BEFORE TH	E NEW MEXICO	MEDICAL	ROARD
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IN THE MATTER OF)		AUG 1 5 2012
Shelly Sella, MD)		NM MEDICAL BOARD
License No. 92-62)	No.	2012-026
Respondent.)		

NOTICE OF CONTEMPLATED ACTION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that pursuant to provisions of NMSA 1978, §61-1-4 of the Uniform Licensing Act (ULA), the New Mexico Medical Board ("Board") has before it sufficient evidence that, if not rebutted or explained, will justify the Medical Board imposing sanctions that could include restricting, revoking or suspending your license to practice medicine in the State of New Mexico.

- 1. Respondent is subject to action by the Board pursuant to NMSA 1978, §61-1-1 et seq. and NMSA 1978, §61-6-1 et seq.
- 2. This contemplated action is based on the allegation that on or about May 12, 2011, Respondent performed a thirty-five (35) week pregnancy termination on a patient at a clinic. The patient had prior history of a caesarean delivery. As a result of the procedure, the patient needed to be transported to a hospital for a uterine rupture. The standard of care appropriate for the patient's medical history, and the nature of the procedure, warranted that Respondent should have performed the procedure at a hospital instead of a clinic. The uterine rupture was caused by the excessive use of uterine stimulants.

The above allegation, if proven, would be a violation of NMSA 1978, § 61-6-15(D)(12), gross negligence in the practice of a licensee.

3. Please take notice that pursuant to NMSA 1978, §61-1-4, you may secure a hearing before the Board by depositing in the mail within twenty (20) days after service of this notice a certified return receipt requested letter addressed to the Board and containing a request

for a hearing. If you do not request a hearing within twenty (20) days after service of this notice as described above, the Board will take the contemplated action, i.e., imposing sanctions that could include the revocation or suspension of your license to practice medicine in the State of New Mexico, and there will be no judicial review of their decision.

4. Pursuant to NMSA 1978, §61-1-8, you have the right to be represented by counsel or by a licensed member of your profession or both, and to present all relevant evidence by means of witnesses, books, papers, documents and other evidence; to examine all opposing witnesses who may appear on any matter relevant to the issues and have subpoenas duces tecum issued as of right prior to the commencement of the hearing, to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of relevant books, papers, documents and other evidence upon making a written request therefore to the Board. The issuance of such subpoenas after commencement of the hearing rests with the discretion of the Board or Hearing Officer.

Dated this from day of August, 2012.

NEW MEXICO MEDICAL BOARD

Lynn Hart, Executive Director

NM Medical Board 2055 S. Pacheco, #400

Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

(505) 476-7220

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on August 15, 2012, a true and correct copy of the Notice of Contemplated Action was served to Respondent, via certified mail, return receipt requested, at the address below:

Shelley Sella, M.D. c/o Molly Schmidt-Nowara, Esq. Garcia, Ives and Nowara Law Firm 201 Third Street NW, Ste. 480 Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102

(signed)