**Friday, March 24, 2017**

**MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF MEDICINE TAKES DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

**WAKEFIELD:** At its meeting on March 23, 2017, the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine took disciplinary action against the medical licenses of Kristin L. Howard, M.D., and Robert P. Lindeman, M.D.

 In a Consent Order, the Board indefinitely suspended the license of Dr. Kristin L. Howard, after Dr. Howard agreed that she had pled guilty in September, 2013 to criminal charges arising out of an Operating under the Influence of Liquor incident the previous year. The suspension was immediately stayed upon Dr. Howard’s entry into a Probation Agreement which includes on-going monitoring of her sobriety. Dr. Howard is board –certified in emergency medicine and was first licensed in Massachusetts in 1996. She entered into a Voluntary Agreement Not to Practice with the Board on November 12, 2012.

 The Board also accepted the resignation of the license to practice medicine of Dr. Robert P. Lindeman. Resignation is a disciplinary action that permanently removes a physician from the practice of medicine. Dr. Lindeman, a board-certified pediatrician, has been licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts since 1999. He has not practiced medicine since his license to practice medicine was summarily suspended by the Board on December 17, 2014.

 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 and determines sanctions. More information is available at [www.mass.gov/massmedboard](http://www.mass.gov/massmedboard), or you may contact Bridgette Sanders at bridgette.sanders@massmail.state.ma.us