

SCREENING PANEL MEETING MINUTES
of the
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
301 SOUTH PARK, 4TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
HELENA, MT
8:00 A.M. TO CONCLUSION
JUNE 17, 2016

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. (**In Person**); Nathan Thomas, DPM; Tanja Brekke Acu.; and James Feist, M.D.

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

Motion: Dr. Feist moved for the panel to adopt the agenda as presented. Dr. Thomas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Review May 20, 2016 Minutes

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

c. Summary of yes answers during the renewal – Mr. Fanning stated it was our hope that no discussion would be needed. The design was that we would save the panel from doing work that was frivolous, without jurisdiction, or not worthy of the panel’s time. We wanted to be responsible and not take cases away from you without you being aware of them. This is simply a recitation of what that action was. As long as you approve what we are doing, we will continue to do it. If you see one that catches your eye and you disagree, you can give staff direction to open the complaint. Are there any that you would want staff to open a complaint on? The panel did not wish to open any of the yes responses

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 24 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 7

Cases dismissed without prejudice	___12___
Cases for reasonable cause findings	___1___
Cases for summary suspension	_____
Cases sent for investigation	_____
Cases tabled	___4___

10. Adjourn

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

Review Date: 7/15/2016