

NEW MEXICO MEDICAL BOARD
First Quarterly Meeting
February 17-18, 2005

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the New Mexico Medical Board convened at 8:22 a.m., Thursday, February 17, 2005 at the Board Conference room, 2055 S Pacheco, Santa Fe, New Mexico, **John Romine, M.D.** presiding. A quorum was declared, with all members present except for Ms. Boshier who has resigned and was unable to attend.

Members Present:

John S. Romine, M.D., Chairman
C. Grant La Farge, M.D., Secretary-Treasurer
Paul Kovnat, M.D., Vice-Chair
Vivian Giudice, M.D.
Prakash Ranka, M.D.
Steven Weiner, M.D.
Reza Ghadimi, P.A.,
Dick Heim, Public Member

Also Present:

Charlotte Kinney, Executive Director
Corliss Thalley, A.A.G., present on Friday
G.T.S. Khalsa, Board Prosecutor
Jenny Felmley, P.I.O.
Lynn Tipton, Administrative Assistant
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 November 18-19, 2004 regular meeting be approved with a correction on page 1 to change "Dr." Heim to "Mr." Heim. Mr. Heim **SECONDED** the motion, which **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**.

Dr. La Farge **MOVED** the minutes of the January 13, 2005 Special Meeting Minutes be approved as presented. Mr. Heim **SECONDED** the motion, which **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**.

4. COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

5. ACTIONS RELATED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Complaint Committee A. On behalf of Complaint Committee A, Dr. Weiner **MOVED** that complaint cases 2003-A-035, 2003-A-110, 2004-A-053, 2004-A-121, 2004-A-139, 2004-A-145, and 2004-A-146 be closed, as there was no evidence of a violation of the Medical Practice Act or rules. No second was required. **YES:** La Farge, Heim, Giudice, Ranka, Ghadimi, Kovnat and Romine. **RECUSED:** Weiner.

MOTION CARRIED.

On behalf of Complaint Committee A, Dr. Weiner **MOVED** that complaint case 2004-A-089 (Dr. Karen Richards) be closed and the Board accept Dr. Richards' voluntary surrender of her license. No second was required. **YES:** La Farge, Heim, Giudice, Ranka, Ghadimi, Kovnat and Romine. **RECUSED:** Weiner. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Complaint Committee B. On behalf of Complaint Committee B, Dr. Giudice **MOVED** that complaint cases 2003-B-100, 2004-B-085, 2004-B-096, 2004-B-101, 2004-B-104, 2004-B-105, 2004-B-123, 2004-B-141 and 2004-B-164 be closed, as there was no evidence of a violation of the Medical Practice Act or rules. No second was required. **YES:** La Farge, Heim, Weiner, Ghadimi, Kovnat and Romine. **RECUSED:** Giudice and Ranka. **MOTION CARRIED.**

After meeting with the responding physician(s) on Friday morning, Dr. Giudice **MOVED** that complaint cases 2004-B-095, 2004-B-097 and 2004-B-169 be closed, as there was no evidence of a violation of the Medical Practice Act or rules. No second was required. **YES:** La Farge, Heim, Weiner, Ghadimi, Kovnat and Romine. **RECUSED:** Giudice and Ranka. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Complaint Committee C. On behalf of Complaint Committee C, Dr. Kovnat **MOVED** that complaint cases 2003-C-025, 2003-C-112, 2004-C-094, 2004-C-098, 2004-C-106, and 2004-C-153 be closed, as there was no evidence of a violation of the Medical Practice Act or rules. No second was required. **YES:** La Farge, Weiner, Giudice, Ranka, Ghadimi, and Romine. **RECUSED:** Heim and Kovnat. **MOTION CARRIED.**

On behalf of Complaint Committee C, Dr. Kovnat **MOVED** that complaints #2001-C-140 and 2002-C-047 (Jesse Henry, MD) be closed and the Board accepts Dr. Henry's voluntary surrender and assurance that he will never practice medicine again in New Mexico. No second was required. **YES:** La Farge, Weiner, Ranka, Giudice, Ghadimi and Romine. **RECUSED:** Heim and Kovnat. **MOTION CARRIED.**

On behalf of Complaint Committee C, Dr. Kovnat **MOVED** that the physician in complaint #2003-C-088 (Jerry Alaniz, MD) be offered a standard stipulated license for alcohol or substance abuse. No second was required. **YES:** La Farge, Weiner, Giudice, Ranka, Ghadimi and Romine. **RECUSED:** Heim and Kovnat. **MOTION CARRIED.**

On behalf of Complaint Committee C, Dr. Kovnat **MOVED** that the Notice of Contemplated Action (NCA) approved in November 2004 for complaint #2003-C-162 be withdrawn, the case closed, and a letter of closure be sent. No second was required. **YES:** La Farge, Weiner, Giudice, Ranka, Ghadimi and Romine. **RECUSED:** Heim and Kovnat. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Complaint Committee D. On behalf of Complaint Committee D, Dr. La Farge **MOVED** that complaint cases 2003-D-159, 2004-D-042, 2004-D-060, 2004-D-107, 2004-D-114, 2004-D-122, 2004-d-124, and 2004-D-157 be closed, as there was no evidence of a violation of the Medical Practice Act or rules. No second was required. **YES:** Heim, Weiner, Giudice, Ranka, Kovnat, and Romine. **RECUSED:** Ghadimi and La Farge. **MOTION CARRIED.**

On behalf of Complaint Committee D, Dr. La Farge **MOVED** that the physician in complaint #2003-D-023 (Chan Lee, MD) be allowed to withdraw his application for licensure, which is reportable to Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB) because he is under investigation. No second was required. **YES:** Heim, Weiner, Giudice, Ranka, Kovnat, and Romine. **RECUSED:** Ghadimi and La Farge. **MOTION CARRIED.**

On behalf of Complaint Committee D, Dr. La Farge **MOVED** that the physician in complaint #2005-D-002, an applicant, be referred to an Impaired Physician Committee because of a history of disruptive behavior. No second was required. **YES:** Heim, Weiner, Giudice, Ranka, Kovnat, and Romine. **RECUSED:** Ghadimi and La Farge. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Complaint Committee E. On behalf of Complaint Committee E, Dr. Romine **MOVED** that complaint cases 2003-E-068 and 2003-E-178 be closed, as there was no evidence of a violation of the Medical Practice Act or rules. No second was required. **YES:** La Farge, Heim, Weiner, Giudice, Ranka, Kovnat,

and Ghadimi. **RECUSED:** Romine. **MOTION CARRIED.**

6. DEFAULT HEARINGS

A. **Samuel Sandoval, MD**, Case #2004-025. Mr. Khalsa presented the case against Dr. Sandoval as charged in the Notice of Contemplated Action (NCA) issued on December 3, 2004. The NCA was sent to the last known address of Dr. Sandoval by certified mail and it was undeliverable. A copy of the transcript of the Default Hearing is available in the Board office.

Dr. Kovnat **MOVED** to **DENY** Dr. Sandoval's application for license reinstatement based on revocation of his Ohio license to practice medicine which was based in part on his guilty plea to "sexual imposition" that the Ohio Board found was "committed in the course of practice" and that "Dr. Sandoval used his position as a medical doctor as a pretense to seduce Witness A into sexual activity." Dr. Weiner **SECONDED** the motion. **YES:** La Farge, Ghadimi, Heim, Weiner, Kovnat and Romine. **RECUSED:** Giudice and Ranka. **MOTION CARRIED.**

B. **Angel Vera, MD**, Case #2004-024. Mr. Khalsa presented the case against Dr. Vera as charged in the Notice of Contemplated Action (NCA) issued on November 9, 2004. The NCA was sent to the last known address of Dr. Vera by certified mail and it was undeliverable. A copy of the transcript of the Default Hearing is available in the Board office.

Dr. La Farge **MOVED** to **DENY** Dr. Vera's application for licensure based on disciplinary action in New York which consisted of a Consent Agreement to cease practice in New York signed on or about November 29, 2002; failure to report the New York action in his application for licensure which was signed on December 3, 2002; and revocation of his residency license in Texas on or about October 8, 2004. Mr. Heim **SECONDED** the motion. **YES:** La Farge, Ghadimi, Heim, Giudice, Ranka, Kovnat and Romine. **RECUSED:** Weiner. **MOTION CARRIED.**

7. LICENSING ISSUES

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

A. **Edwin Ishoo, M.D.**, Dr. Ranka **MOVED** that Dr. Ishoo be issued an unrestricted license to practice in New Mexico when the Board has received confirmation that he has signed a voluntary contract with New Mexico Monitor Treatment Program (MTP). Mr. Ghadimi **SECONDED** the motion. **YES:** Ghadimi, Heim, Weiner, Giudice, Ranka, Kovnat and Romine. **RECUSED:** La Farge. **MOTION CARRIED.**

B. **Patrick Dwyer, M.D.**, Dr. Giudice **MOVED** to consider Dr. Dwyer's application for reinstatement after he is evaluated for his knowledge base and skills by the Colorado Physicians Education Program (CPEP). Dr. La Farge **SECONDED** the motion. **YES:** La Farge, Ghadimi, Heim, Weiner, Giudice, Ranka, Kovnat and Romine. **MOTION CARRIED.**

C. **Cliff Brashar, M.D.**, Dr. La Farge **MOVED** to approve a stipulated license for Dr. Brashar consistent with the recommendations from the PRC Treatment Program. It will include continuing treatment with Dr. Pierce and monitoring by the MTP. Dr. Ranka **SECONDED** the motion. **YES:** La Farge, Ghadimi, Heim, Weiner, Giudice, Ranka, Kovnat and Romine. **MOTION CARRIED.**

D. **Kathleen Van Osten, M.D.**, Dr. La Farge **MOVED** to accept a Voluntary Surrender from Dr. Van Osten under the Impaired Health Care Provider Act or issue a Notice of Contemplated Action for violating the terms of a Stipulated Agreement. Dr. Ranka **SECONDED** the motion. **YES:** La Farge, Ghadimi, Heim, Weiner, Ranka, Kovnat and Romine. **ABSENT:** Giudice. **MOTION CARRIED.**

E. **Terrell S. Hadley, M.D.**, Dr. Kovnat **MOVED** that Dr. Hadley be issued an unrestricted license to practice in New Mexico when the Board receives confirmation that he has signed a voluntary contract with MTP. Dr. Weiner **SECONDED** the motion. **YES:** La Farge, Ghadimi, Heim, Weiner, Ranka, Kovnat and Romine. **ABSENT:** Giudice. **MOTION CARRIED.**

F. **Pierre Malek, M.D.**, Dr. La Farge **MOVED** that Dr. Malek be issued a restricted license to

practice in New Mexico, limiting him to administrative medicine with no direct patient care. Dr. Ranka **SECONDED** the motion. **YES:** La Farge, Ghadimi, Heim, Giudice, Ranka, Kovnat and Romine. **ABSENT:** Weiner. **MOTION CARRIED.**

8. REPORTS, continued

A. Chair. Dr. Romine asked which Board members are planning to attend the annual Federation of State Medical Boards meeting in May. Mr. Ghadimi, Dr. Romine, Dr. Giudice, Dr. Kovnat, and Dr. La Farge will attend. Mr. Heim may also attend.

B. Secretary-Treasurer. Dr. La Farge reported that he is getting ready to submit his letter of resignation to the Governor. The New Mexico Medical Society (NMMS) has prepared a list of potential replacement members as required by the Medical Practice Act. A copy of the NMMS letter is in the "Additions" file. Dr. La Farge also directed the Board to the meeting information for the annual update of physicians by county. The numbers are up slightly and he reviewed the basis for the numbers and the potential for discrepancies between our licensees and actual practitioners.

Dr. La Farge discussed pending legislation that would expand the authority of psychologists to prescribe psychotropic drugs beyond those approved by the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) for primary use in the treatment of mental disorders. Dr. Kovnat **MOVED** to oppose this pending legislation. Dr. Weiner **SECONDED** the motion. **YES:** La Farge, Ghadimi, Heim, Weiner, Giudice, Ranka, Kovnat and Romine. **MOTION CARRIED.**

THE BOARD RECESSED FOR LUNCH AT 12:30 and reconvened after the Rule Hearing at 2:10 p.m.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Decision on Proposed Rules. Mr. Heim **MOVED** to adopt the proposed changes to Part 1 of the rules, General Provisions, as presented. Dr. Weiner **SECONDED** the motion. **YES:** La Farge, Ghadimi, Heim, Weiner, Giudice, Ranka, Kovnat and Romine. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Mr. Heim **MOVED** to adopt the proposed changes to Part 2 of the rules, Physicians: Licensure Requirements, without the changes to paragraph 16.10.2.9.A(1). Dr. Weiner **SECONDED** the motion. **YES:** La Farge, Ghadimi, Heim, Weiner, Giudice, Ranka, Kovnat and Romine. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Mr. Heim **MOVED** to adopt the proposed changes to Part 4 of the rules, Continuing Medical Education, as presented. Dr. Weiner **SECONDED** the motion. **YES:** La Farge, Ghadimi, Heim, Weiner, Giudice, Ranka, Kovnat and Romine. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Dr. Ranka **MOVED** to adopt the proposed changes to Part 5 of the rules, Disciplinary Power of the Board, as presented. Dr. Weiner **SECONDED** the motion. **YES:** La Farge, Ghadimi, Heim, Weiner, Giudice, Ranka, Kovnat and Romine. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Mr. Ghadimi **MOVED** to adopt the proposed changes to Part 7 of the rules, License Expiration, Renewal, and Reinstatement, as presented. Dr. Weiner **SECONDED** the motion. **YES:** La Farge, Ghadimi, Heim, Weiner, Giudice, Ranka, Kovnat and Romine. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Mr. Ghadimi **MOVED** to adopt the proposed changes to Part 9 of the rules, Fees, as presented. Dr. Weiner **SECONDED** the motion. **YES:** La Farge, Ghadimi, Heim, Weiner, Giudice, Ranka, Kovnat and Romine. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Dr. La Farge **MOVED** to adopt the proposed changes to Part 14 of the rules, Management of Chronic Pain with Controlled Substances, with the following amendments: requiring that the pain clinic be under the direction of an M.D. or D.O., and clarifying that the neuropsychological evaluation must be done by the pain clinic or pain specialist, rather than the personal physician. Dr. Weiner **SECONDED** the motion. **YES:** La Farge, Ghadimi, Heim, Weiner, Giudice, Ranka, Kovnat and Romine. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Following the discussion with Mr. Gough on Friday morning, Dr. La Farge **MOVED** to include the language in paragraph 16.10.2.9.A(1) of Part 2 of the rules, which will allow the Board to use an international education credential evaluation service to identify substantial education equivalence. Mr.

Heim **SECONDED** the motion. **YES:** La Farge, Ghadimi, Heim, Weiner, Giudice, Ranka, Kovnat and Romine. **MOTION CARRIED.**

B. Joint Statement on Pain Management. Ms. Felmley discussed the draft statement that was included in the meeting packet. The intent of this Statement is to present a “united front” in addressing the appropriate treatment of pain. When the Medical Board agrees with the statement it will be forwarded to the Board of Pharmacy and the Board of Nursing for concurrence. Dr. Romine expressed concern about the language that requires all physicians to assess all patients for pain, and if any pain is reported, the physician must do a complete history and physician with laboratory and diagnostic testing, if indicated. As an orthopedist, all of his patients have pain and this requirement appears burdensome. Furthermore, many of his patients who have pain are already being treated for it by another provider, and may be quite satisfied with that treatment. He asked Ms. Felmley to revise the Statement and distribute it for discussion and action at the May meeting.

C. Correspondence. The Board reviewed the following documents that required no action.

1. **Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) Call for Resolutions, Legislative Report, Report of Nominating Committee**
2. **National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME) Invitation**
3. **NMMS Nominees for Board Appointment**
4. **2004 Audit Report**

7. LICENSING ISSUES, cont.

G. Paul Levy, M.D. Dr. La Farge **MOVED** to close case #2004-001 and approve an Agreed Order with Dr. Levy. The Order will require that Dr. Levy continue to receive therapy from his treating mental health provider, and that he provide all hospitals where he works with permission to communicate with the Board about any complaints against him. No second was required. **YES:** Heim, Weiner, Giudice, Ranka, Kovnat, and Romine. **RECUSED:** Ghadimi and La Farge. **MOTION CARRIED.**

10. NM MONITORED TREATMENT PROGRAM REPORT

Executive Session: **MOTION** was made by Dr. Ranka and seconded by Dr. Giudice to go into executive session to discuss matters of licensure. **YES:** La Farge, Heim, Weiner, Giudice, Ranka, Ghadimi, Kovnat and Romine. **MOTION CARRIED.** John Thayer was present to discuss the status of mandatory participants. 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 the MTP remains stable. He provided a copy of the Financial and Operation Reports.

11. INFORMAL INTERVIEWS

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

Jeff Neidhart, MD, Robert Palmer, MD, Sandy Herrin, MD, and Kevin Holbrook, MD, were interviewed in executive session.

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 BOARD RECESSED AT 3:15 p.m. for their Open House

THE BOARD RECONVENED AT 8:45 a.m., FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2005 with all members present except Ms. Boshier.

11. INFORMAL INTERVIEWS, continued

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

Allan Lenetsky, MD, Paul Walsky, MD, Kathy Jutila, MD, Johnny Vigil, MD, and Henry Garcia, MD, were interviewed in executive session.

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. Romine **MOVED** to amend Dr. Lenetsky's stipulation to state that he shall limit his prescribing of Schedule 2 and 3 medications to hospitalized patients and when he is on-call, and that each prescription must be countersigned. The change will go into effect in 30 days, to allow Dr. Lenetsky time to notify and transfer patients, where appropriate. Dr. Ranka **SECONDED**. **YES:** Ghadimi, Giudice, Ranka, Heim, Weiner, and Romine. **RECUSED:** Kovnat and La Farge. **MOTION CARRIED.**

12. OLD BUSINESS

A. Psychologist Prescribing. Dr. La Farge briefly reported that he is working on the committee to approve the initial prescribing licenses for psychologists and that two applications for the 2-year supervised practice license are nearly complete.

B. Credential Evaluation Service. Dale Gough, with the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO) was present to discuss the service his organization provides for several Medical Boards, including the Texas Board. He discussed a number of issues related to the evaluation of medical school transcripts and that his organization is able to verify the accuracy of the transcript, the standing of the school in the host country, and whether or not the education was comparable to a medical education in the U.S. They are not able to evaluate the content of the coursework.

8. REPORTS, continued

C. Assistant Attorney General. Ms. Thalley updated the Board about Dr. Bhasker, who has scheduled an evaluation with Dr. John Gardin. She also told the Board that the most recent appeal filed by Dr. Sameer Roy has been thrown out of court.

E. Compliance. There were no questions on the report as presented. Members commented that the compliance rate seems to be improving. Ms. Felmley told the Board that over a dozen new volunteers to serve on Impaired Physician Committees have contacted her as a result of the article in the last newsletter.

F. Executive Director. Ms. Kinney reported that the Roster is currently being printed and it will be in a different format this year. It will be standard, 8½ x 11 paper and include the specialty information that is in our records, with the understanding it may not be accurate but publication may encourage physicians to update our files. She reported that about half of the Physician Assistant licenses that expire in March have been renewed, with the majority handled on-line. She requested the Board go into executive session pursuant to NMSA 1978 §10-15-1 (H)(1) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss limited personnel issues.

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

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. Romine made a **MOTION** to accept Mr. Khalsa's resignation pursuant to his retirement and rehire him at or around June 1st. Dr. La Farge **SECONDED** the Motion. **YES:** La Farge, Heim, Weiner, Giudice, Ghadimi, Ranka, Kovnat and Romine. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Based on a salary comparison with other similar positions within the State, Dr. Romine made a **MOTION** to increase the salary of the Executive Director commensurate with the range and rate of the

Director of the Board of Nursing. Mr. Heim **SECONDED** the Motion. **YES:** La Farge, Heim, Weiner, Giudice, Ghadimi, Ranka, Kovnat and Romine. **MOTION CARRIED.**

G. **Pharmacy Board Report.** Larry Loring, R.Ph., a drug inspector with the Board of Pharmacy was present to discuss the status of the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program.

12. ACTIONS RELATED TO INTERVIEWS & LICENSING ISSUES

Dr. Romine **MOVED** the Board amend **Henry Garcia, M.D.**'s stipulation to have annual visits with the Board. Dr. La Farge **SECONDED.** **YES:** Weiner, Giudice, Kovnat, Ghadimi, Ranka, Romine, La Farge, and Heim. **MOTION CARRIED.**

13. ADJOURN: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:48 p.m.

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

Licensing Actions, in alpha order:

Alaniz, Jerry, MD – offer a stipulated license with standard substance abuse stipulations.

Brashar, Cliff, MD – approve a stipulated license consistent with the recommendations from the PRC Treatment Program.

Dwyer, Patrick, MD – agreed to consider Dr. Dwyer's application for reinstatement after he is evaluated for his knowledge base and skills by the CPEP program.

Garcia, Henry, MD – amend stipulation to require annual visits with the Board.

Hadley, E. Terrell, MD – issue an unrestricted license to practice in New Mexico when the Board receives confirmation that he has signed a voluntary contract with NMMTP.

Henry, Jesse, MD – accept voluntary surrender on condition that he never practice medicine in NM again.

Ishoo, Edwin, MD – issue an unrestricted license to practice in New Mexico when the Board has received confirmation that he has signed a voluntary 5-year contract with NMMTP.

Lee, Chan, MD – accept withdrawal of application while under investigation.

Lenetsky, Allan, MD – amend stipulation to limit his prescribing of Schedule 2 and 3 medications to hospital, on-call and acute situations, and require that each prescription must be countersigned within 5 days of being written.

Levy, G. Paul, MD – approve a stipulated agreement requiring that Dr. Levy continue to receive therapy from his treating mental health provider, and that he provide all hospitals where he works with permission to communicate about any complaints against him to the Board.

Malek, Pierre, MD – issue a restricted license to practice in New Mexico, limiting him to administrative

medicine with no direct patient care.

Richards, Karen, MD – accept voluntary surrender under the Impaired Health Care Provider Act.

Sandoval, Samuel, MD – deny application for reinstatement based on revocation of his Ohio license.

Van Osten, Kathleen, MD – accept a Voluntary Surrender under the Impaired Health Care Provider Act.

Vera, Angel, MD – deny application for license based on disciplinary action in New York, failure to report the NY action in his application for NM licensure, and revocation of his residency license in Texas.