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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

June 11, 1991

Joel B. Bettigole, M.D.
[REDACTED]

RE: Drug Enforcement Administration (06/15/90) vs. Joel B. Bettigole, M.D.

Dear Doctor Bettigole:

During the course of its meeting of April 9, 1991, the Board of Medical Examiners considered the above-referenced matter.

Following a complete and detailed review of all pertinent and available information, the Board concluded in Open Session that this matter should be filed with an advisory letter of concern.

Specifically, the Board was concerned with your failure to properly execute a DEA Form 222 in order to transfer Schedule II medications from one location to another.

Please be advised that the Board will retain this file for future reference should similar problems arise. The Board determined to take no other formal action at this time.

On behalf of the Board of Medical Examiners, please accept my appreciation for your assistance and cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

DOUGLAS N. CERF
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cc: DEA/Diversion Unit

Meredith and carried via majority vote, with Doctor Geysler voting in opposition to the motion, that the matter be filed with a letter of concern to Doctor Mehaffey for writing a prescription in the name of the patient's husband so it would be honored by AHCCCS. The Board also felt that though this was an isolated incident, it showed very poor judgment on the part of Doctor Mehaffey.

B.C. (Patient-C.J.C.) vs. Thomas J. Hughes, Jr., M.D. CLC#5

Doctor Geysler and Mister Drucker abstained from participating in discussion of this complaint matter.

Following a review of all pertinent records and discussion of the complaint matter, it was moved by Doctor Soldo, seconded by Doctor Holsey and unanimously carried, that Doctor Hughes appear for an Informal Interview at a future meeting of the Board.

Charter Hospital of the East Valley (09-02-90) vs. Jose N. Ortiz, M.D. CLC#6

Following a review of all pertinent records and discussion of the complaint matter, it was moved by Doctor Geysler, seconded by Doctor Friedman and unanimously carried, that the matter be filed with a letter of concern to Doctor Ortiz for failure to complete hospital medical records in a timely fashion.

T.C.C. vs. John Hughes, M.D. CLC#7

Following a review of all pertinent records and discussion of the complaint matter, it was moved by Doctor Friedman, seconded by Doctor Meredith and failed, that the matter be filed with a letter of concern to Doctor Hughes for failing to obtain mammographic evidence that the correct area was biopsied.

A substitute motion was made by Doctor Geysler, seconded by Doctor Meredith and carried via majority vote, with Doctors Friedman and Holsey voting in opposition to the motion, that investigation in this matter be continued so that staff may review both sets of x-rays of this patient's breast biopsy.

D.E.A. (06-15-90) vs. Joel B. Bettigole, M.D. CLC#8

Following a review of all pertinent records and discussion of the complaint matter, it was moved by Mister Drucker, seconded by Doctor Meredith and unanimously carried, that the matter be filed with a letter of concern to Doctor Bettigole for failing to properly execute a DEA Form 222 to transfer Schedule II medications from one location to another.