



## Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

### ***Press Release – June 12, 2007***

#### **NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS TAKES DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST THREE PHYSICIANS AND ONE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT**

At its quarterly meeting on June 8 & 9, 2007, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners took disciplinary action against the following licensed medical doctors and physician assistant:

##### **Curtis Bazemore, M.D.**

The Board accepted and approved a Stipulation for Settlement of its complaint against Curtis Bazemore, M.D. Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, the Board entered an order finding that Dr. Bazemore's pain management practices were inconsistent with the appropriate standard of care that should have been applied based upon the circumstances, and therefore tantamount to a violation of NRS 630.301(4). The Board ordered that Dr. Bazemore receive a public reprimand; that he complete 16 hours of continuing medical education on the topic of prescribing of controlled substances for the management of pain, to be pre-approved by the Board, to be completed within 1 year of the Board's acceptance, adoption and approval of the Settlement Agreement, and to be in addition to any other continuing medical education required as a condition of licensure; 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 the date of the Board's order.

##### **Wayne Dunetz, P.A.-C**

The Board accepted and approved a Stipulation for Settlement of its complaint against Wayne Dunetz, P.A.-C. Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, the Board entered an order finding against Mr. Dunetz: 1 count of inability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety due to the use of drugs, narcotics or any other substance, a violation of NRS 630.306(1), 5 counts of renewing a license to practice medicine by means of bribery, fraud, misrepresentation or by any false, misleading,

inaccurate or incomplete statement, violations of NRS 630.304(1), and 1 count of entering into a sexual relationship with a patient while treating said patient, a violation of NRS 630.301(5). The Board ordered that Mr. Dunetz's license to practice medicine as a physician assistant be revoked, with the revocation stayed pending compliance with, and completion of, the terms and conditions of probation, said probation period to be 3 years. As part of his probation, Mr. Dunetz will remain suspended from the practice of medicine as a physician assistant for at least 1 year from the date of the Board's acceptance, adoption and approval of the Settlement Agreement, and at the end of that year, must provide proof that he is capable of safely practicing medicine as a physician assistant. Mr. Dunetz was also ordered to reimburse the Board's costs and expenses incurred in the investigation and prosecution of the case against him within 1 year of the Board's acceptance, adoption and approval of the Settlement Agreement, and to pay the Board's costs of monitoring his compliance with the terms of his probation.

**Dean Mondell, M.D.**

The Board accepted and approved a Stipulation for Settlement of its complaint against Dean Mondell, M.D. Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, the Board entered an order finding that Dr. Mondell committed malpractice for failing to use the reasonable care, skill or knowledge ordinarily used under similar circumstances in providing care or treatment to a patient, a violation of NRS 630.301(4). The Board ordered that Dr. Mondell complete 6 hours of continuing medical education, to be pre-approved by the Board's Investigative Committee, to be completed within 1 year of the Board's acceptance, adoption and approval of the Settlement Agreement, to be at his own expense, and to be in addition to any other continuing medical education required as a condition of licensure; and that he reimburse the Board's costs and expenses incurred in the investigation and prosecution of the case against him, payable within 90 days of the date of the Board's order.

**Michael Thielman, M.D.**

The Board accepted and approved a Stipulation for Settlement of its complaint against Michael Thielman, M.D. Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, the Board entered an order finding that Dr. Thielman had failed to keep accurate and timely medical records, a violation of NRS 630.3062(1). The Board ordered that Dr. Thielman be fined \$1,000, said fine to be paid within 90 days of the Board's acceptance, adoption and approval of the Settlement Agreement; that he complete 6 hours of continuing medical education on the topics of informed consent and charting, to be pre-approved by the Board's Investigative Committee, to be completed within 1 year of the Board's acceptance, adoption and approval of the Settlement Agreement, to be at his own expense, and to be in addition to any other continuing medical education required as a condition of licensure; and that he reimburse the Board's costs and expenses incurred in the investigation and prosecution of the case against him, payable within 90 days of the date of the Board's order.

Disciplinary action against these physicians and this physician assistant is reported to all other states in which they may be licensed and to the National Practitioner Data Bank and Federation of State Medical Boards of the United States.

***At its quarterly meeting on June 8 & 9, 2007, the Board ratified licensure of 105 physicians, 10 physician assistants and 13 practitioners of respiratory care, and requested personal appearances of 19 physician applicants for licensure.***

Of the 19 applicants who were requested to personally appear, the Board denied the application of one physician:

**James Murphy, M.D.**

The Board denied the application of James Murphy, M.D. for a limited license for residency training in the state of Nevada, pursuant to NRS 630.304(1), based upon false, misleading, inaccurate and/or incomplete statements made by Dr. Murphy concerning his application for licensure.

Of the remaining applicants who were requested to personally appear, the Board granted licenses to 15: 6 with no conditions or restrictions, 4 by endorsement, 2 subject to passing a peer review, 1 subject to recertification, 1 was granted a restricted license subject to passing a peer review, and 1 was granted a limited license for medical residency training. The Board declined to exercise its statutory discretion to grant licensure by endorsement to 2 physicians and the remaining applicant's application was tabled for consideration at the Board's September 2007 quarterly meeting.

From January 1 to June 8, 2007, the Board licensed 178 new physicians administratively, that is, applicants who met all of the statutory and regulatory requirements for licensure. This includes 18 physicians who were issued special purpose licenses, 11 who were issued limited licenses as medical residents, and 4 who were issued restricted licenses (but does not include the applicants who appeared before the Board at the June meeting).