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STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE TAKES DISCIPLINARY ACTION

WAKEFIELD: At its meeting Wednesday, the state Board of Registration in Medicine took disciplinary action against the medical licenses of James H. Avruch, M.D., Jonathan Kroll, M.D., Paul D. Weinstein, M.D., Michael A. Reynolds, M.D. and Paul Daniel Lucey, M.D.

The Board retroactively revoked the limited license of Dr. James H. Avruch, finding that he was terminated by Baystate Medical Center after testing positive for heroin, cocaine and marijuana. His limited license expired in 2012. Dr. Avruch is a 2010 graduate of Tufts University School of Medicine, and was first issued a limited license in 2010.

The Board also retroactively revoked the limited license of Dr. Jonathan Kroll, finding that he practiced medicine while under the influence of drugs. He has been in a Voluntary Agreement Not to Practice since December 2011. Dr. Kroll is a 2010 graduate of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. He practiced in Boston and was first issued a limited license in 2011.

The right of Dr. Paul D. Weinstein to renew his license was revoked. He had been in a Voluntary Agreement Not to Practice since 2009, after he was arrested for illegal distribution of oxycodone. The Board found that in 2011 Dr. Weinstein had pleaded guilty in federal court to four counts of distribution of oxycodone. Dr. Weinstein is a 1977 graduate of UMass Medical School. He specialized in Emergency Medicine and Occupational Medicine, and was first licensed in Massachusetts in 1978. Dr. Weinstein practiced in Lawrence.

The license of Dr. Michael A. Reynolds was indefinitely suspended. The Board found that he diverted prescription drugs for his own use, and practiced medicine while his ability to do so was impaired. Dr. Reynolds may petition the Board for a stay of the suspension upon his providing to the Board documentation of 36 continuous months of sobriety, and entry into a 5-year Probation Agreement that restricts him from prescribing Schedule II through Schedule V drugs, and requires him to have a Board-approved practice plan and practice monitor. Dr. Reynolds is a 1997 graduate of Boston University School of Medicine. He is Board certified in Family Medicine and has been licensed to practice in Massachusetts since 2000.

In a final matter, the Board reprimanded Dr. Paul Daniel Lucey. The Board found that Dr. Lucey was disciplined by the Florida Department of Health for reasons substantially the same as those found in Massachusetts statute and regulations, specifically pre-signing blank prescription forms for

issuance by a medical staff member to a patient. Dr. Lucey is a 1982 graduate of Georgetown University School of Medicine. He is board certified in Emergency Medicine, and has been licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts since 1990. He does not currently practice in Massachusetts.

The Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine licenses more than 40,000 physicians, osteopaths and acupuncturists. The Board was created in 1894 to protect the public health and safety by setting standards for the practice of medicine and ensuring that doctors who practice in the Commonwealth are appropriately qualified and competent. The Board investigates complaints, holds hearing and determines sanctions. More information is available at www.mass.gov/massmedboard.

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