

**NEW MEXICO BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**  
*Fourth Quarterly Meeting*  
**November 13-14, 2003**

**MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the New Mexico Board of Medical Examiners convened at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, November 13, 2003 at the Board Conference room in Santa Fe, New Mexico, **John S. Romine, M.D.** presiding. A quorum was declared, with all members present except for Ms. Boshier, Dr. Giudice, and Mr. Ghadimi, who were delayed by icy road conditions.

**Members Present:**

John S. Romine, M.D., Chairman, Physician Member  
C. Grant La Farge, M.D., Secretary-Treasurer, Physician Member  
Paul Kovnat, M.D., Vice-Chair, Physician Member  
Vivian Giudice, M.D., Physician Member  
Prakash Ranka, M.D., Physician Member  
Steven Weiner, M.D., Physician Member  
Reza Ghadimi, P.A., PA Member  
Dick Heim, Public Member  
Maureen Boshier, Public Member, participated by teleconference between 9- 11 a.m. and joined the meeting after lunch

**Also Present:**

Charlotte Kinney, Executive Director  
Corliss Thalley, A.A.G.  
G.T.S. Khalsa, Board Prosecutor  
Jenny Felmley, P.I.O.  
A list of all attendees is attached to these minutes

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Dr. La Farge **MOVED** the agenda be approved as presented. Dr. Ranka **SECONDED** the motion, which **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Dr. La Farge **MOVED** the minutes of the August 21-22, 2003 regular meeting and the November 4, 2003 special meeting be approved as presented. Mr. Heim **SECONDED** the motion, which **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**.

**4. NM MONITORED TREATMENT PROGRAM REPORT**

**Executive Session:** **MOTION** was made by Dr. La Farge and seconded by Dr. Ranka to go into executive session to discuss matters of licensure. **YES:** Romine, La Farge, Kovnat, Ranka, Weiner, and Heim. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Jaye Swoboda, MD, Brett Nelson, and John Thayer were present to discuss the status of mandatory participants. Dr. Giudice and Mr. Ghadimi arrived during the presentation.

The Board returned to open session. Dr. Romine stated for the record that the matters discussed in executive session were limited to only those specified in the motion for closure.

Mr. Thayer reported that activity at MTP remains stable. He provided a copy of their Financial and Operation Reports. There were additional questions related to physicians currently being monitored

or evaluated.

**Executive Session: MOTION** was made by Dr. Romine and seconded by Dr. La Farge to go into executive session to discuss matters of licensure. **YES:** Romine, La Farge, Giudice, Kovnat, Ranka, Ghadimi, Weiner, and Heim. **MOTION CARRIED.**

## **5. COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Board remained in closed session to discuss Complaint Committee Reports.

The Board returned to open session. Dr. Romine stated for the record that the matters discussed in executive session were limited to only those specified in the motion for closure.

## **6. LICENSING ISSUES**

The Board met with Timothy Klein, M.D., Edward O'Brien, M.D., and Samir Roy, M.D., in open session.

Dr. La Farge **MOVED** that **Timothy Klein, M.D.** be issued an unrestricted license to practice medicine in New Mexico with the condition that he sign a voluntary contract with MTP, and provide us with a copy. Mr. Heim **SECONDED** the motion. **YES:** Romine, Heim, Giudice, Kovnat, Weiner, Ranka, Ghadimi, and La Farge. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Dr. La Farge **MOVED** that **Edward O'Brien, M.D.** be issued an unrestricted license to practice medicine in New Mexico conditional upon completion of his voluntary contract with MTP. Dr. Ranka **SECONDED** the motion. **YES:** Romine, Heim, Giudice, Kovnat, Weiner, Ranka, and Ghadimi. **RECUSED:** La Farge. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Dr. Kovnat **MOVED** that **Samir Roy, M.D.** cannot be considered for a license until the required USMLE examination is taken and passed as a fundamental requirement for licensure in New Mexico. Dr. La Farge **SECONDED** the motion. **YES:** Romine, Heim, Giudice, Kovnat, Weiner, Ranka, Ghadimi, and La Farge. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Dr. La Farge **MOVED** the Board accept 15 years of practice in lieu of the 2nd year of postgraduate training and issue **Leonard Thatch, M.D.**, an unrestricted license to practice medicine in New Mexico. Dr. Heim **SECONDED** the motion. **YES:** Romine, Heim, Giudice, Kovnat, Weiner, Ranka, Ghadimi, and La Farge. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Dr. Heim **MOVED** the Board accept the request of **Edward Olugbemi, M.D.** to place his license on inactive status while an investigation is pending. Dr. Ranka **SECONDED** the motion. **YES:** Romine, Heim, Giudice, Kovnat, Ranka, Ghadimi, and La Farge. **RECUSED:** Weiner. **MOTION CARRIED.**

## **7. ACTIONS RELATED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**A. Complaint Committee A.** On behalf of Complaint Committee A, Dr. Weiner **MOVED** that complaint cases 2003-A-019 and 2003-A-059 be closed, as there was no evidence of a violation of the Medical Practice Act or rules. No second was required. **YES:** Romine, La Farge, Giudice, Kovnat, Ranka, Ghadimi, and Heim. **RECUSED:** Weiner and Boshier. **MOTION CARRIED.**

On behalf of Complaint Committee A, Dr. Weiner **MOVED** the Board issue a Notice of Contemplated Action to two physicians based on ethical issues of not informing patient or radiation oncologist of medication over-dose, gross negligence, and injudicious prescribing in case #2003-A-058 (#86-296, James Neidhart, MD and #2002-0176, Jeff Neidhart, MD). No second was required. **YES:** La Farge, Giudice, Kovnat, Ranka, Ghadimi and Heim. **RECUSED:** Weiner, Boshier, and Romine. **MOTION CARRIED.**

On behalf of Complaint Committee A, Dr. Weiner **MOVED** the Board issue a Notice of Contemplated Action to deny licensure in case #2003-A-092 (Angel Vera, MD), based on falsification of an application for licensure and disciplinary action in another state. No second was required. **YES:** Romine, La Farge, Giudice, Kovnat, Ranka, Ghadimi and Heim. **RECUSED:** Weiner and Boshier. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**B. Complaint Committee B.** On behalf of Complaint Committee B, Dr. Ranka **MOVED** that the following complaint cases be closed as there was no violation of the Medical Practice Act or rules: 2002-B-149, 2002-B-151, 2003-B-012, 2003-B-014, 2003-B-016, 2003-B-020 (Romine recused), 2003-

B-021, 2003-B-026, 2003-B-033, 2003-B-036, 2003-B-056, and 2003-B-066. No second was required. **YES:** Romine, La Farge, Kovnat, Weiner, Boshier, Ghadimi and Heim. **RECUSED:** Giudice and Ranka. **MOTION CARRIED.**

On behalf of Complaint Committee B, Dr. Ranka **MOVED** the Board issue a Notice of Contemplated Action to deny the application of the physician named in case #2003-B-094 (Kenneth B. Gross, MD) based on disciplinary action in New York. No second was required. **YES:** Romine, La Farge, Kovnat, Weiner, Boshier and Heim. **RECUSED:** Giudice and Ranka. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**C. Complaint Committee C.** On behalf of Complaint Committee C, Dr. Kovnat **MOVED** that the following complaint cases be closed as there was no violation of the Medical Practice Act or rules: 2001-C-097, 2002-C-062, 2002-C-116, 2003-C-003, 2003-C-005, 2003-C-024, 2003-C-081, 2003-C-084, 2003-C-093, and 2003-B-161 (with a special letter). No second was required. **YES:** Romine, La Farge, Giudice, Ranka, Weiner and Boshier. **RECUSED:** Kovnat and Heim. **MOTION CARRIED.**

On behalf of Complaint Committee C, Dr. Kovnat **MOVED** that case #2002-C-126 be re-opened because the wrong physician respondent had been contacted so a correct response has not yet been received. No second was required. **YES:** Romine, La Farge, Giudice, Ranka, Weiner, Ghadimi and Boshier. **RECUSED:** Kovnat and Heim. **MOTION CARRIED.**

On behalf of Complaint Committee C, Dr. Kovnat **MOVED** the Board issue a Notice of Contemplated Action to suspend the license of the physician named in case #2003-C-072 (Abner Landry, III, #82-235) based on disciplinary action by the Florida Medical Board. No second was required. **YES:** Romine, La Farge, Giudice, Ranka, Weiner and Boshier. **RECUSED:** Kovnat and Heim. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**D. Complaint Committee D:** On behalf of Complaint Committee D, Dr. La Farge **MOVED** that complaint #2003-D-086 be closed with a letter to the Director of the hospital. No second was required. **YES:** Romine, Giudice, Kovnat, Ranka, Weiner, Boshier and Heim. **RECUSED:** La Farge. **MOTION CARRIED.**

## **8. REPORTS**

**A. A.A.G. Report.** Ms. Thalley briefly discussed the obligations of Board members and recommended the Guide to Administrative Discipline, prepared by the Office of the Attorney General, as a good resource. She indicated there is a continuing suit in District Court by Stuart Guttman, MD, against Mr. Khalsa and former Board Member, Livingston Parsons, MD.

### **THE BOARD RECESSED FOR LUNCH AT 12:40 p.m. and reconvened at 2:08**

**B. Chair.** Dr. Romine appointed Mr. Ghadimi to serve on Complaint Committee D with Dr. La Farge. He also asked which members would be interested in attending the FSMB Annual Meeting in April. Dr. Kovnat, Dr. La Farge, Dr. Giudice, Dr. Ranka, Mr. Ghadimi, and Mr. Heim all expressed interest.

**C. Secretary-Treasurer.** Ms. Brandle reviewed the current budget information with a summary of the current staffing and progress on filling vacant positions.

**D. Compliance.** Ms. Felmley reviewed the compliance information.

**E. Executive Director.** Ms. Kinney briefly reviewed the status of the licensing software conversion and the progress on acquiring new office space.

## **9. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Psychologist Prescribing Rules.** Dr. Romine explained the process to date for developing rules to implement prescribing privileges for clinical psychologists. The documents provided to Board members include the Joint Committee consensus report, the Minority Report prepared by Dr. Bailey, and the ad-hoc report of a committee from the Board of Psychologist Examiners (BPE). He explained the Board could either accept or reject the proposal from BPE. If that report is accepted it will go to a formal rule hearing for public comment and Board decision. If the Board does not accept the proposal the two Boards will need to work together to develop an acceptable proposal.

Dr. Romine identified those members of the audience who wished to speak and gave each advocate 10 minutes to address the Board. Dr. Marcus spoke first and explained that he had asked BPE for the opportunity to review the work of the Joint Committee because none of the advocates from the legislative effort served on the Joint Committee.

Dr. Sims, Chair of Psychology Board, discussed the purpose and composition of the BPE Ad Hoc Committee created at the request of Dr. Marcus and others. The Ad Hoc Committee considered and made revisions to the recommendations of the Joint Committee. The Ad Hoc Committee was composed of 4 BPE members, plus Dr. Marcus, Dr. Lockwood and Dr. Levine. Dr. Sims further explained the Board of Psychologist Examiners accepted the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee and moved the proposal to the Medical Board for action. There were a number of questions regarding specific recommendations contained in the proposal.

Dr. Meredith was trained in the Department of Defense program and shared some of his experiences with his training and continuing practice.

Dr. Greer, representing the Psychiatric Medical Association of NM, strongly recommends the position of the Minority Report. He expressed concern over the lack of sufficient education to safely prescribe and reminded the Board that the purpose of the law is to protect the patients.

Ms. Boshier **MOVED** to NOT accept the proposal from the Board of Psychologist Examiners, but to discuss the three proposals on the table and work toward a consensus. Mr. Heim **SECONDED** the motion. Dr. La Farge asked if Ms. Boshier would accept a friendly amendment to include a recommendation for conference committee to work out an acceptable proposal. The motion **PASSED** with all members voting in favor. Dr. La Farge, Reza Ghadimi and Ms. Boshier volunteered to serve on the Conference Committee and Ms. Felmley will staff the effort.

**B. Public Input on Pain Rule.** Ms. Felmley reported on suggested changes to the Pain Management Rule. In the May newsletter we requested comments on the pain rule and these two alternative guidelines were received. She noted the Canadian Guidelines are quite comprehensive for all treatment of pain and we may want to allude to these other standards. Mr. Khalsa reminded the Board that any changes would involve a rule hearing. The current rules are more a process that allows Complaint Committees to consider different national guidelines.

## 10. NEW BUSINESS

**A. Board of Pharmacy Request for Therapeutic Substitutions.** This is an issue outside the scope of the NMMB. Issues related to pharmacists refusing to fill specific prescriptions must be referred to the Board of Pharmacy.

**B. Discussion of Ethics of Self-Prescribing.** Mr. Khalsa discussed the issue of self-prescribing and how the Board has historically stated that prescribing for oneself or a family member was not unethical. However the Board recently adopted the AMA Code of Medical Ethics, which contains a prohibition on this activity. No members of the board had a major issue with the AMA language.

**C. Computerized Prescription Tracking.** The Board discussed the proposal by the Board of Pharmacy to initiate computerized tracking of prescriptions for controlled substances. Following discussion, Ms. Boshier **MOVED** to support the Computerized Prescription tracking proposed by the Board of Pharmacy. Dr. Ranka **SECONDED** the Motion, which **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**. Dr. La Farge offered to attend the Pharmacy Board meeting on Monday and Ms. Kinney was asked to prepare a letter expressing the Medical Board's support for Dr. La Farge to take with him.

**D. Request to Environment Department re. Requirements for PAs to Take Radiographs.** Ms. Kinney suggested the Board request a change to the Environment Department rules to clarify that physician assistants are allowed to take radiographs. Following some discussion it was decided that no change should be requested at this time.

**E. Correspondence.** The Board, without comment or discussion, reviewed correspondence from the following entities: AMA, FSMB re USMLE Step 2 Clinical Skills, FSMB, Behavioral Medicine Institute of Atlanta, and DEA.

## 12. INFORMAL INTERVIEWS

**Executive Session:** **MOTION** was made by Dr. Ranka and **SECONDED** by Dr. La Farge to go into executive session to discuss matters of licensure. **YES:** Romine, La Farge, Giudice, Kovnat, Ranka, Weiner, and Heim. **MOTION CARRIED.** **Norma Atkison, PA, Lindy Akes, MD, and Patricia Rowley, MD,** were interviewed in executive session.

**THE BOARD RECESSED AT 5:25 p.m.**

**THE BOARD RECONVENED AT 8:30 A.M. WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT AND BROKE INTO GROUPS FOR INTERVIEWS.**

**12. INFORMAL INTERVIEWS, cont.**

The Board remained in Executive Session from the previous evening. The Board returned to open session. Dr. Romine stated for the record that the matters discussed in executive session were limited to only those specified in the motion for closure.

The following physicians were interviewed in executive session: **Laura Allen, MD, Johnny Vigil, MD, Rolando Tong, MD, Marc Denson, MD, Edward McKenzie, MD, Henry Garcia, MD, Mark Holland, MD, Julie Dicianno, MD, Barry Maron, MD, Cliff Brashar, MD, Joan Lewis, MD, and Ronald Trujillo, MD.**

**14 PRESENTATION BY COLORADO PHYSICIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM (CPEP)**

Susan Beckman and Martha Illige, MD, from the Colorado Physician Education Program presented an overview of their program, which includes assessment linked to education and clinical practice re-entry analysis. The assessment focus includes the practitioner's medical knowledge, clinical judgment, communication skills, patient care documentation, cognitive screen and health review. Once the needs of the individual practitioner are assessed a specific intervention is designed, with follow-up to determine if the intervention was successful.

**15 PRESENTATION BY FEDERATION OF STATE MEDICAL BOARDS (FSMB)**

Lisa Robin, Vice President for Leadership and Legislative Services, and Bruce Hasenkamp, JD, member of the Board of Directors, presented information on the organizational structure and services offered by the FSMB.

**16. THE BOARD RECESSED FOR A FORMAL HEARING IN CASE #2005-13**

The Board reconvened following the Hearing.

**17. DISCUSSION AND DECISION ON PEREMPTORY EXCUSAL, #2003-009, SCHEDULE HEARINGS, #2003-012 & #2003-011**

**Executive Session:** **MOTION** was made by Dr. Ranka and **SECONDED** by Dr. La Farge to go into executive session to discuss matters of licensure and attorney-client privilege. **YES:** Romine, La Farge, Kovnat, Ranka, Ghadimi and Heim. **MOTION CARRIED. RECUSED:** Boshier, Giudice, and Weiner, as well as Ms. Thalley, and were not present in the room. The Board returned to open session. Dr. Romine stated for the record that the matters discussed in executive session were limited to only those specified in the motion for closure.

Dr. Ranka **MOVED** to deny the Motion for Recusal made by Ms. Waters in Case #2003-009. Dr. La Farge **SECONDED** the motion, **YES:** Romine, La Farge, Kovnat, Ranka, Ghadimi, and Heim. **RECUSED:** Boshier, Giudice, and Weiner. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Dr. Ranka **MOVED** to deny the Motion to Reopen the Record made by Ms. Waters in Case #2003-009. Mr. Heim **SECONDED** the motion, **YES:** Ranka, Ghadimi, and Heim. **NO:** La Farge, Kovnat, and Romine. **RECUSED:** Boshier, Giudice, and Weiner. **TIE VOTE.**

Dr. Romine **MOVED** to deny the Motion to Reopen the Record made by Ms. Waters in Case #2003-009 and clarified that a yes vote on the motion means the Record will not be opened. Dr. Ranka **SECONDED** the motion, **YES:** Romine, Ranka, Ghadimi, and Heim. **NO:** La Farge and Kovnat.

**RECUSED:** Boshier, Giudice, and Weiner. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Dr. La Farge **MOVED** that the attorneys in Case #2003-009 be requested to sign a stipulation regarding the process that will be used following recusal of the Hearing Officer, Dr. Giudice, to assure a decision is reached by the Board by January 14, 2004 in Case #2003-009. Dr. Ranka **SECONDED** the motion, **YES:** La Farge, Kovnat, Romine, Ranka, Ghadimi, and Heim. **RECUSED:** Boshier, Giudice, and Weiner. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Dr. Romine noted that all members of the Board have been advised about the process for voluntary recusal and no one has indicated they believe they should do so. Dr. La Farge and Dr. Kovnat agreed to work with Mr. Childress on the initial draft of the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law for discussion to be the entire Board.

Ms. Boshier **MOVED** that Dr. Romine serve as Hearing Officer in Case #2003-012 and Dr. Kovnat serve as Hearing Officer in Case #2003-011. Dr. La Farge **SECONDED** the motion, **YES:** Boshier, Weiner, Giudice, Kovnat, Romine, Ranka, Ghadimi, and Heim. **RECUSED:** La Farge. **MOTION CARRIED.** The Hearing in Case #2003-011 will be scheduled for Thursday, January 8 at 1 p.m. The Hearing in Case 32003-012 will be scheduled when the two attorneys agree on a date and time.

Dr. La Farge **MOVED** that Dr. Kovnat be authorized to sign all decisions of the Board in Case #2003-009. Mr. Heim **SECONDED** the motion. **YES:** La Farge, Kovnat, Romine, Ranka, Ghadimi, and Heim. **RECUSED:** Boshier, Giudice, and Weiner. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Dr. La Farge **MOVED** to accept the Voluntary Surrender from Frederick Cohn, MD, in case #2003-005. Mr. Heim **SECONDED** the motion, **YES:** La Farge, Boshier, Weiner, Giudice, Kovnat, Romine, Ranka, Ghadimi, and Heim. **MOTION CARRIED.**

## **11 IMPAIRED COMMITTEE REPORTS.**

Dr. Ranka **MOVED** that the physician in Case #2003-C-078 be offered a stipulated license based on substance abuse, or if he refuses to sign be issued a Notice of Contemplated Action under the provisions of the Impaired Healthcare Provider Act, based on the recommendation of the IPC. No second was required. **YES:** La Farge, Kovnat, Weiner, Boshier, Ghadimi, Romine, and Heim. **RECUSED:** Ranka and Giudice. **MOTION CARRIED.**

## **13. & 18. ACTIONS RELATED TO EXECUTIVE SESSIONS**

In the matter of **Leandro Centenera, M.D.**, Case # 2003-013:

1. Dr. Romine **MOVED** that Dr. Centenera is subject to action by the Board as alleged in the Notice of Contemplated Action. Mr. Heim **SECONDED** the motion, which **PASSED** with all members voting yes, except Dr. La Farge who was recused.

2. Dr. Romine **MOVED** that on or about May 22, 2003, Dr. Centenera submitted an application for licensure, which included specific questions related to his training and practice. Mr. Heim **SECONDED** the motion, which **PASSED** with all members voting yes, except Dr. La Farge who was recused.

3. Dr. Romine **MOVED** that Dr. Centenera knew when he answered no to Question #8 that he had been placed on probation by the West Virginia University Hospital. Mr. Heim **SECONDED** the motion. **YES:** Romine, Heim, Boshier, Weiner, and Giudice. **NO:** Ranka, Kovnat, and Ghademi, **RECUSED:** La Farge, **MOTION PASSED.**

4. Dr. Romine **MOVED** that Dr. Centenera knew when he answered no to Question #9 that he had resigned from the West Virginia University Hospital residency program while he was on probation, thus surrendering hospital privileges. Mr. Heim **SECONDED** the motion. **YES:** Heim and Weiner. **NO:** Boshier, Giudice, Ranka, Kovnat, Ghadimi, and Romine. **RECUSED:** La Farge. **MOTION FAILED.**

5. Dr. Romine **MOVED** that Dr. Centenera knew when he answered Question #15 regarding withdrawal from a postgraduate training program that he had resigned from the West Virginia University Hospital while on probation. Mr. Heim **SECONDED** the motion. **YES:** Romine, La Farge, Heim, Boshier, Weiner, Giudice, Kovnat, and Ghadimi. **NO:** Ranka. **RECUSED:** La Farge. **MOTION PASSED.**

6. Dr. Romine **MOVED** that Dr. Centenera knew when he answered no to Question #8 that Long Island College Hospital had suspended him while he was under investigation during his postgraduate training program. Mr. Heim **SECONDED** the motion. **YES:** Heim, Boshier, Weiner, Giudice, Kovnat, and

Ghadimi. **NO:** Ranka and Romine. **RECUSED:** La Farge. **MOTION PASSED.**

7. Dr. Romine **MOVED** that as Conclusions of Law paragraphs 2A, 2B, 2D and 2E were all proven by clear and convincing evidence. Mr. Heim **SECONDED** the motion. **YES:** Heim, Boshier, Giudice, Weiner, and Romine. **NO:** Ranka, Kovnat and Ghadimi. **RECUSED:** La Farge, **MOTION PASSED.**

8. Regarding the Decision and Order of the Board, Mr. Heim **MOVED** to deny Dr. Centenera's application for licensure. Ms. Boshier **SECONDED** the motion. **YES:** La Farge, Heim, Boshier, Giudice, Weiner, and Romine. **NO:** Ranka, Kovnat, and Ghadimi. **RECUSED:** La Farge, **MOTION PASSED.**

9. Mr. Heim **MOVED** to allow Dr. Centenera to immediately re-apply for a medical license in New Mexico by submitting a new, correct application and fee. Dr. Kovnat **SECONDED** the motion, which **PASSED** with all members voting yes, except Dr. La Farge who was recused.

Dr. Ranka **MOVED** to close complaint #2003-B-030 based on additional information received from the physician. Dr. La Farge **SECONDED** the motion, which **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Dr. La Farge **MOVED** to issue **Jamal Mustafa, MD**, an unrestricted license to practice medicine in New Mexico. Dr. Weiner **SECONDED** the motion, which **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Dr. Giudice **MOVED** to amend the Stipulated Agreement with **Mark Holland, MD**, by removing the requirement for supervision and requested a letter from psychiatrist. Dr. La Farge **SECONDED** the motion, which **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Dr. La Farge **MOVED** to that prior to consideration for licensure in New Mexico, **Radman Shafie, MD**, be required to go to a physician evaluation program (CPEP or equivalent) or attend a minimum 3-month mini-residency. Dr. Kovnat **SECONDED** the motion, which **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Dr. Ranka **MOVED** that **Barry Maron, MD**, be referred to an Impaired Physician Committee for re-evaluation before any surgical privileges are granted. Dr. Kovnat **SECONDED** the motion, which **PASSED** with all members voting in favor, except Dr. Romine who was **RECUSED.**

**17. ADJOURN:** The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m. with a Special Meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 20 at 5:30 p.m. to complete the decision in Case #2003-004.

**SUBMITTED:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Charlotte Kinney, Executive Director**

**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**John Romine, M.D., President**

**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**C. Grant La Farge, M.D., Secretary-Treasurer**

## MEETING SUMMARY

November 13-14, 2003

### Licensing Actions, in alpha order:

- Bhasker, Ravi, MD, #75-111 – offer stipulated license for substance abuse or NCA to restrict or suspend license
- Centenera, Leandro, MD – denied application for licensure in New Mexico, with permission to reapply immediately
- Cohn, Frederick, MD, #63-10 – approved voluntary surrender of license based on action in another state
- Gross, Kenneth, MD – approved NCA to deny application based on actions taken in Florida and NY
- Holland, Mark, MD, #91-65 – amended stipulated agreement to remove requirement for supervised practice
- Klein, Timothy, MD – be issued an unrestricted license to practice medicine in New Mexico with the condition that he sign a voluntary contract with MTP, and provide us with a copy
- Landry, Abner, MD, #83-235 – approved NCA to revoke based on action in Florida
- Neidhart, James, MD, #86-296 – approved NCA based on ethical issue of not informing patient or radiation oncologist of medication over-dose; gross negligence and injudicious prescribing
- Neidhart, Jeffrey, MD, #2002-0176 – approved NCA based on ethical issue of not informing patient or radiation oncologist of medication over-dose and gross negligence
- Mustafa, Jamal, MD – approved unrestricted license to practice medicine in New Mexico
- O'Brien, Edward, MD – approve unrestricted license, conditional upon completion of MTP interim agreement/contract
- Olugbemi, Edward, MD, #2001-0277 – approved voluntary placement of license on inactive status while under investigation
- Roy, Samir, MD - denied reinstatement of license, required to take and pass the USMLE as a fundamental requirement prior to being considered for licensure in New Mexico
- Shafie, Radman, MD – require completion of physician evaluation program or mini-residency before being considered for licensure
- Thatch, Leonard, MD – approved unrestricted license to practice medicine in New Mexico
- Vera, Angel, MD – approved NCA to deny application based on falsification of an application and action in another state