BEFORE THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

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In the Matter of the Investigation of	)	**Case No. 14-30588-1**
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HECTOR FERNANDO RODRIGUEZ, M.D.,	)	AUG 28 2014
License No. 11629	)	NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS By:

ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Prior to the preparation of this Order of Summary Suspension, Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) staff presented evidence and information to an Investigative Committee (IC) of the Board, composed of Theodore B. Berndt, M.D., Chairman, Valerie J. Clark, BSN, RHU, LUTCF, Member, and Michael J. Fischer, M.D., Member, regarding Hector Fernando Rodriguez, M.D. (Dr. Rodriguez). Upon review of the evidence and information presented by Board staff, the IC hereby **IMMEDIATELY SUSPENDS** Dr. Rodriguez's license to practice medicine in the state of Nevada pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 630.326(1), based upon the following preliminary findings:

1. Dr. Rodriguez is a physician licensed to practice medicine in the state of Nevada. He was originally licensed by the Board on September 10, 2005. Dr. Rodriguez's initial application for licensure was granted contingent upon his continued participation in, and completion of, a drug and alcohol diversion program.

2. On May 28, 2014, Dr. Rodriguez's medical staff membership and clinical privileges at Summerlin Hospital in Las Vegas, Nevada, a Valley Health Systems hospital, were summarily suspended. This action was based on concerns with Dr. Rodriguez's disruptive behavior and his failure to comply with a request to submit to drug testing.

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3. On May 29, 2014, Dr. Rodriguez's medical staff membership and clinical privileges were summarily suspended at the following Valley Health Systems hospitals in Las Vegas, Nevada: Desert Springs Hospital, Spring Valley Hospital and Valley Hospital. These actions were based on concerns with Dr. Rodriguez's disruptive behavior and his failure to comply with a request to submit to drug testing.

4. On August 20, 2014, Valley Health Systems held a single Fair Hearing regarding the above-outlined suspensions. Dr. Rodriguez failed to appear at this hearing.

Based on the foregoing, the IC reasonably determines and believes that the health, safety and welfare of the public is at imminent risk and that a summary suspension of Dr. Rodriguez license to practice medicine in the state of Nevada is necessary to remove the risk of imminent harm to the health, safety and welfare of the public.

Accordingly, pursuant to NRS 630.326(1):

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the license to practice medicine in the state of Nevada of Dr. Rodriguez (License No. 11629) is **HEREBY SUSPENDED** until further order of the IC or Board; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to NRS 630.326(2), a hearing on this matter is set for the **7th day of October, 2014, at 10:00 a.m.**, at the Board's office located at 1105 Terminal Way, Ste. 301, Reno, NV 89502, to determine whether this suspension may continue, unless the parties mutually agree in writing to a divergent time frame.

DATED this 28th day of August, 2014.

INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

By: Theodore B. Berndt
Theodore B. Berndt, M.D.
Chairman, Investigative Committee