

**NEW MEXICO MEDICAL BOARD
Emergency Board Meeting
December 4, 2020
MINUTES**

MEETING MADE PUBLIC VIA ZOOM AND TELECONFERENCE

Members Present:

Video Conferencing: Peter Beaudette, MD, Chair
Karen Carson, MD, Vice Chair
Steve Jenkusky, Secretary
James Spence, MD
Eric Anderson, MD
Mark Unverzagt, MD
Buffie Saavedra, Public Member

Excused: Eric Anderson, MD

Others Present: Sondra Frank, Esquire, Executive Director
Amanda Quintana, Compliance Manager / PIO
Elishia Lucero, Administrative Assistant
Samantha Breen, Compliance Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Dr. Beaudette, after establishing the presence of a quorum, called the Emergency Board Meeting of the New Mexico Medical Board to order at 4:08 pm, roll call was completed.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION was made by Dr. Beaudette to approve the Agenda. **SECONDED** by Ms. Saavedra **YES:** Dr. Beaudette, Dr. Carson, Dr. Jenkusky, Dr. Spence, Dr. Unverzagt and Ms. Saavedra. **ABSENT:** Dr. Anderson **MOTION CARRIED.**

3. RESOLUTION REGARDING CRISIS STANDARDS OF CARE

Dr. Beaudette and Dr. Jenkusky reported that the NMMB received a request from David R. Scrase, M.D., Secretary of New Mexico Human Services Department, to adopt the attached Resolution regarding Crisis Standards of Care. The intent of this document is to clarify that during the public health emergency it shall not be considered a violation of any applicable rule or regulation governing the scope of practice for NMMB Licensees to serve as COVID-19 Providers and provide health care services to all patients of the hospital where they serve even though the provision of those services may be outside the normal and customary clinical privileges.

After much discussion the following motion was made.

MOTION was made by Dr. Unverzagt to approve the Resolution as revised below:

“For the duration of the current public health emergency, it shall not be considered a violation of any applicable rule or regulation governing the scope of practice for physicians and surgeons, physicians assistants, anesthesia assistants and physician pharmacist clinician supervisors for unprofessional conduct, for the organized medical

staff, acting by and through its medical staff executive committee, to authorize and direct the physicians and surgeons, physicians assistants and anesthesia assistants, and physician pharmacist clinician supervisors to serve as COVID-19 Providers and provide health care services to all patients of the hospital where they serve even though the provision of those services may be outside the normal and customary clinical privileges granted to each such COVID-19 Provider.


During the period in which the public health emergency remains in effect, to the extent that the persons and healthcare facilities designated or listed as "COVID-19 Providers" adopt or implement the Crisis Standards of Care, such Crisis Standards of Care can and should be considered by the providers and healthcare facilities designated as "COVID-19 Providers" as "generally accepted health-care standards."

Dr. Jenkusky further explained that once a provider is doing crisis standards of care the Board is accepting that as generally accepted health care standards.

SECONDED by Dr. Jenkusky **YES:** Dr. Beaudette, Dr. Carson, Dr. Jenkusky, Dr. Spence, Dr. Unverzagt and Ms. Saavedra. **ABSENT:** Dr. Anderson **MOTION CARRIED.**

4. ADJOURN

There being no further business before the Board, Dr. Beaudette adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:  DATE: 01/07/2021
Sondra Frank, J.D., Executive Director

APPROVED BY:  DATE: 01/07/2021
Peter Beaudette, M.D, M.D., Chair

APPROVED BY:  DATE: 01/07/2021
Karen Carson, M.D., Vice Chair