



Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

July 10, 2006

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Dear Mr. Malkiewich:

Pursuant to the provisions of NRS 622.100, please find enclosed press releases of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners with respect to action taken regarding licensees and applicants for licensure before the Board for the calendar quarter April 1, 2006 through June 30, 2006. These press releases are available on the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners Website: www.medboard.nv.gov. The press releases summarize the actions taken.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Drennan A. Clark".

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Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

Press Release – June 12, 2006

NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS TAKES ACTION ON APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE

At its quarterly meeting on June 9 & 10, 2006, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners ratified licensure of 106 physicians, 23 physician assistants and 37 practitioners of respiratory care, and requested personal appearances of 27 applicants for licensure – 26 physicians and 1 respiratory therapist.

Of the 27 applicants who were requested to personally appear, the Board denied the application of one physician:

Ati Hakimi, M.D.

The Board denied the application for licensure in the state of Nevada of Ati Hakimi, M.D., pursuant to NRS 630.304(1), based upon false, misleading, inaccurate and/or incomplete statements made by Dr. Hakimi on her application for licensure.

Of the remaining applicants, 1 physician withdrew his application for a change of status from inactive to active during his appearance. The Board granted licenses to 21 physicians, 9 with no conditions or restrictions, 1 by endorsement, 1 limited license as a resident, 8 subject to passing a peer review, and 2 subject to other conditions. The Board declined to exercise its statutory discretion to grant licensure by endorsement to 3 physicians. The application of the practitioner of respiratory care was rejected by the Board.

From January 1, 2006 to June 9, 2006, the Board has licensed 196 physicians administratively, that is, applicants who met all of the statutory and regulatory requirements for licensure. This includes 22 physicians who were issued special purpose licenses, 31 who were issued limited licenses as residents, and 1 who was issued a restricted license, but does not include the applicants who appeared before the Board at the June 2006 meeting.

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NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS TAKES DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST ONE PHYSICIAN AND ONE PRACTITIONER OF RESPIRATORY CARE

At its quarterly meeting on June 9 & 10, 2006, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners took disciplinary action against one licensed medical doctor and one licensed practitioner of respiratory care:

Kurt Andre Buzard, M.D.

The Board accepted and approved a Stipulation for Settlement of its complaint against Kurt Andre Buzard, M.D. Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, Dr. Buzard was found to have violated the Medical Practice Act by engaging in conduct that brings the medical profession into disrepute, a violation of NRS 630.301(9). The Board ordered that Dr. Buzard receive a public reprimand and that he reimburse the Board's costs and expenses incurred in the investigation and prosecution of the case against him, payable within 60 days of acceptance, adoption and approval of the Settlement Agreement by the Board. The Board agreed to enter into the settlement based upon the fact that the conduct of Dr. Buzard in question was unrelated to the practice of medicine and that Dr. Buzard had not been found to have engaged in any conduct that brings the medical profession into disrepute since the time of the incident that gave rise to the complaint against him.

Allen Witkowski, C.R.T.

The Board accepted and approved a Stipulation for Settlement of its complaint against Allen Witkowski, C.R.T. Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, Mr. Witkowski was found guilty of one count of revocation of his license to practice respiratory therapy in another jurisdiction, a violation of NAC 630.540(12), and one count of willfully and intentionally making a false or fraudulent statement in applying for a license or renewing a license, a violation of NAC 630.540(1). The Board revoked Mr. Witkowski's license to practice respiratory therapy in Nevada, and ordered that he reimburse the Board's costs and expenses incurred in the investigation and prosecution of the case against him, payable within 120 days of acceptance, adoption and approval of the Settlement Agreement by the Board.

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Press Release – June 19, 2006

NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS SUMMARILY SUSPENDS LICENSE OF A PHYSICIAN AT EMERGENCY MEETING

At an emergency Board meeting on June 16, 2006, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners summarily suspended the medical license of Las Vegas physician, Harriston L. Bass, Jr., M.D.

A complaint was filed against Dr. Bass, charging him with nine violations of NRS 630.301(4), for committing malpractice in his prescribing controlled substances for Patients A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H and I; nine violations of NRS 630.306(5), for practicing beyond the scope of his practice in his prescribing controlled substances for Patients A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H and I; a violation of NRS 630.306(2)(c) and NAC 453.410, for dispensing controlled substances to his patients without being registered with the Board of Pharmacy to dispense controlled substances; a violation of NRS 630.3062(1), for failing to maintain timely, legible, accurate and complete medical records relating to the diagnosis, treatment and care of Patients A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H and I; a violation of NAC 630.230(1)(l), for failing to comply with the *Model Guidelines for the Use of Controlled Substances for the Treatment of Pain*, adopted by reference in NAC 630.187, in treating his patients; and a violation of NRS 630.306(3), for administering, dispensing and prescribing controlled substances to others except as authorized by law. The Board found that the continued practice of medicine by Dr. Bass in Nevada during the pendency of time necessary for a hearing on this complaint would endanger the health, safety and welfare of his patients.

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