



Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

March 17, 2004

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Dear Mr. Malkiewich:

Pursuant to the provisions of NRS 622.100, please find enclosed a press release of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners with respect to action taken regarding applicants for licensure before the Board for the calendar quarter January 1, 2004 through March 31, 2004. This press release was issued today, March 17, 2004, and is available at the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners' Website, (www.medboard.nv.gov). The press release summarizes the actions taken. Although there were no disciplinary actions taken against licensees, the Board declined to exercise its statutory discretion to grant medical licensure to one applicant.

Should you have any questions with respect to these matters, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Drennan A. Clark".

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Press Release – March 17, 2004 **NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS** **LICENSES PHYSICIANS**

At its quarterly meeting on March 12 and 13, 2004, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners considered the applications of 19 applicants for licensure – 17 physicians, 1 physician assistant and 1 practitioner of respiratory care. All applicants appeared personally before the Board.

Of the 17 physician applicants, 10 applied for licensure by endorsement. As a result of changes to the Board's regulations for licensure, 8 of the 10 applicants for licensure by endorsement were granted regular medical licenses. The Board declined to exercise its statutory discretion to grant medical licensure to one of the applicants and one application was tabled for further review.

Of the remaining 9 applicants, the 7 physicians were granted licenses, as were the physician assistant and the practitioner of respiratory care. Of the 19 total applicants, 17 were granted licensure.

Since January 1, 2004, the Board has granted 176 physician licenses administratively, that is, to applicants who met all of the statutory and regulatory requirements for licensure. This does not include the 17 applicants who appeared before the Board at the March meeting.

In 2002, the Board sent out 745 applications to requesters. In 2003, the Board sent out 1,400 applications to requesters. To date in 2004, the Board has sent out 373 applications to requesters.



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April 23, 2004

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Dear Mr. Malkiewich:

Re: Summary suspension of medical license

Dear Mr. Malkiewich:

Enclosed find copies of the Complaint, Order of Summary Suspension of License and press release relating to the State Board of Medical Examiners' summary suspension of the medical license of Dr. Karen A. Giarrusso, M.D.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Drennan A. Clark".

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Press Release – March 31, 2004 **NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS** **EMERGENCY MEETING**

At an emergency Board meeting on March 30, 2004, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners summarily suspended the medical license of Las Vegas physician, Dr. Karen A. Giarrusso, M.D.

A complaint was filed against Dr. Giarrusso, charging her with willful failure to comply with an Order of the Board's Investigative Committee, with willful failure to comply with a condition of the medical license granted to her, and with committing a material violation of a condition, restriction or limitation imposed by the Board on her license, all violations of the Nevada Medical Practice Act. The Complaint will be heard by a Board Hearing Officer at a hearing on May 11, 2004, at 9:00 a.m., in the Board's Conference Room in Reno. In the interim, Dr. Giarrusso is barred from practicing medicine in Nevada.

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