

**AMENDED MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE FLORIDA BOARD OF MEDICINE  
PROBATIONERS COMMITTEE**

**Hilton Tampa Airport Westshore Hotel  
Tampa, FL 33607**

**Friday, March 4, 2011  
9:00 AM**

The meeting of the Florida Board of Medicine's Probationers Committee was called to order by Dr. Gary Winchester, Chair, at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, March 4, 2011.

**Members Present:**

Gary Winchester, M.D., Chair  
Elisabeth Tucker, M.D.

**Others Present:**

Ed Tellechea, Esquire, Board Counsel, Attorney General's Office  
Shaila Washington, Compliance Officer, Compliance Management  
Elisa Floyd, Regulatory Program Administrator, Compliance Management  
Veronica Donnelly, Esquire, Prosecution Services Unit, Medical Section Manager  
Debbie Troup, representing the Professionals Resource Network  
Penny M. Appleton, Court Reporter

**Members Excused:**

H. Frank Farmer, M.D.

**Approval of November 5, 2010 Meeting Minutes-**

A motion was made, seconded and carried that approved the November 5, 2010 minutes from the Probationers Committee.

## **First Appearance with Monitor**

### **Tab 6 - Edward Braun, M. D.**

Dr. Braun appeared before the Probation Committee for his first appearance with his attorney and with his temporarily approved monitor, Dr. Chandravadan J. Patel before the Probationers Committee. Dr. Patel was asked a series of questions. Dr. Patel stated that he has read the final order and understands his responsibilities as a monitor.

A motion was made, seconded and carried that Dr. Patel be approved as Dr. Braun's monitor.

## **First Appearance**

### **Tab 1 - Sanjeev Grover, M.D.**

**Case pulled – License Revoked by Case Number 2008-12786**

### **Tab 2 - Valentine Duruibe, M.D.**

**Moved – Case heard after Tab 18**

### **Tab 3 - Mark Holder, M.D.**

Dr. Holder did not make his quarterly appearance before the Probation Committee. Dr. Holder has requested to be excused because he is currently not practicing and his financial situation.

Dr. Holder was not required to attend this Probation Committee meeting at which his extension request to pay the fine and costs was presented for consideration.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously to excuse Dr. Holder appearance at this meeting.

A motion was made, second, and carried to approve Dr. Holder's payment extension of two years from the reinstatement of his medical license.

## **First Appearance with Monitor**

### **Tab 4 – Eric O. Pantaleon, M.D**

Dr. Pantaleon appeared before the Probationers Committee for his first appearance with his temporarily approved monitor, Dr. Yvelice Villaman-Bencosme, M.D., license number ME 64482. Dr. Villaman-Bencosme was asked a series of questions. Dr. Villaman-Bencosme stated that her office less than twenty miles from Dr. Pantaleon office. Dr. Villaman-Bencosme has read the Final Order and understands her responsibilities as monitor. Dr. Pantaleon stated he works in several places. Dr. Pantaleon main location is his pediatric office is 7761 Northwest 146<sup>th</sup> Street, Miami, FL 33016.

A motion was made, seconded and carried that Dr. Villaman-Bencosme be approved as Dr. Pantaleon's monitor.

### **Tab 5 – Jose Coba, M.D**

Dr. Coba appeared before the Probationers Committee for his first appearance without his temporarily approved monitor, Dr. Jack Michael. Dr. Coba's monitor was excused but must be present at the next meeting.

Dr. Coba was present at the Probation Committee meeting at which his extension request to pay the fine and costs, was presented for consideration. His plan is as follows:

1. \$2,000.00 January 5, 2011
2. \$3,000.00 February 5, 2011
3. \$3,500.00 March 5, 2011
4. \$3,500.00 April 5, 2011
5. \$4,000.00 May 5, 2011
6. \$4,000.00 June 5, 2011
7. \$4,500.00 July 5, 2011
8. \$6,000.00 August 5, 2011
9. \$7,500.00 September 5, 2011
10. \$12,000.00 October 5, 2011

A motion was made, seconded, and carried that Dr. Coba's temporarily approval continues until the next meeting.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve Dr. Coba's payment plan.

### **Tab 7 – Ismael Labrador, M.D**

Dr. Labrador appeared before the Probationers Committee for his first appearance with his temporarily approved monitor, Dr. Yesim E. Calafell, license number ME 97267. Dr. Labrador introduced his monitor Dr. Yesim E. Calafell, she is Board certified in Internal Medicine. While questioning Dr. Calafell stated that she read the final order and works for Dr. Labrador. Dr. Labrador is the owner of the clinic which indicates a direct financial relationship between Dr. Labrador and Dr. Calafell. Dr. Labrador was directed to find another monitor who meets all the requirements for a monitor.

Dr. Labrador made an appearance before the Probation Committee to request approval of his Quality Assurance Review. Dr. Labrador has until the next meeting to submit a follow-up report from the Risk Manager to document compliance with recommendations.

A motion was made, seconded and carried that Dr. temporarily approved still remain in effect until he is able to find another monitor in which does not have a financial relationship with.

A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to approve Dr. Labrador's Quality Assurance Review.

### **Tab 8 – Norman Moskowitz, M.D**

Dr. Moskowitz appeared before the Probationers Committee for his first appearance with his temporarily approved monitor, Dr. Michael A. Langone, license number ME 54640. Dr. Langone was asked a series of questions by the Probation Committee. Dr. Langone stated that he has read the final order and understands responsibilities as monitor, there are no financial relationship. Dr. Moskowitz currently does not have an office and anticipation taking space in Dr. Langone's office.

A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to approve Dr. Langone be approved as Dr. Moskowitz's monitor.

### **Tab 9 – Jose Valladare, M.D**

Dr. Valladare did not appear before the Probationers Committee for his first appearance. Dr. Valladare provided the Committee with a request to be excused from because is currently not practicing. Ms. Troupe representing PRN was present. Ms. Troupe stated that Dr. Valladare is currently not working and has not been able to get on staff. He has been able to locate a monitor.

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## **Quarterly Appearances**

### **Tab 10 – Matthew Kachinas**

#### **Case pulled – License Revoked**

### **Tab 11 - Mario Diaz, M.D.**

Dr. Diaz made his quarterly appearance before the Probation Committee with his attorney. Dr. Diaz stated that he is doing well. Dr. Diaz has requested that his monitor supervision be changed from “direct” to “indirect.” Compliance Officer advised that Dr. Diaz is in compliance with terms of the Final Order.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to refer Dr. Diaz’s request to the full Board for consideration, to have his supervision changed from “direct” to “indirect”.

### **Tab 12 – Moulton Keane, M.D.**

Dr. Keane made his final appearance before the Probationers Committee along with monitor Dr. Rosenblatt. Dr. Keane stated he is doing well. Community Service is almost complete. Chair requested that final payment be forwarded for review.

No other motions were made; probation ends.

### **Tab 13 - William Leach, M.D.**

Dr. Leach appeared before the Probationers Committee for his quarterly appearance and Ms. Troupe representing PRN. Dr. Leach stated he is doing well and stable. Ms. Troupe representing PRN reported he is in compliance with his contract. Compliance Officer reported that Dr. Leach is in compliance with the terms of the Final Order.

No other motions were made; probation continues.

### **Tab 14 - Val Manocchio, M.D.**

Dr. Manocchio did not appear before the Probationers Committee for his quarterly appearance. He requested to be excused by the Probationers Committee.

Dr. Manocchio's absence was excused by the Probationers Committee.

**Tab 15 - Harold Smith, M.D.**

Dr. Smith appeared before the Probationers Committee for his quarterly appearance along with Ms. Troupe representing PRN. Dr. Smith stated that he is doing well. Ms. Troupe representing PRN stated he is in compliance with his PRN contract.

No other motions were made; probation continues.

**Tab 17 - Timothy Eastburn, P.A.**

Mr. Eastburn made his quarterly appearance before the Probationers Committee along with Ms. Troupe representing PRN. Mr. Eastburn stated he is doing well. Ms. Troupe reported he is in compliance with PRN.

No other motions were made; probation continues.

**Tab 19 - Samuel Adams, M.D.**

Dr. Adams did not appear before the Probationers Committee for his quarterly appearance; however, Ms. Troupe representing PRN was present. Dr. Adams requested to be excused by the Probationers Committee. His probation is tolled; however, the Committee requested his presence at the next Probationer's Committee Meeting. Ms. Troupe stated he is in compliance with his PRN contract.

No other motions were made, probation is tolled. Dr. Adams absence was excused by the Probationers Committee

**Tab 20 - Carlos Fleming, M.D.**

Dr. Fleming made his quarterly before the Probationers Committee. Dr. Fleming stated he is doing well however he is currently not practicing. Dr. Fleming stated that he is Family Practitioner and is having trouble finding a job with the restrictions on his license. Ms. Troupe representing PRN was present. Ms. Troupe stated he is in compliance with his PRN contract.

No other motions were made; probation is tolled.

## **Final Appearances**

### **Tab 21 – Tammy Tadam, M.D.**

Dr. Tadam made her final appearance before the Probationers Committee along with Ms. Troupe representing PRN. Ms Troupe reported she is in compliance with PRN. Dr. Tadam stated she is returning to school in April part-time.

No other motions were made; probation ends.

### **Tab 16 - Robert Lentz, M.D.**

Dr. Lentz made his final appearance before the Probationers Committee. Dr. Lentz's stated he is doing well.

No other motions were made; probation end.

### **Tab 18 - James Fulton, M.D.**

Dr. Fulton made his quarterly appearance before the Probationers Committee. Dr. Fulton stated he is doing well.

No other motions were made; probation end.

## **Quarterly Appearance**

### **Tab 2 – Valentine Duruibe, M.D.**

Dr. Duruibe made his first appearance before the Probationers Committee. Dr. Duruibe was required to the Department with a copy of his payment with the Agency for Healthcare Administration (AHCA). He provided the Probationers Committee with a copy of the payment plan.

No other motions were made; probation continues as long as he owes the AHCA. His probation will terminate after completion of payments to AHCA.

## **Community Service Plans**

### **Tab 22 – Paula De Groat, M.D.**

Dr. Groat was not required to attend this Probation Committee meeting at which her community service plan at John Knox Health Agency, Inc. was presented for consideration.

A motion was made, second, and carried unanimously to approve Dr. Groat's community service plan.

### **Tab 23 – Naji Baddoura, M.D.**

Dr. Baddoura was not required to attend this Probation Committee meeting at which his community service plan at Feeding America Tampa Bay was presented for consideration.

A motion was made, second, and carried unanimously to approve Dr. Baddoura's community service plan.

### **Tab 24 – Carol Brewer, M.D.**

Dr. Brewer was not required to attend this Probation Committee meeting at which her community service plan at The Salvation Army Center of Hope was presented for consideration.

A motion was made, second, and carried unanimously to approve Dr. Brewer's community service plan.

### **Tab 25 – Shekhar Desai, M.D.**

Dr. Desai was not required to attend this Probation Committee meeting at which his community service plan at Habitat for Humanity was presented for consideration.

A motion was made, second, and carried unanimously to approve Dr. Desai's community service plan.

### **Tab 26 – Bryant Draper, M.D.**

Dr. Draper was not required to attend this Probation Committee meeting at which his community service plan at Christian Service Center was presented for consideration.

A motion was made, second, and carried unanimously to approve Dr. Draper's community service plan.

**Tab 27 – Michael Graham, M.D.**

Dr. Graham was not required to attend this Probation Committee meeting at which his community service plan at The Boy Scouts of America, Troop 641 was presented for consideration.

Dr. Graham was not required to attend this Probation Committee meeting at which his lecture outline was presented for consideration.

A motion was made, second, and carried unanimously to approve Dr. Graham's community service plan and lecture outline.

**Tab 28 – George Gray, M.D.**

Dr. Gray was not required to attend this Probation Committee meeting at which his community service plan at Indian River Habitat for Humanity and community service extension request was presented for consideration.

A motion was made, second, and carried unanimously to approve Dr. Gray's community service plan and additional four months to complete his community service.

**Tab 29 – Lawrence Halperin, M.D.**

Dr. Halperin was not required to attend this Probation Committee meeting at which his community service plan at Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County was presented for consideration.

Dr. Halperin was not required to attend this Probation Committee meeting at which his lecture outline was presented for consideration.

A motion was made, second, and carried unanimously to approve Dr. Halperin's community service plan and lecture outline.

**Tab 30- Royce Hood, M.D.**

Dr. Hood was not required to attend this Probation Committee meeting at which his community service plan at Good Samaritan Clinic was presented for consideration.

A motion was made, second, and carried unanimously to approve Dr. Hood's community service plan.

**Tab 31- Todd Jaffe, M.D.**

Dr. Jaffe was not required to attend this Probation Committee meeting at which his community service plan at Titusville High School was presented for consideration.

A motion was made, second, and carried unanimously to approve Dr. Jaffe's community service plan.

**Tab 32 – Elias Khoury, M.D.**

Dr. Khoury was not required to attend this Probation Committee meeting at which his community service plan at Where Hope Lives and the Cancer Support Community was presented for consideration.

A motion was made, second, and carried unanimously to approve Dr. Khoury's community service plan.

**Tab 33 – Michael Link, M.D.**

Dr. Link was not required to attend this Probation Committee meeting at which his community service plan at the Osceola Council on Aging was presented for consideration.

A motion was made, second, and carried unanimously to approve Dr. Link's community service plan.

**Tab 34 – Esther Opinion, M.D.**

Dr. Opinion was not required to attend this Probation Committee meeting at which her community service plan at the Pinellas Health Department was presented for consideration.

A motion was made, second, and carried unanimously to approve Dr. Opinion's community service plan.

**Tab 35 – Fabian Rossi, M.D.**

Dr. Rossi was not required to attend this Probation Committee meeting at which his community service plan at Second Harvest Food Bank was presented for consideration.

A motion was made, second, and carried unanimously to approve Dr. Rossi's community service plan.

**Tab 36 – Jeffery Starling, M.D.**

Dr. Starling was not required to attend this Probation Committee meeting at which his community service plan at Terrace Community Middle School was presented for consideration.

A motion was made, second, and carried unanimously to approve Dr. Starling's community service plan.

**Tab 37 – Mary Stegman, M.D.**

Dr. Stegman was not required to attend this Probation Committee meeting at which her community service plan at St. Isabel Church was presented for consideration.

A motion was made, second, and carried unanimously to approve Dr. Stegman's community service plan.

**Tab 38– Jacob Tangir, M.D.**

Dr. Tangir was not required to attend this Probation Committee meeting at which his community service plan at Skylake Synagogue was presented for consideration.

A motion was made, second, and carried unanimously to approve Dr. Tangir's community service plan.

**Addendum I – Alan Schwartz, M.D.**

Dr. Schwartz was not required to attend this Probation Committee meeting at which his community service plan at Hospice by the Sea was presented for consideration.

A motion was made, second, and carried unanimously to approve Dr. Schwartz's community service plan.

**Addendum II – Mark Horton, M.D.**

Dr. Horton was not required to attend this Probation Committee meeting at which his community service plan at Second Harvest North Florida was presented for consideration.

A motion was made, second, and carried unanimously to approve Dr. Horton's community service plan.

## **Lecture Outlines**

### **Tab 39 – Winstar Moore, III, M.D.**

Dr. Moore was not required to attend this Probation Committee meeting at which his lecture outline was presented for consideration.

A motion was made, second, and carried unanimously to approve Dr. Moore's lecture outline.

### **Tab 40 – Thomas Bass, M.D.**

Dr. Bass was not required to attend this Probation Committee meeting at which his lecture outline was presented for consideration.

A motion was made, second, and carried unanimously to approve Dr. Bass' lecture outline.

### **Tab 41 – Leonard D. Benitez, M.D.**

Dr. Benitez was not required to attend this Probation Committee meeting at which his lecture outline and extension request to complete the lecture was presented for consideration.

A motion was made, second, and carried unanimously to approve Dr. Benitez's lecture outline.

A motion was made, second, and carried unanimously to deny Dr. Benitez's extension request to complete the lecture.

### **Tab 42 – Mark Cuffe, M.D.**

Dr. Cuffe was not required to attend this Probation Committee meeting at which his lecture outline was presented for consideration.

A motion was made, second, and carried unanimously to approve Dr. Cuffe's lecture outline.

### **Tab 43 – Jeffrey Deren, M.D.**

Dr. Deren was not required to attend this Probation Committee meeting at which his lecture outline was presented for consideration.

A motion was made, second, and carried unanimously to approve Dr. Deren's lecture outline.

**Tab 44 – Kelvin Gorrell, M.D.**

Dr. Gorrell was not required to attend this Probation Committee meeting at which his lecture outline was presented for consideration.

A motion was made, second, and carried unanimously to approve Dr. Gorrell's lecture outline.

**Tab 45 – Royce Hood, M.D.**

Dr. Hood was not required to attend this Probation Committee meeting at which his lecture outline was presented for consideration.

A motion was made, second, and carried unanimously to approve Dr. Hood's lecture outline.

**Tab 46 – Rajan Raj, M.D.**

Dr. Raj was not required to attend this Probation Committee meeting at which his lecture outline was presented for consideration.

A motion was made, second, and carried unanimously to approve Dr. Raj's lecture outline.

**Tab 47 – Jacob Tangir, M.D.**

Dr. Tangir was not required to attend this Probation Committee meeting at which his lecture outline was presented for consideration.

A motion was made, second, and carried unanimously to approve Dr. Tangir's lecture outline.

**Addendum VII – Eileen Monuszko, M.D.**

Dr. Monuszko was not required to attend this Probation Committee meeting at which his lecture outline was presented for consideration.

A motion was made, second, and carried unanimously to approve Dr. Monuszko's lecture outline.

## **Payment Plan/ Extensions Requests**

### **Tab 48 – Hisham Hanai, M.D.**

Dr. Hanai was not required to attend this Probation Committee meeting at which his payment plan was presented for consideration. Ms. Troupe representing PRN was present. Ms. Troupe stated that Dr. Hanai was withdrawn from practice March 3, 2011 and sent to be evaluated. He was arrested for a DUI.

A motion was made, second, and carried unanimously to approve Dr. Hanai's payment plan for one year. Payment is due by December 2011.

### **Tab 49 – Bruce Marko, M.D.**

Dr. Marko was not required to attend this Probation Committee meeting at which his payment plan was presented for consideration. His plan is as follows:

1. \$500.00 February 1, 2011
2. \$500.00 March 1, 2011
3. \$500.00 April 1, 2011
4. \$500.00 May 1, 2011
5. \$500.00 June 1, 2011
6. \$500.00 July 1, 2011
7. \$500.00 August 1, 2011
8. \$500.00 September 1, 2011
9. \$500.00 October 1, 2011
10. \$500.00 November 1, 2011
11. \$500.00 December 1, 2011
12. \$320.35 January 1, 2012

A motion was made, second, and carried unanimously to approve Dr. Marko's payment extension for one year.

### **Addendum III – Jeanne Kurtz, P.A.**

Mr. Kurtz was not required to attend this Probation Committee meeting at which his extension of time to perform the Records course sponsored by the Florida Medical Association was presented for consideration.

A motion was made, second, and carried unanimously to approve Ms. Kurtz's extension of time to complete the Records course.

#### **Addendum IV – Kelvin Gorrell, M.D.**

Dr. Gorrell and his attorney, Jon Pellett attended the Probationers' Committee meeting at which his Hernando Computer Club community service request and community service extension request was presented for consideration. Dr. Gorrell has requested that his community service hours are retroactively accepted because the hours were taken prior to obtaining pre-approval from the Probationers Committee.

A motion was made, second, and carried unanimously to approve Dr. Gorrell's community service plan and reactively accept hours completed. The Probationers Committee Chair would like to see a copy of the completion letter from Hernando Computer Club.

#### **Addendum VIII – Richard Gray, M.D.**

Dr. Gray was not required to attend this Probation Committee meeting at which his community service extension was presented for consideration. His attorney, Jon Pellett was present and advocated for consideration of his request until June 2011.

A motion was made, second, and carried unanimously to approve Dr. Gray's extension until June 2011 to complete his community service.

#### **Addendum IX – Gregory Saric, M.D.**

Dr. Saric was not required to attend this Probation Committee meeting at which his extension request to pay the costs was presented for consideration.

A motion was made, second, and carried unanimously to approve Dr. Saric's extension of one year after the reinstatement of his license.

#### **Addendum X – Marla Mathis, P.A.**

Ms. Mathis was not required to attend this Probation Committee meeting at which her request for extension of time to complete the community service was presented for consideration.

A motion was made, second, and carried unanimously to approve Ms. Mathis's extension until the end of December 2011.

## **Continuing Medical Education Request**

### **Tab 50 – Craig J. Badolato, M.D.**

Dr. Badolato was not required to attend this Probation Committee meeting at which his Continuing Medical Education request was presented for consideration.

A motion was made, second, and carried unanimously to approve Dr. Badolato Continuing Medical Education request.

### **Tab 51 – David Buchalter, M.D.**

Dr. Buchalter was not required to attend this Probation Committee meeting at which his Continuing Medical Education request was presented for consideration.

A motion was made, second, and carried unanimously to approve Dr. Buchalter's Continuing Medical Education request.

### **Tab 52 – Todd Jaffe, M.D.**

Dr. Jaffe was not required to attend this Probation Committee meeting at which his Continuing Medical Education request was presented for consideration.

A motion was made, second, and carried unanimously to deny Dr. Jaffe's Continuing Medical Education request.

### **Tab 53 – Michael Link, M.D.**

Dr. Link was not required to attend this Probation Committee meeting at which his Continuing Medical Education request was presented for consideration. The Probation Committee Chair granted temporary approval of Dr. Link request in October 26, 2010 and Dr. Link has submitted proof of completion. The Probation Committee requested that the certification of completion be forwarded for review.

### **Addendum V– Mitchell Hall, M.D.**

Dr. Hall was not required to attend this Probation Committee meeting at which his Continuing Medical Education request was presented for consideration.

A motion was made, second, and carried unanimously to approve Dr. Hall's continuing education request.

### **Addendum V– Esther Opinion, M.D.**

Dr. Opinion was not required to attend this Probation Committee meeting at which her Continuing Medical Education request for reconsideration and an extension of time were presented for consideration. The Probation Committee suggested that she check with University of Miami Spinal Cord Injury Center. If she is unable to locate a course suitable to satisfy the requirements of the Final Order; she can document her inability in writing, the Probation Committee can then address this issue at the next meeting.

A motion was made, second, and carried unanimously to disapprove Dr. Opinion's request for reconsideration.

### **Addendum XI – Travis Harris, M.D.**

Dr. Harris was not required to attend this Probation Committee meeting at which his Continuing Medical Education request was presented for consideration.

A motion was made, second, and carried unanimously to approve Dr. Harris' continuing medical education request.

### **Quality Assurance Review**

#### **Tab 54 – Virgil Sanchez, M.D.**

Dr. Sanchez was not required to attend this Probation Committee meeting at which his Quality Assurance Review was presented for consideration.

A motion was made, second, and carried unanimously to approve Dr. Sanchez's Quality Assurance Review.

### **Other Request**

#### **Tab 55 – Hetal Patel, P.A.**

Mr. Patel was not required to attend this Probation Committee meeting at which his request for reduction of fines and costs was presented for consideration.

A motion was made, second, and carried unanimously to deny but the Probationers Committee is deferring the matter to the full Board.

## **Other Business**

Ms. Donnelly wanted to discuss with the Probationers Committee the issue that licensee who are suspended after a Final Order has been entered and a stay has been granted during the appeal process. Some of the doctors have then gone work in pain management clinics. There have been doctors when depositions have been taken or going to final hearing; they realize that something is coming down. They have as tendency to go work at pain management clinic. Ms. Donnelly offered to compile a list. If we do allow people to continue to practicing, in the future we can consider as a condition they not work in pain management clinics. The Probationers Committee stated that this concern needs to be raised addressed with the full Board.

The Probationers Committee was adjourned until the next meeting on June 10, 2011.