Oregon Medical Board,

 There is an extremely worrisome trend occurring at the Oregon Medical Board

(OMB) quarterly public meetings. Please note the word Public. Initially, it was

wandings and pat downs by armed security of only **specific** public individuals, myself being one, that are not performed uniformly on all guests at the public meeting. I have found this to be nothing more than a form of intimidation to scare off individuals interested in making changes to a dysfunctional Medical Board. I have been to numerous public governmental meetings in the past and have never been searched for a weapon. I have worked on a number of committees with governmental public servants without problem. It’s concerning that the OMB has supposedly become so fearful that it has found it necessary to institute such drastic measures.

Two armed security men watch **specific** public members, myself being one, at all times, even when using the restroom. One is named Dennis and the other is Lanny. I don’t know their last names. Lanny is the individual who asked questions of me in the restroom while I was actively urinating during a break in my “hearing”, specifically about my hearing, in September 2010. At that time I had never met nor spoken to Lanny previously and was quite astonished that he would be so inappropriate. He didn’t even introduce himself.

At the January 2014 quarterly public meeting, Lanny and Dennis escalated their behaviors, along with OMB investigators Eric Brown and Vicky Wilson, to a new level by becoming physically violent. Mr. Miguel Valenciano spoke to the Board and public, during the morning public session, about tolerance and understanding of people and their cultures and about physicians not taking the time to know more about their patients than just their diseases and medications. I found his discussion quite interesting and wanted to ask him a question and get his business card after he finished his presentation. Lanny was aware that I was interested in speaking to Mr. Valenciano because I told him so as he followed me into the restroom to watch me urinate. When I returned to the room where Mr. Valenciano had spoken, he was just finishing speaking with Ms. Kathleen Haley and was leaving. As I approached Mr. Valenciano, I was “bum rushed” by Lanny, Dennis, and investigators Eric Brown and Vickie Wilson. Ms. Wilson immediately stated to me that I was not going to speak with Mr. Valenciano as I was physically pushed up against the hallway wall and then pushed towards the library. I was completely surprised by these behaviors and stated that “I just wanted to ask the speaker for his business card”. Ms. Wilson then stated that, “You’re not going to speak to him at all”. I offered no resistance. I was shoved up against the hallway wall as Mr. Valenciano went by. I was never allowed to speak with him though I was able to ask him from behind a human wall for a business card which he replied that he did not have business cards and that he tried to remain paperless.

I am deeply perplexed by these violent actions. They occurred at a public meeting with a public speaker. There had been no problems during the public meeting at which I sat silently listening. This is readily documented by the recordings of the public meetings that you do. At the time I was physically assaulted, I was doing nothing more than silently waiting to speak with Mr. Valenciano. **The only explanation I have for this incident was that it was meant to intimidate me and to try to provoke me into some type of response out of fear for my safety.** I am uncertain as to whether these four OMB employees acted alone or if this was instructed by someone else at the OMB.

I returned April 4, 2014 for the OMB quarterly meeting. I had driven Devin Bost, another public guest, to the meeting. We waited quietly in the waiting room after signing in. He was then taken back into the library and I assume searched. I was then called into the library area to be searched. Lanny mentioned something about it being a fine day. He sat down in a chair as I stated that, “It will be if I don’t get pushed around at this meeting like the last one.” He stated that he wasn’t involved in the incident. I told him that it had been a public meeting, with a public speaker and that he, Dennis, Eric Brown and Vickie Wilson had laid their hands on me and pushed me into a wall telling me I couldn’t converse with the speaker. Lanny stated he had never put his hands on me. I then stated, “Yes you did dude.” Then Lanny went “ballistic”. He jumped out of the chair he was sitting in, came towards me, blocking me from the only exit from the room, and started yelling at me, “Don’t call me dude!” He then yelled in my face that he was, “tired of my bullshit”. He came closer to me with an extremely menacing look on his face and the body language to support it. He was literally frothing at the mouth shouting, “Let me tell you how things are going to work.” At this point, I have two large men, both with guns, surrounding me and blocking my ability to exit the room, while purposefully being intimidating, menacing and threatening to me. I became frightened and asked to be able to leave the OMB office immediately and that I no longer wished to enter into the public meeting. I had to state this desire to leave immediately three times before I was allowed to leave.

When I was finally allowed to leave the library area I immediately headed straight out of the OMB office. I was accompanied by Lanny and Dennis. As I walked out of the office I stated that I needed to speak with Devin Bost because I was his ride. I asked if they could pull him out of the public meeting. Lanny stated that I wasn’t going to get to talk to him. I stood outside of the OMB office in the elevator area attempting to call Devin Bost to ask him to step out of the public meeting for a minute. I couldn’t reach him. I then started to text him when Eric Brown walked into the elevator area with both Dennis and Lanny. I relayed to Eric Brown what had occurred and asked once again to speak with Devin Bost before I left. Mr. Brown said no. He went back into the OMB office. As I readied myself to leave after texting Mr. Bost, suddenly Mr. Brown brought him out. I spoke with Devin and left.

What is motivating your security and investigative staff to act in such a manner? I mentioned to Eric Brown that Dennis, and in particular Lanny, had acted as thugs. He was offended by this term, but it is the only polite descriptor that seems to fit their actions. It also fits Mr. Brown’s violent physical actions against me, along with Ms. Wilson’s, Lanny’s and Dennis’, at the public meeting in January of 2014. Lanny seems to purposefully dress as a thug. He wears inappropriate and unprofessional clothing at the public meetings. He dresses like a twenty something year old gangster. He wears sunglasses during meetings. He adorns himself with items such as 4” wide black leather wristbands with studs. This is an interesting persona that the OMB is allowing.

Lanny has personally told me that he “used to be an alcoholic”. I have been told that Vickie Wilson was/is an alcoholic. Dennis and Eric Brown also physically look as if they did, or still do, have problems with alcohol. Each of these individuals behaves as a “dry drunk”.

I am requesting numerous State agencies and State Representatives to investigate this situation. This is a public forum that I am attempting to access and I have every right to be there without being **menaced, intimidated, threatened or put in** **fear of my life**. I have never been disruptive at the public meetings and have only spoken on a couple of occasions, but only during the public comment period, as is documented in your tapes of these meetings. These meetings are about the only opportunity the public has to get a glimpse into what the OMB is up to. I have found that you must be at these meetings personally, because the minutes from them are scanty on specifics, especially if they involve negative statements or concerns about the OMB. A glaring example of this is when Senators Bates and Steiner-Hayward addressed the OMB in October 2012. The minutes did not even address why the two physician-senators were there to speak to the OMB. Your governmental agency requested $150 for a copy of the tapes of this meeting. It took over a year to get a bootleg CD of this meeting which I subsequently transcribed and have also made the audio available on youtube.

I request that Eric Brown, Vickie Wilson, Lanny and Dennis, at the very least, be removed from the public meetings because of their aggressive, intimidating and violent behaviors. Realistically, they should not be working in any capacity for the OMB and should be relieved of their positions immediately. It would be very disturbing if they were instructed by an individual(s) at the OMB to behave in this manner to prevent me and others from participating in this public forum. I also request to never be left alone with anyone who performs security for the OMB or at any time during the OMB public meeting without a chaperone of my own choosing and an audio recorder to prevent any further violence towards me. I will be interested to find out if violent behavior directed at non-disruptive public citizens during public meetings is condoned by the State of Oregon and the OMB.

In addition, I am including a letter that was mailed to me by the OMB that was meant for another practitioner who I have no knowledge of. It was mailed to my home address. I had brought it to the April 4th meeting to return to the Board, but this was interrupted by the violence directed towards me and subsequently having to leave in fear for my safety.

Respectfully,

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