

**SCREENING PANEL MEETING MINUTES**  
of the  
**BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**  
301 SOUTH PARK, 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM  
HELENA, MT  
8:00 A.M. TO CONCLUSION  
DECEMBER 12, 2014

**1. Call To Order – Establish Quorum – Roll Call of Board Members Present**

**MEMBERS PRESENT – Anna Earl, M.D., Chair; James Upchurch, M.D; Kristin Spanjian, M.D.; Bruce Hayward, DO, Nathan Thomas, DPM; Tanja Brekke Acu.,**

**MEMBERS ABSENT – None**

**DPHHS MEMBERS PRESENT – Nick Domitrovich, Esq (for EMT Cases)**

**DPHHS MEMBERS ABSENT- None**

**STAFF PRESENT – Mike Fanning, Department Counsel; LaVelle Potter, Compliance Specialist**

**2. Approval and Tentative Modification of Agenda Order:** Ms. Potter announced that because Case 2 has been picked up by the Montana Professional Assistance Program (MPAP), staff would like to move case 2 after case 5 so we will have the MPAP staff on line when this case is discussed.

**Motion:** Dr. Hayward moved for the panel to adopt the agenda as modified. Dr. Spanjian seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**3. Review and Approval of November 21, 2014 Minutes**

**Motion:** Dr. Hayward moved for the panel to adopt the minutes as read. Dr. Upchurch seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**4. Public Opportunity to Comment**

The presiding officer read the statement of public participation. No members of the public were in attendance who wished to comment.

**5. Legal Report**

- a. Case Register
- b. MPAP report

**6. Panel Action - Tentatively Scheduled for Executive Session**

The Presiding Chair determined that the individual(s) under discussion at this meeting have a right to privacy which outweighs the public's right to know. Therefore, the Presiding Chair decided to hold this Screening Panel in closed session. The chair identified 25 Cases that will be considered in closed session pursuant to the determination of privacy rights. No Cases will be heard in open session.

**7. Review of Cases**

**8. Adjourn to open session**

**9. Open Session – Disposition of Cases**

Cases dismissed with prejudice	_____4_____
Cases dismissed without prejudice	_____10_____
Cases for reasonable cause findings	_____4_____
Cases for summary suspension	_____

Cases sent for investigation  
Cases tabled

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**10. Adjourn**

**Motion:** Dr. Spanjian moved for the panel to adjourn this meeting. Ms. Brekke seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED ON JANUARY 16, 2015