

NEW MEXICO MEDICAL BOARD
Interim Meeting
June 29, 2006

MINUTES

Members Present:

Paul Kovnat, M.D., Chairman
Steve Weiner, M.D., Secretary-Treasurer
Prakash M. Ranka, M.D., Vice Chair - by teleconference
Alfredo Vigil, M.D.
Allan Haynes, Jr., M.D. - by teleconference
Reza Ghadimi, P.A.
Becky Cochran, Public Member - by teleconference
Richard Heim, Public Member

Members Absent:

Vivian Giudice, M.D.

Also Present:

Lynn Hart, Executive Director
Jenny Felmley, P.I.O.
Lynn Tipton, Administrative Assistant
Grant La Farge, M.D., Medical Director
Corliss Thalley, A.A.G.

The Interim meeting of the New Mexico Medical Board convened at 4:08 p.m., Thursday, June 29, 2006, in the Conference Room, 2055 S Pacheco, Building 400, Santa Fe, New Mexico, *Paul Kovnat, M.D.* presiding. Dr. Kovnat called the roll and a quorum was declared with members Kovnat, Ranka, Weiner, Vigil, Cochran, Heim and Ghadimi. Dr. Haynes joined the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

1. APPROVE AGENDA

Dr. Kovnat **MOVED** the agenda be approved as amended (Edward Medina, M.D. was removed from the Agenda) and the motion **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**.

2. DECISION AND ORDER, Case #2006-003, Ambrosio Solano, M.D.

Executive Session: **MOTION** was made by Dr. Kovnat and **SECONDED** by Dr. Vigil to go into executive session to discuss matters of licensure. Corliss Thalley, A.A.G. requested Debbie Dietrich, Legal Assistant and Phillip Kovnat, Student Law Clerk from the Attorney General's Office, Civil Division be allowed to remain in the executive session. **YES:** Kovnat, Haynes, Vigil, Ghadimi, Ranka, and Heim. **RECUSED:** Weiner and Cochran. **ABSENT:** Giudice. **MOTION CARRIED.** The Board returned to open session. Dr. Kovnat stated for the record that the matters discussed in executive session were limited to only those specified in the motion for closure.

In Case #2006-003, (**Ambrosio Solano, M.D.**), Dr. Kovnat **MOVED** to accept the Hearing Officer's recommended Findings of Facts number 1 thru 25 in their entirety and include four additional Findings of Facts. (attached). Dr. Ranka **SECONDED** the motion. **YES:** Ranka, Haynes, Vigil, Kovnat, Heim and Ghadimi. **ABSENT:** Giudice. **RECUSED:** Weiner and Cochran. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Dr. Kovnat **MOVED** that, based on a preponderance of the evidence, the Board has sufficient evidence in the

record to accept the Conclusions of Law as alleged in Allegation 2a of Item 4 of the Findings of Fact (attached hereto). Dr Heim **SECONDED** the motion **YES:** Ranka, Kovnat, Haynes, Ghadimi, Vigil and Heim. **ABSENT:** Giudice **RECUSED:** Weiner and Cochran. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Dr Kovnat **MOVED** to grant Ambrosio Solano's application to practice medicine. His license will be placed on probation for five years and he will be required to participate in the Monitored Treatment Program. Dr Haynes **SECONDED** the motion **YES:** Ranka, Haynes, Kovnat, Vigil, Heim and Ghadimi. **ABSENT:** Giudice **RECUSED:** Weiner and Cochran. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Dr. Haynes **MOVED** to designate Dr. Kovnat to sign the Order. Dr. Vigil **SECONDED** the motion. **YES:** Ranka, Haynes, Kovnat, Vigil, Heim and Ghadimi. **ABSENT:** Giudice **RECUSED:** Weiner and Cochran. **MOTION CARRIED.**

3. LICENSING AND COMPLAINTS, LICENSEES AND APPLICANTS

A. Federal emergency license renewals. Dr. La Farge discussed Angelique Hart, M.D. and Roy Heilbron, M.D. federal emergency licenses which are up for renewal. The rule states that additional documentation may be requested upon renewal of a Federal Emergency License and the board agreed full documentation should be required as with an license applicant's file. The Board agreed that such documentation should be requested routinely.

B. Approval of AACRAO (American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers) evaluations.

Francisco J. Melo, M.D. and Joseph Errico, M.D. - Dr Ranka **MOVED** the Board accept the ACCRAO evaluations of their medical education as equivalent to that of a U.S. medical school. Mr Heim **SECONDED** the motion. **YES:** Kovnat, Haynes, Ghadimi, Weiner, Vigil, Heim, Cochran and Ranka. **ABSENT:** Giudice. **MOTION CARRIED.**

C. Re-consider proposed stipulation in Case #2005-D-154, César Villarreal, M.D.

Dr Haynes **MOVED** to withdraw the Stipulation of Licensure that was voted on, though the stipulated license had not been issued, and return the case back to Committee D for further review. Dr Ranka **SECONDED** the motion. **YES:** Kovnat, Haynes, Ghadimi, Weiner, Vigil, Heim, Cochran and Ranka. **ABSENT:** Giudice. **MOTION CARRIED.**

4. ADJOURN There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

SUBMITTED: _____ *Lynn S. Hart* **Date:** 8/24/04
Lynn S. Hart, Executive Director

APPROVED: _____ *Steve Weiner* **Date:** 8/24/06
Steve Weiner, M.D., Secretary

APPROVED: _____ *Paul Kovnat* **Date:** 8/25/06
Paul Kovnat, M.D., Chair