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From: Karen Whatley

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To: Juli Carlson

Subject: Memo re phone call

On September 8, 2016, Dr. Judy McDonald contacted the Executive Secretary regarding Dr. James Merlin Hawk. Dr. McDonald is currently working locum tenens through Weatherby Healthcare and is working at Dr. Hawk's clinic. In the application to Weatherby, the clinic was listed as a family practice clinic which also provided a "little bit of pain management." Since arriving at the clinic, Dr. McDonald has been overwhelmed with the amount of pain medications Dr. Hawk is prescribing. She described the clinic as a "pain management mill." She stated she does not feel comfortable prescribing the medication and has been referring patients out. She stated she is aware the PMP will show she has prescribed a large amount of pain medications and she wanted to alert the Board to the situation. She thinks Weatherby will pull her from the clinic tomorrow and that Weatherby believes Dr. Hawk and his wife were deceptive regarding the medical care to be provided.

According to Dr. McDonald, she had no idea what she was getting herself into. She stated she is a chronic pain patient of another physician but has been shocked by the amount of pain medications prescribed by Dr. Hawk. She has tried to contact Dr. Roman to discuss the matter with him. They have not made contact but asked if someone will get a message to him to have him contact her. She can be reached at the clinic at 870-741-4295 or by cell at 501-545-1996.

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