



Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

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NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS TAKES DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST FIVE PHYSICIANS

At its quarterly meeting on March 16, 2007, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners took disciplinary action against the following licensed medical doctors:

Ronald Foote, M.D.

The Board accepted and approved a Stipulation for Settlement of its complaint against Ronald Foote, M.D. Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, the Board entered an order finding that Dr. Foote 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. Foote receive a public reprimand and that Dr. Foote's license be suspended for a term of 9 months, said suspension to be stayed and Dr. Foote's license to be placed in a probationary status contingent upon Dr. Foote complying with the following condition: 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 probationary timeframe shall begin upon entry of the Board's order related to this matter and the Board shall have unilateral authority to further limit or suspend Dr. Foote's license in the event of an adverse Board adjudication within the timeframe of his probationary status.

Laurie Publicover, M.D.

Upon a review of the records and transcript of the hearing held on November 7 and 8, 2006, the Board found that Laurie Publicover, M.D. 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. Publicover receive a public reprimand and that she reimburse the Board's costs and expenses incurred in the investigation and prosecution of the case against her, payable within 120 days of the date of the Board's order.

Adelaida Resuello, M.D.

The Board accepted and approved a Stipulation for Settlement of its complaint against Adelaida Resuello, M.D. Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, the Board entered an order finding that Dr. Resuello 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), and that she assisted a physician who was not licensed in the state of Nevada to engage in the practice of medicine in Nevada, a violation of NRS 630.605(e). The Board ordered that Dr. Resuello receive a public reprimand, and that she be placed on probation for 12 months with the following conditions: (1) that she shall not use any injected cosmetic substance on herself or others during the probationary period; (2) that she complete 12 hours of continuing medical education on the topic of charting and ethics, said continuing medical education to be pre-approved by Chairman of the Investigative Committee, to be completed within the probationary period, and to be in addition to any other continuing medical education required as a condition of licensure; and (3) that she pay a fine of \$2000, to be paid within 90 days of the acceptance, adoption and approval of the Settlement Agreement by the Board. If Dr. Resuello fails to meet any of the terms of her probation, her license to practice medicine shall be suspended for 30 days. Dr. Resuello was also ordered to reimburse the Board's reasonable costs and expenses incurred in the investigation and prosecution of the case against her within 90 days of the acceptance, adoption and approval of the Settlement Agreement by the Board.

Bruce Wilkin, M.D.

The Board accepted and approved a Stipulation for Settlement of its complaint against Bruce Wilkin, M.D. Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, the Board entered an order finding that Dr. Wilkin committed three violations of NRS 630.306(2)(b), in that he failed to properly follow the *Model Guidelines for the Use of Controlled Substances* when he failed to keep complete and accurate records regarding the treatment of pain for 3 patients, and three violations of NRS 630.306(2)(b), in that he failed to properly prescribe appetite suppressants to 3 patients. The Board ordered that Dr. Wilkin receive a public reprimand, that he attend 24 hours of continuing medical education on the topics of medical charting and the treatment of chronic pain, said continuing medical education to be pre-approved by the Chairman of the Board's Investigative Committee, to be completed within 1 year of the acceptance, adoption and approval of the Settlement Agreement by the Board, to be at Dr. Wilkin's own expense, and to be in addition to any other continuing medical education required as a condition of licensure. The Board further ordered that Dr. Wilkin refrain from the prescribing of any appetite suppressants until further notice of the Board. Dr. Wilkin was also ordered to reimburse the Board's reasonable costs and expenses incurred in the investigation and prosecution of the case against him, said costs being specifically limited to those incurred in the investigation and prosecution of the first and second amended complaints, to be paid within 180 days of the acceptance, adoption and approval of the Settlement Agreement by the Board.

Wydell Williams, M.D.

Upon a review of the records and transcript of the hearing held on December 13, 2006, the Board found that Wydell Williams, M.D. 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. Williams 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 90 days of the date of the Board's order.

Disciplinary action against these physicians 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 March 16, 2007, the Board ratified licensure of 116 physicians, 10 physician assistants and 28 practitioners of respiratory care, and requested personal appearances of 6 physician applicants for licensure.

Of the 6 physician applicants who were requested to personally appear, the Board granted licenses to 4: 1 was granted a special purpose license, 1 was granted licensure by endorsement, and 2 were granted licenses subject to successful passage of a peer review. The Board declined to exercise its statutory discretion to grant licensure by endorsement to 1 physician, and the remaining applicant withdrew his application during his appearance before the Board.

From January 1 to March 19, 2007, the Board has licensed 55 physicians administratively, that is, applicants who met all of the statutory and regulatory requirements for licensure. This includes 9 physicians who were issued special purpose licenses, 7 who were issued limited licenses as medical residents, and 2 who were issued restricted licenses (but does not include the applicants who appeared before the Board at the March meeting).