

**NORTH DAKOTA BOARD OF MEDICINE**

**December 8, 2017**

**Call to Order:**

Robert Olson, MD chair, called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m., via teleconference in Bismarck. The attendance on the teleconference was as follows:

**Investigative Panel A:**

Robert Olson, MD	Present
Rup Nagala, MD, Chair	Present
Thomas Carver, DO,	Present
Genevieve Goven, MD	Present
Robert Sticca, MD,	Present
Ann Reich	Absent

**Investigative Panel B:**

Kate Larson, PA-C	Present
Brenda Miller, MD	Present
William Haug, Jr., MD, Chair	Absent
Catherine Houle, MD	Absent
Sara Solberg, MD	Absent
Vaune Johnson,	Present
Gopal Chemiti, MD,	Absent

Staff present in the Board office: Bonnie Storbakken, executive secretary; Lynette McDonald, deputy executive secretary; Marijo DeMott, recording secretary; and legal counsel Stacy Moldenhauer.

Guests present in the Board office: Courtney Koeble, representing the North Dakota Medical Assn.; Marnie Walth, representing Sanford Health.

**Grace Thomas, MD:**

She was an applicant who was interviewed at the Board's November meeting. The Board had requested that we obtain progress notes and orders signed by her while in North Dakota. Dr.

Olson says it appears from the documents that she was not seeing patients prior to being licensed in North Dakota. It appears the facility was attempting to get her acclimated to their system.

**Jack Mutnick, MD:**

The board discussed him participating with the PHP for five years if he were to be licensed in ND. Dr. Mutnick is reluctant to have a condition put on his license. He would be willing to contract with the PHP but would like to voluntarily do so. The Board stated again that enrollment in the NDPHP would be a requirement for Dr. Mutnick to be licensed in ND.

**Telemedicine Rule:**

Bonnie discussed what took place at the Administrative Laws Committee hearing on December 5, 2017. She stated there were additional concerns that were voiced both to the Board as well as to the committee regarding providing an exception to the prohibition to prescribe opioids via telemedicine for MAT purposes. She also stated that there were additional comments received regarding the requirement of a like in person meeting to establish a patient-licensee relationship and the mention of the video component in the rule. Bonnie stated that the telemedicine rule was held over to visit with those who voiced concerns. The rule will be heard again in March. The Board made a motion to appoint a committee with decision making authority to work with Bonnie on the rule to ensure any changes made are in line with the Boards intent.

Dr. Olson adjourned the meeting at 1:37 p.m.