## New Mexico Medical Board



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## <u>Via certified first-class mail (return receipt requested)</u>

Ms. Ivonne Boujaoude c/o William Sutherland Sutherland Law Firm LLC 5901-J Wyoming NE #338 Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109

Re: Case No. 2021-012 (Investigation Case No. 2020-D-204)

Dear Ms. Boujaoude,

This letter serves as a formal demand from the New Mexico Medical Board ("Board") for you to cease ad desist the unlicensed practice of medicine in New Mexico. The unlicensed practice of medicine in New Mexico and attempts to practice medicine in New Mexico without a license violate State law and can be prosecuted as a fourth degree felony.

New Mexico defines "the practice of medicine" as consisting of -

- "(1) advertising, holding out to the public or representing in any manner that one is authorized to practice medicine in this state;
- "(2) offering or undertaking to administer, dispense or prescribe a drug or medicine for the use of another person, except as authorized pursuant to a professional or occupational licensing statue set forth in Chapter 61 NSA 1978;
- "(3) offering or undertaking to give or administer, dispense or prescribe a drug or medicine for the use of another person, except as directed by a licensed physician;
- "(4) offering or undertaking to perform an operation or procedure upon a person;
- "(5) offering or undertaking to diagnose, correct or treat in any manner or by any means, methods, devices or instrumentalities any disease, illness pain, wound, fracture, infirmity, deformity, defect or abnormal physical or mental condition of a person;
- (6) offering medical peer review, utilization review or diagnostic service of any kind that

directly influences patient care, except as authorized pursuant to a professional or occupational licensing statute set forth in Chapter 61 NMSA 1978; or

"(7) acting as the representative or agent of a person in doing any of the things listed [above]."

NMSA 1978, Section 61-6-6(K).

The Board has determined you are practicing medicine without a license because you are purporting to diagnose and treat physical and mental conditions from which individuals may be suffering.

Sincerely,

Sondra Frank, J.D., Executive Director

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