity” to patients despite substantial evidence that this combination of medications has led to many overdose deaths; and prescribing quantities and combinations of controlled substances that present a danger to the public health. (February 2018)

**Walter Seidel, MD** – Notice of Contemplated Acton was issued based on evidence indicating that Dr. Seidel poses a clear and immediate danger to the public health and safety if he continues to practice; failure to request prescription monitoring program reports from the Board of Pharmacy when prescribing controlled substances; prescribing an opioid, a benzodiazepine and carisoprodol, sometimes referred to as “the holy trinity” to patients despite substantial evidence that this combination of medications has led to many overdose deaths; and prescribing quantities and combinations of controlled

substances that present a danger to the public health. (February 2018)

**Mazen Shaheen, MD – Applicant** – Agreed Order for Withdrawal of Initial Application While under Investigation was issued based on incompetency to practice medicine and misrepresentation on an application for licensure. (March 2018)

**Darryl Sugar, MD – Applicant** – Stipulated Order for Withdrawal of Initial Application While under Investigation based on violations of the Medical Practice Act. (January 2018)

**Joel Teicher, MD – 91-129** - Order of Release from Stipulation. Licensee has a full and unrestricted license. (February 2018)

**Henri Wetselaar, MD – 73-225** – Stipulated Order for Voluntary Surrender of License was issued based on Dr. Wetselaar being convicted of several felony offenses and being sentenced to a ten-year term of imprisonment. (February 2018)