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Dr. Samuel Chacon Medical License Still Under Review

The medical license of Reno doctor accused of irreparably harming dozens of women continues to be under review.

October 12, 2023 – Reno, NV – A public hearing was held before the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners to determine whether the suspension of Dr. Samuel Chacon’s medical license should be extended as a result of placing patients in unnecessary danger. Dr. Chacon’s medical license was first suspended in September 2023 after he failed to establish appropriate care for a patient with a high-risk pregnancy and gestational diabetes, resulting in needless risk of harm.

The hearing took place on October 12, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. in the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners’ office, where dozens of victim-survivors and community members came to support the further suspension of Dr. Chacon’s medical license. Many of those who showed up were former patients, who have accused Dr. Chacon of performing forced sterilization, reproductive coercion, and unnecessary procedures resulting in lifelong complications. There are currently 27 cases pending against Dr. Chacon.

A decision was not made before the 5:00 p.m. deadline so an additional hearing is to be scheduled in the future. Dr. Michael Ross has been called as an expert witness to the case and is to be questioned in the next hearing.

“It was amazing to see so many victim-survivors of those harmed by Chacon show up to attend the hearing,” says Serena Evans, Policy Director at NCEDSV. “You could feel the community support amongst them while also feeling the tension as they anxiously awaited the hearing to conclude. While the pending disciplinary hearing is focusing on one specific case, we hope that the Board of Medical Examiners take into account the hundreds of victim-survivors that he has harmed in our community.”

NCEDSV continues to monitor the situation. We stand in support of victim-survivors whose lives have been forever changed by the actions of Dr. Samuel Chacon. We anxiously await the final decision, in hopes that the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners acts with the care and safety victim-survivors in mind.

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