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1 2 3 4 5	STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIANS		there? A. I do some consultir, actually a business that my	· .
6 7 8 9 10	INTERVIEW WITH KIMBERLY WALKER		A and runs. So, I do to assist some of his people	in getting government
11 12 13 14	UDVD ON MICHON 22 2010	10	B busy in the office there. I do Q. Okay.	
15 16 17 18 19	HELD ON AUGUST 23, 2010	11 12 13	A. It varies. Usually	
20 21 22 23	INTERVIEW CONDUCTED BY CHRISTINE FARRELLY	14 15 16	complete. He might have a called out of the office; he	task where he or somebody wants me in there for a few
24 25		17 18 19	Q. Okay. So, it's not A. No, it's not routing	routine days? days that I work or
		20 21 22	Q. Okay. A. In Bowie Town Cen	ter. I work there 15 to 20
		23 24 25	schedule there.	ss. And I do nave a regular
	· ·	2		4
1	PROCEEDINGS			fter my application. Well,
2	MR. FARRELLY: Okay, today is August 23rd.	3		ouple of times over the past a permanent position there,
3 4	This is Christine Farrelly, Compliance Analyst, at the	4		
5	Maryland Board of Physicians. It's approximately 11:15	5	- 11	
6	a.m. I would just ask the other individuals in the room	6		veek to week. I'm there
7	to identify themselves for the record.	7		rsday, Friday of this week. But
8	MS. SAMMONS: Oh, I'm sorry, Maureen Sammons,	8		two or three days. It does
9	Compliance Analyst.	9	vary, but I am there 15 to	20 hours a week.
10	MR. COHEN: And I'm Marc A. Cohen, I'm attorney	10	· •	
11	for Dr. Kimberly Walker, who's seated to my right.	11	11	
12	DR. WALKER: Kimberly M. Walker.	12		k evenings. What time do you
13	MS. FARRELLY: Okay, thank you.	13	9 9	41
14	DR. WALKER: Mm-hmm.	14 15		until usually 10:00 in the
15	MS. FARRELLY: I'm going to just swear you in.	16	- 11	longer shifts on the weekends.
16 17	(Witness was sworn.) MS. SAMMONS: Did you want to start with the	17		e morning until 6:00 in the
18	employment stuff?	18		
19	EXAMINATION	19		
20	BY MS. FARRELLY:	20	•	
21	Q. In your application, you indicated that you, at	21	Q. Any other employ	ment, paid work?
22	the time, were employed at In-Home I'm sorry, let me	22		
23	correct In-Home Medical Services.	23	Q. Okay. Any other.	like, volunteer work or
24	A. In-Home Medical Supplies, yes.	24	A. I've been probably	what you are interested in,
25	Q. I'm sorry, Supplies. Are you still currently	25	I have been going with An	nerican Woman Services, Dr.
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5 Steven Brigham. I met him in August or September of last 1 Q. Okay. Now, how did you kind of meet Dr. 1 year, shortly after I submitted my application. And I 2 Brigham? Was - did you see an ad? was just trying to find employment at the time. He 3 3 A. I did. It was a website. I went to his basically said that, you know, he'd be willing to train 4 website and he put under employment, it says, you know, 4 me and he could work with me with the level of skills 5 5 will -- any licensed physician willing to train, that 6 that I had once I had a license. sort of thing. Yeah, it was an ad on his website. 6 7 I didn't realize the licensing process would Q. Okay. Now, could you just take us back to like 7 take so long. After my medical evaluation in December, 8 8 when you -- when you called him how it worked out. Did in January, I thought it would be fairly soon after that. 9 9 you go and meet with him and --So, in January, I started going to watch him do cases. 10 A. What I did is I submitted my CV online, and I 10 And the extent of my involvement there was just watching. 11 received a call from someone in his human resources 11 12 I just observed him do cases to see if I was interested department, and he called me up for an interview. I went 12 13 in working with them. to see him in New Jersey in Vporhees in that office. And 13 I would do that about two days a week. Usually 14 I met with him, and, you know, I told him a little bit 14 it averaged out to be maybe three or four times over a 15 about my background, and he hought that he could, you 15 month. I wouldn't be there every single week, but I 16 know, potentially employ me once I had a license. 16 would go about three to four times a month and watch him 17 17 Q. Okay. 18 do cases. 18 A. Mm-hmm. 19 Q. Where were you going? Q. And then what other physicians have you met at 19 A. The place I would go to was in Elkton, 20 20 the Elkton location? 21 Maryland. A. Let's see, I met Dr. Shepard, because he's 21 22 Q. Okay. 22 usually -- at the Elkton location? 23 A. Mm-hmm. 23 Q. Yeah. Q. So, now, you started last -- I'm sorry --24 24 A. Just Dr. Shepard, and I met a Dr. Riley. I met 25 A. Mm-hmm. her one time. 1 Q. - let's just clarify it. 1 Q. Okay. 2 A. Mm-hmm. 2 A. Mm-hmm. Q. Okay. Last August or September, which was 2009 3 3 Q. Was that recent that you met --4 4 A. It was. It was about -- maybe about three 5 A. Mm-hmm. 5 weeks ago or so. 6 Q. -- so almost a year ago --6 Q. Dr. Riley? 7 A. No, I didn't start going out there until 7 A. Dr. Riley, yeah, three of four weeks ago. And 8 January. Dr. Shepard is usually at the Elkton location when we go 9 Q. Oh, okay. 9 and do cases. A. But I met him in August or September, and --10 10 Q. How many hours does Dr. Shepard spend? 11 A. I mean, the whole - there are not a lot of 11 A. -- he kind of, you know, was waiting around for 12 12 patients there. So, some days it's one patient; some me to get my license, and then he said, oh, well, maybe 13 days it's like four or five patients. So, the total time 13 it might be a good idea if you come watch cases with us 14 that, you know, that it takes us about two hours or so 14 15 and so I did. that, you know, they're even in the facility. So, Dr. 15 16 Q. Okay. Shepard is there usually, you know, the entire time that, 16 17 A. Yeah. 17 you know, the two hours that, you know, Dr. Brigham and 18 Q. So, since January of --18 the rest of the staff is there. 19 A. Since January. 19 Q. Okay. 20 Q. - 2010. 20 A. Mm-hmm. 21 A. Mm-hmm. Q. So, now, who is performing the abortions that 21 22 Q. You go three or four times a month --22 you're observing? 23 A. Mm-hmm. 23 A. Dr. Brigham. 24 Q. - to the Elkton location. 24 Q. Dr. Brigham. 25 A. Mm-hmm. A. Mm-hmm.

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1	Q. Okay. So, I guess how many abortions have	1	Q. Okay.		
2	you seen Dr. Brigham do in Elkton?	2		finitely wouldn't qualify	
3	A. I would I don't know, maybe 50 or so.	3			
4	Q. About 50?	4	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		
5	A. Yeah. I that's a rough estimate. I could	5	1]	
6	take a piece of paper and calculate it out, but I'm	6	- 1	t	
7.	guessing like maybe two to three cases each time I've	7			
8	gone, and I've probably, you know, if I've gone three	8	-		
9	times over the last five or six months, that would	9	Q. You'd have to kind	of once you are licensed,	
10	probably be about 50 or so.	10	you'd have to start formal	training.	
11	Q. Okay.	11	A. Exactly, exactly.		
12	A. Yeah.	12	Q. In order to feel like	you are competent in	
13	Q. Now, have you ever done anything with Dr.	13	those procedures.	-	
14	Brigham there?	14	A. Mm-hmm, exactly.		
15	A. No.	15	Q. Okay. Now, I gues	I would just ask why if	
16	Q. Okay.	16	you know		
17	A. No.	17	A. Mm-hmm.		
18 19	Q. So, your role is	18	Q why does Dr. Bri	ham come down to Elkton?	
20	A. I just stand there and watch.Q. Okay.	19	MR. COHEN: Only	you know.	
21	A. Yes.	20 21	THE WITNESS: Yea		
22	Q. So, Dr. Brigham is effectively training you by	22	BY MS. FARRELLY:		
23	performing abortions and	23	Q. Okay. A. Yeah.		
24	A. Well, I don't know I don't even know if he	24	i	talked with him about, you	
25	considers that training, per se.	25	know, come to Elkton to of		
	10		Know, come to Ention to of		
1	Q. Okay.	1	A Non h	12	
2	A. He – you know, I do watch him do cases, and it	1 2	A. Mm-hmm.	la ta roma da la	
3	helps me. I just like to be in a medical environment	3	compared to some other loc	he has an Elkton location	
4	really.	4	A. No. I mean, I know h		
5	Q. Okay.	5	so I just I don't know. Yea		
6	A. But, you know, I don't think that would he	6	Q. Okay, so he didn't s		
7	would call that the extent of my training, you know.	7	place for you to observe or	anything along those lines?	
8	Q. Okay.	8	A. No.	, and along mose integ.	
9	A. Yeah.	9	Q. Okay.		
10	Q. So, you're more there just to observe Dr.	10	A. No.		
11	Brigham	11	Q. Now, what days does	Dr. Brigham generally do	
12	A. Mm-hmm.	12	abortions in Elkton?		
13	Q do the abortions and it's not really a	13	 A. Wednesday and Frida 	4.	
14	training that you're thinking it's a training.	14	Q. Okay.		
15	A. I mean, it wouldn't be sorry	15	A. Mm-hmm.		
16	MS. SAMMONS: Oh, no, I'm sorry. I just felt	16		oes do you arrive or Dr.	
17	like this vibration. Sorry.	17	Brigham?		

like this vibration. Sorry. THE WITNESS: I'm sorry. BY MS. FARRELLY: Q. I'm sorry, no, we can go back. You don't

really feel it -- it's training right now?

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21 22 A. I mean, it's training in a way. I'm learning. 23 · I can't say that, you know, not watching would be more beneficial, so I'm sure I'm learning something by 24 25 watching.

A. Usually like 10:00 in the morning. Q. Okay.

A. Mm-hmm.

Q. Okay. It's the Board's understanding that the abortions performed in Elkton are late-term abortions.

A. Mm-hmm.

Q. Is that what you've generally observed?

A. Sometimes there -- there are late cases;

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1	A. You know, I hadn't really thought about it.		1 them a twilight sedation	19
2	Q. Okay.		2 bursette (phonetic) and	which is a combination of
3	A. You know, to be honest with you, I kind of		2 bursette (phonetic) and 3 fentanyl as well.	etamine, and I feel like
4	assumed that they were at the location close to the		J. as Woll.	
5	nospital, you know, because they had some kind of		2. remanyi;	
6	relationship with the hospital or, you know 1 I		A. Mm-hmm. So, h	gives them an IV sedation.
. 7	uldn t I never inquired about that. And year I just		e v. Okay. Now, the	forgive me for my
8	doll f know.		7 mispronunciation. 8 A. Mm-hmm.	js ep − ski
9	Q. Okay.			£ ≥ [.
10	A. I don't know. Yeah.		9 Q. The first medica 10 A. Mm-hmm. Burse	tion you mentioned?
I 1 12	Q. Okay. Do you know Dr. Brigham's licensure		11 Q. No, mis	tte?
12	status:	1	12 A. Oh, misoprostol.	
13 14	A. No, I don't.		13 Q. Uh-huh. Yeah.	
14 15	Q. Okay. Did he tell you he was a licensed	- 1	C. On nun. I call.	
16	physician?		15 with that term.	ot sure if you're familiar
17	A. I mean, I assumed he was. He has offices in	i	6 Q. Okay.	
8	quite a few locations. So I just assumed that he are	1	7 A. It's hasically a ma	institut to the
9	don't know if we ever discussed we hadden		7 A. It's basically a med 8 approved for GI uses, but	ication that was FDA-
:0	unat He talked about some things that he that had		9 obstetrics to dilate the cen	it's commonly used in
I	mappelled to fill in the past and that in New Jargov be	2	Q. Okay.	IX.
2	couldn't do certain cases or something but that's the	2	1 A. Yeah.	
3	extent of yeah, that's the extent of it.	2:		ation administered at Elkton
4	Q. Did he ever tell you what the law regarding	2:	or some - or at the other	location?
5	abortions was up in New Jersey? Did he ever mention like oh Lean't do chartier	24	A. I've seen it given at	Fikton
	like, oh, I can't do abortions after this many weeks up	25	Q. Okay.	Dikton.
		18		
	here?	١,	4 37 1 -	20
,	A. He said something about inserting laminaria,		Your I don (Know	, they probably give it
1	out I ill not sure, I don't recall what exactly the rule	3	uicie as well. It's not unch	mmon for nationts to
,	was, out he did mention something about laminaria	1	it over a course of days to	iein soften and get the
1	isertion and the laws in New Jersey.	1.4	cervix prepared for a proce	dure like that.
	Q. Oh, okay. Now, the nationts who you with and		Q. Oh, okay.	
I	71. Drignam do the abortions on	6	A. Mm-hmm.	
	A. Mm-hmm.	7	Q. Yeah, I guess that	was my question, because I
	Q in Elkton	9	mought that the way that	it went or protocol
	A. Mm-hmm.	10	A. WIM-HMM.	
	Q were the patients was that laminaria	11	Q. — is they insert the	laminaria and then, like,
ir	iserted in Elkton, Maryland?	12	the following day they give	the medication to start
	A. No.	13	contractions.	
	Q. Okay, so it was inserted at another location?	14	A. Mm-hmm, mm-hmm	• .
~	A. Obviously. Yeah, when they arrived well the	15	Q. And then they wou	d perform a dilation and
fii	ist process of the procedure is he removes the	16	cracuation.	
la	minaria, so they're already inserted.	17	A. Mm-hmm. Essential	y I it's also useful to
	Q. Okay.	18	neip contract the uterus.	
	A. Mm-hmm.	19	Q. Okay.	
***	Q. Now, does he administer medication there in	20	A. So, and and to help	make sure the placenta
El	Aton when he's doing abortions?	21	doesn't adhere to the uterine	wall.
	A. Mm-hmm.	22	Q. Oh, okay.	
	Q. Okay, what medications would that be?	23	A. So, it can be given du	ring the procedure, as
	A. He gives the patients misoprostol cometimes.	23 24	WCII.	
gue	SS IO Dienare them you know 6 of	24 25	Q. Okay. A. Yeah, the purpose is f	
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1	A. Right.					
2	Q. Okay, so Dr. Shepard's	name is on it, and then				
3	I'm guessing this is you					
4	A. Mm-hmm.					
5	Q Dr. Wolker, even thou	igh it's spelled				
6	incorrectly.					
7	A. Okay.		100 miles		4.	
8	Q. But it's your testimony t	hat you did not touch	•		•	
9	those					
10 11	A. No, absolutely not.					
12	Q those patients?A. No.					
13						
14	Q. Okay. So, these abortion completed by Dr. Brigham?	is would have been				
15	A. That would be correct.					
16	Q. Okay.					
17	A. Mm-hmm.					
18	Q. Okay. Thank you. We'i	ra just gaing to stan the				
19	recording.	e Just Soing to 210h tue				
20	(Whereupon, the	interview was				
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