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Medical Board Disciplines Physicians for Inappropriate Prescribing

(Scottsdale, AZ) – At its regular meeting on April 4, 2012, the Arizona Medical Board revoked the medical license of Darryl J. Mohr, MD, and accepted a Consent Agreement for a Decree of Censure and Practice Restriction from James W. Eisenberg, MD. The Board considered a total of 50 cases, and took disciplinary action in a total of six cases involving Arizona physicians.

Darryl J. Mohr, MD

On Wednesday, April 4, 2012, following a full evidentiary hearing that was conducted on January 17 and 18, 2012 at the Office of Administrative Hearings, the Board adopted the Administrative Law Judge's recommendation and voted unanimously to revoke the medical license of Dr. Darryl Mohr.

The hearing considered five different cases against Dr. Mohr and four different patients, all of whom were inappropriately prescribed pain medication. One of the patients died of an overdose.

One of the five cases was initiated when the Arizona Department of Health Services informed the Board that Dr. Mohr had written Medical Marijuana Certifications for 266 patients in which he attested that he reviewed the patients' profiles on the Arizona Pharmacy Board's Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program. At the time he wrote the 266 Marijuana Certifications, Dr. Mohr had not registered with the Pharmacy Board to use the database.

Dr. Mohr had previously been subject to discipline by the Board for other prescribing violations. Given the nature of his conduct and the risk to patients and the public that his conduct presented, the Board believed that revocation of Dr. Mohr's license was necessary.

James W. Eisenberg, MD

On Wednesday, April 4, 2012, the Board entered into a Consent Agreement with Dr. Eisenberg for a Decree of Censure and Practice Restriction. Under the restriction, Dr. Eisenberg may not prescribe, administer, or dispense any controlled substances for a period of five years. The case involved four patients, all of whom had opioid

prescriptions from Dr. Eisenberg with the same personal phone number as Dr. Eisenberg's office phone number. All four patients were receiving Oxycodone for unverified chronic pain diagnoses. Three were teens.

The Board found that a practice restriction was necessary in order to protect the public.

This was Dr. Eisenberg's second disciplinary action with the Board; at its February 3, 2012 meeting the Board entered into a Consent Agreement for a Letter of Reprimand with Dr. Eisenberg. That case was initiated when the Arizona Department of Health Services informed the Board that Dr. Eisenberg had written Medical Marijuana Certifications for 483 patients in which he attested that he reviewed the patients' profiles on the Arizona Pharmacy Board's Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program. At the time he wrote the 483 Marijuana Certifications, Dr. Eisenberg had not accessed the database.

The Arizona Medical Board is the licensing and regulatory agency for more than 21,000 allopathic physicians (MDs). The Board's offices are located at 9545 East Doubletree Ranch Road in Scottsdale.

Copies of the full orders for Dr. Mohr and Dr. Eisenberg, as well all other discipline issued during Wednesday's meeting, can be viewed at the Board's website at www.azmd.gov. Click on Recent Actions at the top of the page.