

December 2018 Public Board Actions List

Georgia Composite Medical Board
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The Board issued **four** public orders in **December 2018**. To view each Board order, click on the licensee's name below.

1. Mark Griffis, M.D.

38140
Physician
Voluntary Surrender

2. Lorie N. Johnson, M.D.

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Public Consent Order

3. William G. Raisig, M.D.

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DOCKET NUMBER:
20182230

BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

MARK GRIFFIS, M.D.,
License No. 038140,
Respondent.

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DOCKET NO.: 20182230

VOLUNTARY SURRENDER

I, MARK GRIFFIS, holder of License No. 038140 in the State of Georgia, pursuant to O.C.G.A. Ch.34, T. 43, as amended, hereby freely, knowingly and voluntarily surrender said license to the Georgia Composite Medical Board (hereinafter "Board"). I hereby acknowledge that this surrender shall have the same effect as revocation of my license, and I knowingly forfeit and relinquish all right, title and privilege of practicing medicine in the State of Georgia, unless and until such time as my license may be reinstated, in the sole discretion of the Board.


I understand that I have a right to a hearing in this matter, and I hereby freely, knowingly and voluntarily waive such right to a hearing. I also understand that should any request for reinstatement be entertained by the Board, the Board shall have access to any investigative file in this matter. I further understand that upon applying for reinstatement, it shall be incumbent upon me to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Board that I am able to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients, and that if the Board is not satisfied, the Board shall not reinstate my license.

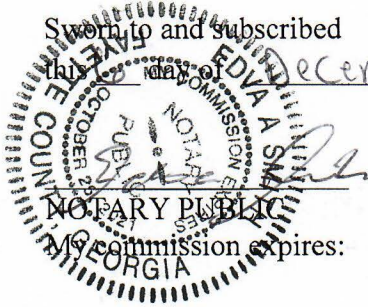
This surrender shall become effective upon acceptance and docketing by the Board. I understand that this document will be considered to be a public record and that this action shall be considered to be and may be disseminated as a final order of the Board.

[SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGE]

[As to Respondent's Signature:]

Sworn to and subscribed
this 6th day of December, 2018.

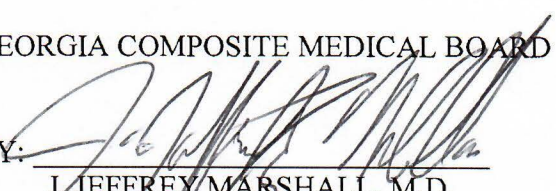

MARK GRIFFIS, M.D.
Respondent



ACCEPTANCE OF SURRENDER

The voluntary surrender of License No. 0038140 is hereby accepted by the Georgia Composite Medical Board, this 6th day of December 2018.

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

BY: 
J. JEFFREY MARSHALL, M.D.
Chairperson

ATTEST: 
LASHARN HUGHES
Executive Director



BEFORE THE COMPOSITE STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

STATE OF GEORGIA

Composite State Board
of Medical Examiners

OCT 17 2007

DOCKET NUMBER

20020082

IN THE MATTER OF:

Mark Griffis, M.D.
License No. 38140,
Respondent

Docket No.

PUBLIC CONSENT ORDER TERMINATING PROBATION

WHEREAS, the Composite State Board of Medical Examiners ("Board") entered a Consent Order in the above styled matter on May 10, 2002, which placed Respondent's license to practice medicine in Georgia on probation; and

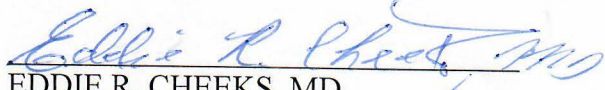
WHEREAS, Respondent has petitioned to have the probation terminated; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the Respondent has complied with all the terms and conditions of the probation,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the probation of Respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of Georgia be TERMINATED.

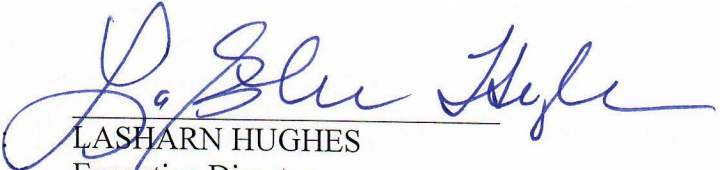
SO ORDERED, this **4th** day of **October** 2007

COMPOSITE STATE BOARD OF
MEDICAL EXAMINERS


EDDIE R. CHEEKS, MD
President

(BOARD SEAL)

ATTEST


LASHARN HUGHES
Executive Director

BEFORE THE COMPOSITE STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
Composite State Board
of Medical Examiners

STATE OF GEORGIA

MAY 10 2002

IN THE MATTER OF:

MARK GRIFFIS, M.D.,
License No. 038140,

Respondent.

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20020082

PUBLIC CONSENT ORDER

By agreement of the Composite State Board of Medical Examiners ("Board") and Mark Griffis, M.D. ("Respondent") the following disposition of this matter is entered pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 50-13-13(a)(4), as amended.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1.

Respondent is licensed to practice medicine in the State of Georgia, and was so licensed at all times relevant to the matters asserted herein.

2.

On or about March 8, 1996, the Respondent entered into a Consent Order with the Board whereby his license was indefinitely suspended as a result of his chemical dependence.

3.

On or about November 13, 1996, the Board issued an Order Lifting Suspension and Permitting Return to Practice, which provided for reinstatement of the Respondent's license but placed the license on probationary status until discharged by the Board. The Order further provided that if the Respondent should fail to abide by all State and Federal laws regulating the practice of medicine or relating to drugs, the Rules and Regulations of the Composite State

Board of Medical Examiners, and the terms of his licensure probation, his license would be subject to further discipline including revocation.

4.

From about February 1998 to approximately March 1999, the Respondent practiced medicine as Medical Director of the Diet Centers located in Douglas, Georgia, with satellite clinics in Alma, Georgia and Fitzgerald, Georgia.

5.

Respondent's conduct failed to conform to the minimal standards of acceptable and prevailing medical practice in the following manner:

(a) In connection with such practice at The Diet Centers, the Respondent signed blank prescriptions and made them available for use at a later date by non-physician clinic personnel in the prescribing of controlled substances to patients in violation of O.C.G.A. § 16-13-41(b) and (a). At the direction of Respondent, these non-physician personnel would see the patients without a physician present and fill in the blank prescriptions previously signed by Respondent with various controlled substances.

(b) Without personally examining or seeing the patients, the Respondent would sign entries on the patients' medical charts, which were made by non-physician clinic personnel.

(c) On several occasions, Respondent directed other non-physician persons, including his wife at the time, to sign his name on patients' charts.

6.

Respondent admits the above findings of fact and waives any further findings of fact with respect to the above-styled matter.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent's conduct constitutes sufficient grounds for the Board to exercise its disciplinary authority and impose sanctions on Respondent as a licensee under O.C.G.A. Ch. 34, T. 43, as amended, O.C.G.A. § 43-1-19(a) and the Rules of the Composite State Board of Medical Examiners. Respondent hereby waives any further findings of law with respect to this matter.

ORDER

The Composite State Board of Medical Examiners, having considered the particular facts and circumstances of this case, it is hereby ordered, and Respondent hereby agrees, to the following terms of discipline:

1.

Commencing June 1, 2002, the Respondent's license to practice medicine in the state of Georgia shall stand suspended for a period of twelve (12) months. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 43-34-37(b)(2), **all but forty-five (45) days of said suspension is hereby stayed**, pending satisfactory completion of the forty-five (45) days of actual suspension and the probationary period imposed in paragraph 2, below, and the Respondent's compliance with the terms and conditions of this Consent Order. Should any of the terms and conditions of probation of this Consent Order be violated by the Respondent, said stay shall immediately be vacated upon the Board's notification of such violation(s) and service upon the Respondent of an order vacating the stay without Respondent being entitled to any appearance before the Board or an administrative hearing.

During the period of actual suspension, the Respondent shall not practice medicine in the State of Georgia. If Respondent practices medicine in the State of Georgia without express written permission of the Board, Respondent's license shall be subject to revocation, upon substantiation thereof.

2.

During the period of suspension, the Respondent shall continue to pay the license renewal fee on or before each expiration date as established by the Composite State Board of Medical Examiners. Failure to pay the license renewal fee shall result in the administrative revocation of Respondent's license without a hearing as provided by O.C.G.A. § 43-1-19(1) and Board Rule 360-2-.07, with reinstatement within the discretion of the Board. Respondent acknowledges that when considering the reinstatement of an administratively revoked license, the Board has authority to review any investigative file relating to the Respondent.

3.

Following the forty-five (45) day period of actual suspension and during the stayed period, Respondent's license shall be placed on probation for a period of not less than five (5) years from the last day of the period of actual suspension with the following terms and conditions of probation:

(a) TRIPPLICATE PRESCRIPTIONS. Respondent shall utilize a triplicate prescriptions system for all controlled substances prescribed by him. Each prescription for such a controlled substance written by Respondent shall be sequentially numbered and the copies distributed as follows: original to patient, one copy to the Board, and one copy to the patient's chart. Respondent shall not begin renumbering when he reaches 1000, but shall continue to number sequentially. The copies for the Board shall be mailed or delivered to the Board by Respondent once per quarter. A copy of Respondent's dispensing records shall be provided to the Board upon request for all controlled substances dispensed by him or on his order. Two (2) years from the effective date of this Consent Order, Respondent may petition for removal or modification of this triplicate prescription requirement.

(b) PRESCRIPTION LOG. Respondent shall personally maintain for inspection a contemporaneous log (separate from his clinical records or the clinical records of other health

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care providers) of all controlled substances and dangerous drugs prescribed, administered, dispensed, or ordered by him. The prescription log shall include the date, patient name, drug, strength, quantity, and refill status, on a form approved by the Board. The prescription log shall also include the diagnosis and the reasons for prescribing, administering, dispensing, or ordering each drug. The Board shall be authorized to inspect Respondent's prescription log. If Respondent's prescription log fails to comply with the requirements of this consent order, the Board is authorized to summarily suspend Respondent's license, pending a hearing. Two (2) years from the effective date of this Consent Order, Respondent may petition for removal or modification of this prescription-logging requirement for all controlled substances.

(c) RECORD KEEPING. Prior to prescribing, administering, ordering or dispensing any controlled substance, Respondent shall detail fully the examination performed and diagnosis reached in the particular patient's file. Respondent shall specifically record all physical data of the patient, and detail the exact nature of Respondent's evaluation of the patient. In addition to this requirement, Respondent agrees to comply with all record keeping requirements of the Board.

(d) USE OF PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANT OR NURSE PRACTITIONER. If Respondent employs a physician's assistant and/or nurse practitioner in his practice, Respondent shall not utilize the physician's assistant and/or nurse practitioner to perform tasks which are otherwise prohibited by the terms of this Consent Order, or otherwise utilize the services of the physician's assistant and/or nurse practitioner in such a way as to circumvent any restriction, term or condition outlined herein. Respondent expressly agrees to disclose this consent order to any physician's assistant or nurse practitioner with whom Respondent employs or associates.

(e) CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION IN PRESCRIBING. Within 1 year of the date on which the probationary period begins to run, Respondent shall attend and successfully complete the Mini-Residency entitled "Appropriate Prescribing of Controlled Substances" sponsored by The Mercer University Southern School of Pharmacy in Atlanta. Upon successful completion of the Mini-Residency program, the Respondent shall submit

documentation thereof to the Board. This requirement shall be in addition to the continuing education requirements set forth in O.C.G.A. § 43-34-3.

(f) CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION IN ETHICS. Within one (1) year of the date on which the probationary period begins to run, Respondent shall complete 20 hours of CME in Ethics. These hours shall be in addition to the normal hours of CME required for license renewal for all Georgia physicians. Prior to obtaining the CME, Respondent shall submit the title of the course(s) he plans to attend and information concerning the course(s) to the Board's Medical Director for approval. Respondent shall submit proof upon completion of each course(s) to the Board.

(g) CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION IN BARIATRIC MEDICINE. Within one (1) year of the date on which the probationary period begins to run, Respondent shall complete 20 hours of CME in Bariatric Medicine. These hours shall be in addition to the normal hours of CME required for license renewal for all Georgia physicians. Prior to obtaining the CME, Respondent shall submit the title of the course(s) he plans to attend and information concerning the course(s) to the Board's Medical Director for approval. Respondent shall submit proof upon completion of each course(s) to the Board.

(h) COMMUNITY SERVICE. During the probationary period, Respondent shall perform one hundred (100) hours in a community service program approved by the Board. Respondent shall submit to the Board a request for approval of a community service project. Said community service cannot be performed in Respondent's office and the community service may not include the treatment of patients for weight loss. The request for approval by the Board shall show the dates of service, the community service program, the name of the individual who will act as your sponsor/supervisor for the community service, and the tasks to be performed by Respondent. After completion of such service, Respondent shall cause his sponsor to submit a letter to the Board identifying the hours worked in the approved program along with a description of the services provided. Failure to perform any of the requirements of this

paragraph shall be considered a violation of this order and shall result in further sanctioning of Respondent's license, including revocation, upon substantiation thereof.

(i) INSPECTIONS/INTERVIEWS. During the probationary period, the Medical Coordinator or another Board representative shall periodically review and inspect Respondent's records. The representative is authorized to review and inspect these records at any reasonable time and as often as the representative deems necessary. The Respondent shall have the right to be present during such inspection of records and the patients' privacy and confidentiality rights shall be maintained. The Respondent shall be available, upon reasonable notice, for personal interviews with the Medical Coordinator or other representative of the Board. Failure of the Respondent to be reasonably available for inspection of his records or for personal interviews with a Board representative shall be considered a violation of this Consent Order.

(j) RESIDENCY OUTSIDE GEORGIA. In the event Respondent should leave Georgia to reside or practice outside Georgia for periods longer than thirty (30) consecutive days, Respondent shall notify the Board in writing of the dates of departure and return. Periods of residency or practice outside Georgia as well as periods when respondent is not actively engaged in the practice of medicine or is on inactive licensure status will not apply to the reduction of Respondent's probationary period, except as authorized by the Board. Respondent shall advise the Board of any change in address of record or employment status.

(k) DISCLOSURE. In addition to other disclosures required by this Consent Order, Respondent shall supply a copy of this Consent Order, once approved and docketed, and within ten (10) days from receipt of the docketed copy by Respondent, to each hospital or other institution in Georgia where Respondent maintains staff privileges of any kind, and to any person with whom Respondent is associated in practice, including other physicians or physician's assistants or to any person or entity for whom Respondent is employed as a physician in the State of Georgia. Respondent shall also be required to disclose the existence

of and provide a copy of this Consent Order to such individuals or entities in connection with any future application for institutional appointment, associated practice, utilization of a physician's assistant, or employment as a physician in the State of Georgia while this Consent Order is in effect. By executing this Consent Order, Respondent specifically consents to any such individuals or entities reporting to the Board information which would affect Respondent's ability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients, notwithstanding any privilege provided by state or federal law.

(1) ABIDE BY ALL LAWS. Respondent shall abide by all State and Federal laws regulating the practice of medicine or relating to drugs, the Rules and Regulations of the Composite State Board of Medical Examiners, the terms of any order issued by another lawful licensing authority or consent agreement entered between Respondent and another lawful licensing authority and the terms of this Consent Order. If Respondent shall fail to abide by such laws, rules, terms or orders, or if it should appear from monitoring reports submitted to the Board that Respondent is otherwise unable to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients, Respondent's license shall be subject to further discipline, including revocation, upon substantiation thereof after notice and hearing, and if revoked the Board in its discretion may determine that the license should be permanently revoked and not subject to reinstatement. Should another lawful licensing authority or court of competent jurisdiction enter an order revoking Respondent's license or revoking Respondent's probationary status while Respondent is subject to this Consent Order, Respondent's Georgia license shall stand automatically suspended, effective on the date of such action, pending proceedings for revocation or other action by the Georgia Board.

(m) TERMINATION OF PROBATION. Respondent may petition for termination six (6) months prior to the expiration of his probation by certifying under oath before a notary public that Respondent has complied with all conditions of probation and by providing documentation supporting discharge from probation. The Composite State Board of Medical Examiners shall review and evaluate the practice of Respondent prior to lifting the probation. At such time, the Board shall be authorized to restore all rights and privileges to Respondent's license, unless the Board has received information that Respondent has not complied with the terms of the probation or has otherwise failed to comply with the laws and rules regulating his practice as a physician. Should the Board determine that reasonable cause exists for maintaining Respondent's license on probationary status, the Board shall notify Respondent of its intent to extend the probationary period, and Respondent may respond to such notice in writing or request an appearance before the Board as in a non-contested case. In any event, this Consent Order shall remain in effect pending a final determination by the Board and notification that the probationary period has terminated.

4.

In addition to and in conjunction with any other condition imposed by this Consent Order, Respondent shall submit to the Composite State Board of Medical Examiners a fine in the amount of \$8,000. Said fine shall be paid in \$2,000.00 installments during the first year beginning from the effective date of this Consent Order. The first installment of \$2,000.00 shall be submitted to the Board no later than thirty (30) days from the first day of the probationary period following the completion of the forty-five (45) day suspension. The second installment of \$2,000.00 shall be submitted to the Board no later than ninety (90) days from the first day of the probationary period. The third installment of \$2,000.00 shall be submitted to the Board no later

than one hundred and eighty (180) days from the first day of the probationary period. The fourth installment of \$2,000.00 shall be submitted to the Board no later than one-year from the effective date of this Consent Order. Each of the installments shall be in the form of a certified check or money order made payable to the Composite State Board of Medical Examiners and sent to the attention of Karan Mason, Executive Director, 2 Peachtree Street, NE, 10th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30303. Failure to perform any of the requirements of this paragraph shall be considered a violation of this order and shall result in further sanctioning of Respondent's license, including revocation, upon substantiation thereof.

5.

This Consent Order shall be considered a PUBLIC REPRIMAND of Respondent by the Board and may be disseminated as such.

6.

Within ten (10) days of any request of the Board, the Respondent shall promptly supply all information necessary for the reporting of this Consent Order to the National Practitioner Data Bank, as required by federal law.

7.

Respondent understands that he has the right to a hearing in this matter, and Respondent freely, knowingly and voluntarily waives such right by entering into this Consent Order. Respondent further understands and agrees that a representative of the Department of Law may be present during the presentation of this Consent Order and that the Board shall have the authority to review the investigative file and all relevant evidence in considering this Consent Order. Respondent understands that this Consent Order will not become effective until approved by the Composite State Board of Medical Examiners and docketed by the Executive Director,

State Examining Boards. Respondent further understands that this Consent Order, once approved, shall constitute a public record, which may be disseminated as a disciplinary action of the Board. If this Consent Order is not approved, it shall not constitute an admission against interest in this proceeding, or prejudice the ability of the Board to adjudicate this matter. Respondent consents to the terms and sanctions contained herein.

Approved, this 10th day of May, 2002.

**COMPOSITE STATE BOARD
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

BY:

Roger E Hill Jr
ROGER E. HILL, D.O.
President

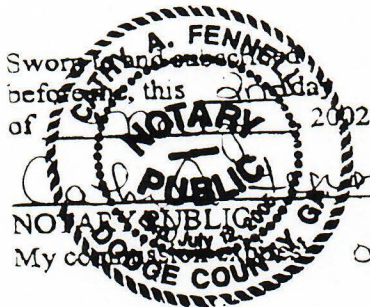
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ATTEST:

Karen A Mason
KAREN A. MASON
Executive Director,
Composite State Board of Medical Examiners

CONSENTED TO:

Mark Griffis
MARK GRIFFIS, M.D.
Respondent



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BEFORE THE COMPOSITE STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
STATE OF GEORGIA

DOCKET NUMBER
95-2308

IN THE MATTER OF:

MARK GRIFFIS, M.D.,
License No. 038140,

Respondent.

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DOCKET NO. 95-2308

ORDER LIFTING SUSPENSION AND PERMITTING RETURN TO PRACTICE

1.

On October 25, 1995, the Board voted to summarily suspend Respondent's license based on reliable indications that he had become unable to safely practice medicine because of his chemical dependence. On or about March 11, 1996, the Respondent entered into a Consent Order with the Board as a result of the Respondent's chemical impairment. In that Consent Order Respondent agreed "that his license as a physician shall be suspended indefinitely and that he shall not practice as a physician until further order of the Board." The Consent Order further provided that the Board shall have the discretion to reinstate Respondent's privilege to practice as a physician and to place upon Respondent's license any conditions that the Board may deem appropriate.

2.

The Respondent has petitioned the Board for lifting of the suspension, and has submitted to the Board evidence of professional advocacy for his return to practice. Therefore, the

Board hereby orders that the Respondent's license to practice medicine be reinstated and placed on probation until discharged by the Board, subject to the following terms and conditions:

(a) Immediate Evaluation. Respondent shall submit to an evaluation by a psychiatrist or other therapist acceptable to the Board within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Order. Pre-approval for the evaluator shall be obtained by contacting the Board's medical director. Respondent shall execute such releases as may be required for the Board to obtain the results of such evaluations. Respondent also agrees to undergo any follow-up therapy recommended by the therapist, including, but not limited to, any therapy for sexual impulse control.

(b) Treatment/Aftercare. Respondent shall remain in treatment or aftercare with therapists acceptable to the Board and shall provide the Board with a copy of his continuing aftercare contract. Respondent shall also abide by the terms of such agreement.

(c) Participation in Support Group. Respondent shall affiliate with and regularly participate in meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, Caduceus Club or another similar support group acceptable to the Board in accordance with his aftercare contract or as otherwise required by the Board.

(d) Abstain from Mood Altering Substances. Respondent shall completely abstain from the consumption of mood altering substances, including alcohol, except as prescribed by a duly

licensed practitioner for a legitimate medical purpose. If such treatment entails the use of narcotics or other potentially addictive substances, a consultation with a Board approved addictionologist shall be obtained at the direction of the medical coordinator.

(e) Supervision and Monitoring. Respondent shall designate an acceptable supervising ("workplace") physician and an acceptable primary care ("monitoring") physician experienced in addictionology, and provide a copy of this Order to both physicians. Such physicians shall sign a statement to be submitted to the Board within 60 days of the effective date of this Order, as evidence of having read and understood same and having agreed to serve as Respondent's supervising and monitoring physicians.

(f) Quarterly Reports. Respondent shall submit or cause to be submitted quarterly reports from his supervising and monitoring physicians or therapists regarding his performance and mental/physical condition by March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31, including a report on any medication being prescribed to Respondent. Failure to submit or have such reports submitted in a timely manner shall be considered a violation of this Order. It is expected that said supervising and monitoring physicians shall be in communication with each other and will immediately report any change in Respondent's condition, which would render Respondent unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety to patients. Respondent shall consent to such

supervising and monitoring physicians or any other facility where Respondent obtains medical treatment reporting upon Respondent's condition, notwithstanding any privilege provided by state or federal law. Respondent shall obtain prior Board approval through the medical coordinator or executive director for any change in supervising or monitoring physicians.

(g) Random Drug/Alcohol Screens. The Board or its representative or Respondent's supervising or monitoring physicians shall have the authority at any time to order Respondent to undergo random witnessed and immediate drug/alcohol urine, biological fluid or blood screen analysis at Respondent's expense. Proper chain of custody shall be maintained and positive results shall be confirmed by such means as may be required to ensure the validity of such screening.

(h) Further evaluation. At any time during the period of probation, the Board shall also have the authority to order Respondent to undergo additional physical or mental evaluations by physicians designated by the Board. Respondent shall execute such releases as may be required for the Board to obtain the results of such evaluations.

(i) DEA Registration. There shall be no restrictions on the legitimate prescribing, administering, ordering or dispensing of controlled substances in the usual course of Respondent's practice. In accordance with Board rules, Respondent shall not prescribe, administer, order or dispense controlled substances for personal or family use.

(j) Use of Physician's Assistant. If Respondent employs a physician's assistant in his practice, Respondent shall not utilize the physician's assistant to perform tasks which are otherwise prohibited by the terms of this Order, or otherwise utilize the services of the physician's assistant in such a way as to circumvent any restriction, term or condition outlined herein.

(k) Periods of Residency Outside Georgia. In the event Respondent should leave Georgia to reside or practice outside of Georgia for periods longer than thirty (30) consecutive days, Respondent shall notify the Board in writing of the dates of departure and return. Periods of residency or practice outside of Georgia as well as periods when Respondent is not actively engaged in the practice of medicine or is on inactive licensure status will not apply to the reduction of Respondent's probationary period, except as authorized by the Board. Respondent shall advise the Board of any change in address of record or employment status.

(l) Abide By Laws, Rules and Terms. Respondent shall abide by all State and Federal laws regulating the practice of medicine or relating to drugs, the Rules and Regulations of the Composite State Board of Medical Examiners and the terms of this Order and probation. If Respondent shall fail to abide by such laws, rules or terms, or if it should appear from monitoring reports submitted to the Board that Respondent is otherwise unable to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to

patients, Respondent's license shall be subject to further discipline, including revocation, upon substantiation thereof after notice and hearing; and if revoked, the Board in its discretion may determine that the license should be permanently revoked and not subject to reinstatement. Any violation of this Order shall be deemed to be sufficient to authorize the Board to order summary suspension of Respondent's license, pending further proceedings, pursuant to the provisions of the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act, O.C.G.A. § 50-13-18(c)(1), or any other statute authorizing emergency action, but Respondent shall be entitled to an expedited hearing to substantiate such violation(s), if the Board exercises such right.

(m) Termination of Probation. Respondent shall not be eligible to petition for termination of probation until Respondent has maintained sobriety for a period of five years. At such time, Respondent may petition for termination by certifying under oath before a notary public that he has complied with all conditions of probation and by providing documentation supporting discharge from probation. Respondent shall also certify under oath that he has been continuously sober for a period of at least five years. The Composite State Board of Medical Examiners shall review and evaluate the practice of Respondent prior to lifting the probation. At such time, the Board shall be authorized to restore all rights and privileges incident to the license of Respondent, unless the Board has received information that Respondent has not complied

with the terms of probation or has otherwise failed to comply with the laws and rules regulating the practice of medicine. Should the Board determine that reasonable cause exists for maintaining Respondent's license on a probationary status, the Board shall notify Respondent of its intent to extend the probationary period, and Respondent may respond to such notification in writing or request an appearance before the Board or its representative as in a non-contested case. In any event, this Order shall remain in effect pending a final determination by the Board and notification that the probationary period has terminated.

Ordered this 17th day of NOVEMBER, 1996.

COMPOSITE STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

BY: HOYT C. DEES, M.D., President

(BOARD SEAL)

Will. G. Miller
WILLIAM G. MILLER, JR.
Joint Secretary
State Examining Boards

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BEFORE THE COMPOSITE STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS 95-23
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

MARK GRIFFIS, M.D.,

License No. 038140,

Respondent.

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DOCKET NO. 95-2308

CONSENT ORDER

By agreement of the Composite State Board of Medical Examiners and Mark Griffis, M.D., Respondent, the following disposition of this matter is entered pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 50-13-13(a)(4).

FINDINGS OF FACT

1.

Respondent is licensed to practice as a physician in the State of Georgia, and was so licensed at all times relevant to the matters asserted herein.

2.

On or about October 25, 1995, the Board voted to summarily suspend Respondent's license to practice medicine based on reliable indications that Respondent had become unable to safely practice medicine by reason of chemical dependence.

3.

Respondent waives any further findings of fact with respect to the above matter.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent's actions constitute sufficient grounds for the Board to exercise its disciplinary authority and to impose sanctions on Respondent as a licensee under O.C.G.A. Ch. 34, T. 43, as amended, O.C.G.A. § 43-1-19(a) and the Rules of the Composite State Board of Medical Examiners. Respondent waives any further findings of law with respect to this matter.

ORDER

The Board having considered the particular facts and circumstances of this case, it is hereby ordered, and the Respondent hereby agrees, as follows:

1.

Respondent agrees that his license as a physician shall be suspended indefinitely and that he shall not practice as a physician until further order of the Board. If Respondent practices as a physician without express permission of the Board, Respondent's license shall be subject to revocation, upon substantiation thereof.

2.

Respondent agrees to enter and complete treatment for his chemical dependency at a treatment facility acceptable to the Board. Respondent shall enter the acceptable treatment program within ten (10) days of the Board's acceptance of this Consent Order. Respondent shall also completely abstain from the consumption of any mood altering substances, except as prescribed by a duly licensed practitioner for a legitimate medical purpose.

3.

Upon completion of his initial treatment, Respondent shall continue to comply with any recommended follow-up care as may be suggested by his treating physician and/or shall comply with further recommendations of the Board. Respondent shall execute a release so that the Board may obtain the results and records relating to any of Respondent's evaluation(s) and/or treatment.

4.

After Respondent completes treatment and begins any necessary follow-up care, Respondent shall obtain professional advocacy for his return to the practice of medicine and shall personally meet with the Impairment Committee of the Board to discuss the course of Respondent's rehabilitation. The Board shall have the discretion following such meeting to reinstate Respondent's privilege to practice as a physician, to place upon Respondent's license any conditions that the Board may deem appropriate, or to deny reinstatement if the Board determines that Respondent needs further rehabilitation.

5.

This Consent Order constitutes a public order and may be disseminated by the Board as a public record.

6.

Respondent acknowledges that he is represented by counsel, has read this Consent Order and understands its contents. Respondent understands that he has the right to a hearing in this matter, and Respondent freely, knowingly and voluntarily waives

such right by entering into this Consent Order. Respondent understands that this Consent Order will not become effective until approved by the Composite State Board of Medical Examiners and docketed by the Joint Secretary. Respondent further understands and agrees that a representative of the State Department of Law may be present during the presentation of this Consent Order and that the Board shall have the authority to review the investigative file and all relevant evidence in considering this Consent Order. Respondent further understands that this Consent Order, once approved, shall constitute a public record which may be disseminated as a disciplinary action of the Board. If this Consent Order is not approved, it shall not constitute an admission against interest in this proceeding, or prejudice the ability of the Board to adjudicate this matter. Respondent consents to the terms and sanctions contained herein.

Approved, this 7th day of March, 1997.

COMPOSITE STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL
EXAMINERS

BY: 

HOYT C. DEES, MD
President

(Signatures continued on next page.)

(BOARD SEAL)

ATTEST:

Willie G. Miller
WILLIAM G. MILLER, JR.
Joint Secretary
State Examining Boards

CONSENTED TO:

[Signature]
MARK GRIFFIS, M.D.
Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed
before me this 21st day
of January, 1995
M.A.

[Signature]
NOTARY PUBLIC
My commission expires

WILLIAM G. MILLER
JOINT SECRETARY
STATE EXAMINING BOARDS
100 CENTRAL AVENUE, SUITE 200
NEW JERSEY
My Commission Expires March 27, 1999

[Signature]

Attorney for Respondent

BEFORE THE COMPOSITE STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS 95-2308
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

MARK GRIFFIS, M.D.
License No. 038140,

Respondent.

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DOCKET NO. 95-2308

ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION

1.

Respondent is licensed by the Composite State Board of Medical Examiners ("Board") to practice as a physician in the State of Georgia.

2.

The Board has received reliable information and evidence indicating that Respondent has become unable to practice as a physician with reasonable skill and safety to the public by reason of chemical dependence and relapse to the use of alcohol.

3.

The Board has also received reliable information and evidence that Respondent has violated a Consent Agreement reached between Respondent and the Board on or about March 3, 1994. Respondent was initially licensed to practice medicine in Georgia pursuant to a Consent Agreement, because at the time of licensure, he was a recovering alcoholic.

4.

Under the Consent Agreement, Respondent was granted the privilege to practice medicine subject to various terms and conditions. The Agreement also expressly provides that

Respondent's violation of the Agreement gives the Board the right to summarily suspend Respondent's license.

5.

Under the terms of the Consent Agreement, Respondent agreed, among other things, to place his license on probation with the Board and to "completely abstain from the consumption of mood altering substances, including alcohol"

6.

Despite his agreement, Respondent has returned to the use of alcohol. In fact, it appears that Respondent has been drinking alcohol in violation of his Consent Agreement since December of 1994.

7.

Based on the above, the Board finds that Respondent's practice of medicine poses a threat to the public health, safety and welfare and imperatively requires emergency action. Therefore, it is hereby ORDERED that Respondent's license to practice as a physician in the State of Georgia be and is hereby SUMMARILY SUSPENDED pursuant to O.C.G.A.

§ 50-13-18(c)(1) pending further proceedings on behalf of the Board, which shall be promptly instituted and determined. It is further ORDERED that:

(a) The Board shall promptly request that the Office of State Administrative Hearings issue an official Notice of Hearing, an unofficial copy of which the Board shall serve upon Respondent contemporaneously with this Order. The Board shall request that the Office of State Administrative Hearings assign

the matter to an Administrative Law Judge and schedule the matter for a hearing. Should Respondent request an expedited hearing, the date for the hearing is subject to change in the discretion of the Administrative Law Judge.

(b) If Respondent wishes to avail himself of the opportunity for an expedited hearing under O.C.G.A. § 50-13-18(c)(1), Respondent shall execute and file with the Docket Clerk of the Office of State Administrative Hearings, the original and one copy of the attached "Request for Expedited Hearing." Respondent shall also mail a copy to the attorney for the Board, whose name and address is listed on the Notice of Hearing.

This Order is signed and attested by the Joint Secretary of the State Examining Boards on behalf of the Composite State Board of Medical Examiners.

This 19th day of November, 1995.

COMPOSITE STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL
EXAMINERS

LARRY E. BRIGHTWELL, M.D.
President

(BOARD SEAL)

William G. Miller, Jr.
WILLIAM G. MILLER, JR.
Joint Secretary
State Examining Boards

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DOCKET NUMBER:
20170007

BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:)
)
LORIE N. JOHNSON, M.D.)
License No.: 062054)
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Respondent.)

DOCKET NO.: 20170007

PUBLIC CONSENT ORDER

By agreement of the Georgia Composite Medical Board (“Board”) and Lorie N. Johnson, M.D. (“Respondent”), the following disposition of this disciplinary matter is entered into pursuant to the provisions of the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act, O.C.G.A. § 50-13-13(a)(4), as amended.

FINDING OF FACT

1.

Respondent is licensed to practice medicine in the State of Georgia and was licensed at all times relevant to the matters stated herein. Her license expires on June 30, 2020.

2.

On or about March 24, 2015, patient C.C. was first seen by Respondent at Just For You Women’s Healthcare for an initial obstetric visit.

3.

C.C.’s last menstrual period was on February 12, 2015, and she was given a due date of November 19, 2015.

4.

This was C.C.’s third pregnancy, having had two children born in 2004 and 2006.

5.

During C.C.'s initial visit, blood was drawn and standard labs were conducted including testing of C.C.'s beta- hCG levels, which were reported as being 3347.00

6.

On March 31, 2015, C.C. was seen again by Respondent due to complaints of gas, constipation, and lower back/buttock pain.

7.

Respondent instructed C.C. to use Fleets enema to relive constipations.

8.

C.C. underwent an ultrasound on April 10, 2015, which showed no fetus in the uterus, no evidence of fetal cardiac activity, and no fetal pole. The ultrasound report noted, "early pregnancy vs. a missed abortion are suspected."

9.

On April 10, 2015, Respondent ordered a repeat beta hCG, which on the following day reported that C.C.'s beta-hCG levels were 14,762.

10.

Respondent's treatment plan for C.C. at that time, because C.C. reported no complaints of cramping or bleeding, was to continue to monitor C.C., and to follow-up with her in a week.

11.

On April 15, 2015, Respondent ordered another beta-hCG test, which on the following day reported that C.C.'s beta-hCG levels were 15,329.

12.

Respondent saw C.C. again on April 21, 2015, to discuss treatment options, which at that time were noted in C.C.'s medical records as being "surgical intervention vs. expectant management."

13.

C.C. told Respondent that she wanted to discuss her options with her husband and would let Respondent know of her decision.

14.

C.C.'s beta hCG test ordered during the April 21, 2015 visit with Respondent, which was reported the following day, showed that C.C.'s beta-hCG levels had fallen to 8,335.

15.

There was no documentation in C.C.'s records from Just For You Women's Health Care of any further follow-up or communications between Respondent and C.C.

16.

On May 6, 2015, C.C. allegedly contact Just For You Women's Healthcare complaining of pain in her right side and vaginal bleeding.

17.

C.C. was allegedly advised to proceed to the Emergency Department at Southern Regional Medical Center where Respondent was performing surgery.

18.

C.C. did not go to the Emergency Department at Southern Regional Medical Center.

19.

On September 21, 2015, Just For You Women's Healthcare received a letter from C.C. that noted that in May, C.C. had undergone emergency surgery, at Crawford Long Hospital, for a ruptured ectopic pregnancy.

20.

A Board approved peer reviewer reviewed Respondent's treatment of patient C.C., and concluded that Respondent's diagnosis and treatment of patient C.C. departed from and failed to conform to the minimum standard of acceptable and prevailing medical practice. The peer reviewer's findings included, but were not limited to:

- a) Respondent failed to include at the top of her differential, the diagnosis of an ectopic pregnancy, when on April 10, 2015, C.C.'s transvaginal ultrasound showed no intrauterine pregnancy with a serum beta-hCG level greater than 1,500;
- b) Respondent failed to note the significance in C.C.'s medical records of the lack of fetal cardiac activity that was reported in the findings from the April 10, 2015 ultrasound;
- c) Respondent should not have sent C.C. home following the April 10, 2015, visit but rather should have admitted her to a hospital for observations; and/or
- d) There was no documentation of communications between C.C. and Respondent after April 21, 2015.

21.

Respondent's aforementioned practices and procedures departed from and failed to conform to the minimum standards of acceptable and prevailing medical practice and was a violation of Georgia's laws and the Board's rules.

22.

Respondent admits the above findings of fact and hereby waives any further findings of fact with respect to the above-styled matter.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1.

Respondent's conduct constitutes sufficient grounds for the imposition of discipline upon her license to practice as a physician in the State of Georgia under O.C.G.A. Title 43, Chapters 1 and 34, as amended. Respondent hereby waives any further conclusions of law with respect to the above-styled matter.

ORDER

The Board, having considered all the facts and circumstances of this case, hereby orders, and Respondent hereby agrees, to the following terms:

1.

Respondent shall obtain ten (10) hours of continuing medical education ("CME") in the area of diagnosis of ectopic pregnancy. These hours are in addition to the CME required of all Georgia physicians. Respondent shall complete said additional ten (10) hours within one year from the docketing of this order. Within one (1) year from the docketing of this consent order, Respondent shall submit to the Board proof of completion of said additional ten (10) hours of CME. All reports and submissions required under this Consent Order shall be sent to the attention of the Executive Director, Georgia Composite Medical Board, 2 Peachtree Street, NW, Atlanta, Georgia, 30303 or any subsequent address of the Board.

2.

Respondent shall submit to the Board a fine in the amount of five thousand dollars and zero cents (\$5,000.00) to be paid in monthly installment payments of at least one thousand dollars and zero cents (\$1,000.00) by cashier's check or money order made payable to the Board until the entire amount of five thousand dollars and zero cents is paid in full. Each installment payment must be paid to the Board by the 30th day of each month, beginning 180 days after this order is docketed by the Board. A postmark date of the 30th of the month shall be deemed substantial compliance. Failure to pay the fine as provided herein shall be considered a violation of this Order, and may result in further sanctioning of Respondent's authority to practice medicine in the future, including revocation, upon substantiation thereof.

3.

This Consent Order shall constitute a PUBLIC REPRIMAND of Respondent and may be disseminated by the Board as a public disciplinary action.

4.

Respondent also understands that pursuant to O.C.G.A. Title 43, Chapter 34A, the contents of this order shall be placed on Respondent's Physician Profile. Furthermore, by executing this Consent Order, Respondent hereby agrees to permit the Board to update the Physician's Profile reflecting this Consent Order.

5.

Respondent acknowledges that she has read and understands the contents of this Consent Order. Respondent understands that she has the right to a hearing in this matter, and Respondent freely, knowingly and voluntarily waives such right by entering into this Consent Order. Respondent understands that this Consent Order will not become effective until approved and docketed by the Composite State Board of Medical Examiners. Respondent further understands

and agrees that a representative of the State Department of Law may be present during the presentation of this Consent Order and that the Board shall have the authority to review the investigative file and all relevant evidence in considering this Consent Order. Respondent further understands that this Consent Order, once approved, shall constitute a public record that may be disseminated as a disciplinary action of the Board. If this Consent Order is not approved, it shall not constitute an admission against interest in this proceeding, or prejudice the ability of the Board to adjudicate this matter. Respondent consents to the terms and sanctions contained herein.

Approved this 22 day of October, 2018.



GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

BY:



JOHN JEFFREY MARSHALL, M.D.
Chairperson

ATTEST:

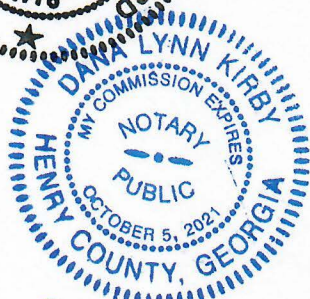


LASHARN HUGHES, MBA
Executive Director

CONSENTED TO:



LORIE N. JOHNSON, M.D.
Respondent



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DOCKET NUMBER:
20151238

**BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD
STATE OF GEORGIA**

IN THE MATTER OF:)
)
WILLIAM G. RAISIG, M.D.)
License No.: 055290)
)
Respondent.)

DOCKET NO.: 20151238

PUBLIC CONSENT ORDER

By agreement of the Georgia Composite Medical Board ("Board") and William G. Raisig, M.D. ("Respondent"), the following disposition of this disciplinary matter is entered into pursuant to the provisions of the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act, O.C.G.A. § 50-13-13(a)(4), as amended.

FINDING OF FACT

1.

Respondent is licensed to practice medicine in the State of Georgia and was licensed at all times relevant to the matters stated herein. His license expires on October 31, 2019.

2.

On or about February 9, 2012, patient D.C., a minor, was seen by Respondent.

3.

This was the first and only time Respondent saw D.C. or provided her with any medical care and treatment.

4.

Respondent's medical record for D.C. note that D.C. complained of vomiting and diarrhea.

5.

The records also note that D.C. had no allergies, previous surgeries, or recent illnesses other than a cold.

6.

There was no additional history, vitals, or exam notes in the medical records Respondent had for D.C.

7.

Respondent was allegedly informed that D.C. had nausea and vomiting for about 3 day prior to seeing to Respondent, but that he was able to keep fluids and food down.

8.

Upon exam it was allegedly determined that D.C. had a low grade fever of about 90 degrees; in no distress; with normal blood pressure and tachycardia; no flushing of the face; bright eyes; mild irritated throat must likely from mild nasal drainage, without enlarged tonsils; and a heart rate of about 100bpm.

9.

Respondent also allegedly determined that D.C. had no tenderness in any of her quadrants, including her abdomen, although her bowel sounds were hyperactive. In addition, he allegedly found that D.C. had no voluntary or involuntary guarding.

10.

Respondent allegedly ruled out appendicitis and concluded that D.C. likely had a viral gastroenteritis so he started her on Tamiflu, in part, because influenza was allegedly very prevalent in that part of the county where D.C. resided.

11.

Respondent allegedly informed D.C.'s guardian to provide D.C. with appropriate oral fluid replacement, start her on a BRAT diet, and to contact him if D.C.'s symptoms worsened.

12.

On the following day there were no changes in D.C. symptoms, but on February 11, 2012, she started to become lethargic. In addition, she was having difficulty breathing and her hands were turning purple.

13.

D.C.'s father was preparing to take D.C. to the emergency room when she collapsed, started to vomit, and then became unresponsive.

14.

An emergency medical team arrived to take D.C. to the hospital, but they were unable to revive and she was pronounced dead shortly thereafter.

15.

An autopsy determined that D.C.'s cause of death was acute peritonitis due to a ruptured appendix.

16.

A Board approved peer reviewer reviewed Respondent's treatment of patient D.C. and concluded that Respondent's diagnosis and treatment of patient D.C. departed from and failed to conform to the minimum standard of acceptable and prevailing medical practice. The peer reviewer's findings included, but were not limited to:

- a) Respondent failed to document a differential diagnosis in the medical records;
- b) Respondent failed to rule out the cause of the elevated heart rate; and

- c) Respondent failed to schedule a follow-up visit the next day to review D.C.'s heart rate and determine if it was still elevated, and if so, possible causes;

17.

Respondent's aforementioned practices and procedures departed from and failed to conform to the minimum standards of acceptable and prevailing medical practice and was a violation of Georgia's laws and the Board's rules.

18.

Respondent admits the above findings of fact and hereby waives any further findings of fact with respect to the above-styled matter.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1.

Respondent's conduct constitutes sufficient grounds for the imposition of discipline upon his license to practice as a physician in the State of Georgia under O.C.G.A. Title 43, Chapters 1 and 34, as amended. Respondent hereby waives any further conclusions of law with respect to the above-styled matter.

ORDER

The Board, having considered all the facts and circumstances of this case, hereby orders, and Respondent hereby agrees, to the following terms:

1.

Respondent shall obtain twenty (20) hours of continuing medical education ("CME") in the area of recording keeping and acute abdomen diagnosis. These hours are in addition to the CME required of all Georgia physicians. Respondent shall complete said additional twenty (20) hours within three year from the docketing of this order. Respondent shall submit proof of

completion of said additional twenty (20) hours to the Board within three years from the docketing of this order.

2.

Respondent shall submit to the Board a fine in the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to be paid in monthly installment payments of at least \$500.00 (five hundred dollars and zero cents) by cashier's check or money order made payable to the Board until the entire amount of \$5,000.00 is paid in full. Each installment payment must be paid to the Board by the 30th day of each month, beginning 180 days after this order is docketed by the Board. A postmark date of the 30th of the month shall be deemed substantial compliance. Failure to pay the fine as provided herein shall be considered a violation of this Order, and may result in further sanctioning of Respondent's authority to practice medicine in the future, including revocation, upon substantiation thereof.

3.

This Consent Order shall constitute a PUBLIC REPRIMAND of Respondent and may be disseminated by the Board as a public disciplinary action.

4.

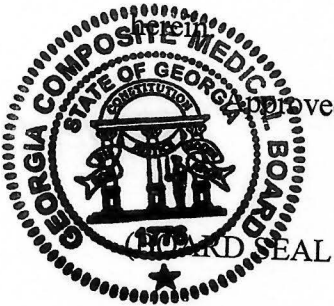
Respondent also understands that pursuant to O.C.G.A. Title 43, Chapter 34A, the contents of this order shall be placed on Respondent's Physician Profile. Furthermore, by executing this Consent Order, Respondent hereby agrees to permit the Board to update the Physician's Profile reflecting this Consent Order.

5.

Respondent acknowledges that she has read and understands the contents of this Consent Order. Respondent understands that she has the right to a hearing in this matter, and Respondent

freely, knowingly and voluntarily waives such right by entering into this Consent Order. Respondent understands that this Consent Order will not become effective until approved and docketed by the Composite State Board of Medical Examiners. Respondent further understands and agrees that a representative of the State Department of Law may be present during the presentation of this Consent Order and that the Board shall have the authority to review the investigative file and all relevant evidence in considering this Consent Order. Respondent further understands that this Consent Order, once approved, shall constitute a public record that may be disseminated as a disciplinary action of the Board. If this Consent Order is not approved, it shall not constitute an admission against interest in this proceeding, or prejudice the ability of the Board to adjudicate this matter. Respondent consents to the terms and sanctions contained

approved this 6th day of December, 2018.



GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

BY:

[Signature]
JOHN JEFFREY MARSHALL, M.D.
Chairperson

ATTEST:

[Signature]
LASHARN HUGHES, MBA
Executive Director

CONSENTED TO:

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WILLIAM G. RAISIG, M.D.
Respondent



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BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

DOCKET NUMBER:
20181156

IN THE MATTER OF:

KATHLEEN JEANNE SMITH, MD
License No. 53035,

Respondent.

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DOCKET NO.: 20181156

PUBLIC CONSENT ORDER

By agreement of the Georgia Composite Medical Board ("Board") KATHLEEN JEANNE SMITH, M.D. ("Respondent"), the following disposition of this disciplinary matter is entered pursuant to the provisions of the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act, O.C.G.A § 50-13-13(a)(4), as amended.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1.

Respondent is licensed to practice medicine in the State of Georgia and was licensed at all times relevant to the matters asserted herein.

2.

On or about May 11, 2016, Respondent entered a plea of guilty to the felony charge of Breach of Trust with Fraudulent Intent in the Court of General Sessions, Charleston County, South Carolina. Respondent received a sentence of one year which was suspended with a period of probation of six months. The criminal charge arose from a financial dispute between Respondent and another party and was not related to Respondent's clinical skills or competency as a physician. Respondent has successfully completed probation.

3.

Although Respondent made the Board aware of the then pending criminal charge, the Respondent failed to notify the Board of the conviction within ten days as required by O.C.G.A. § 43-34-10. Respondent did notify the Board of the criminal conviction in October 2016. The untimely notice is not related in any way to Respondent's clinical skills or competency.

4.

Respondent agrees to the above findings of facts and waives any further findings of fact with respect to the above-styled matter.

.CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent's conduct constitutes sufficient grounds for the imposition of discipline upon her license to practice as a physician in the State of Georgia under O.C.G.A. Title 43, Chapters 1 and 34, as amended. Respondent hereby waives any further conclusions of law with respect to the above-styled matter.

ORDER

The Board, having considered all the facts and circumstances of this case, hereby orders, and Respondent hereby agrees, that the following sanctions shall be imposed upon Respondent's license to practice as a physician in the State of Georgia:

1.

Respondent shall submit to the Board a fine in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to be paid in full by cashier's check or money order payable to the Board within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Consent Order. Said fine shall be submitted to the attention of the Executive Director, Composite State Board of Medical Examiners, 2 Peachtree

Street, N.W., 6th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia, 30303. Failure to pay the entire amount of the fine by the 30th day shall be considered a violation of this Order and shall result in further sanctioning of Respondent's license, including revocation, upon substantiation thereof.

2.

Respondent shall abide by all state and federal laws regulating the practice of medicine, the Rules and Regulations of the Board, and the terms and conditions of this Consent Order. Respondent further agrees that any violation of this Consent Order shall be deemed to be sufficient to authorize the Board to further sanction Respondent's license, including revocation, upon substantiation thereof.

3.

Respondent shall abide by the terms of the criminal sentence which was entered in the Court of General Session, County of Charleston, South Carolina, while said sentence is in effect. Respondent shall promptly notify the Board in writing of any violation of that criminal sentence or any other arrest, conviction, or other criminal proceeding.

4.

This Consent Order and dissemination thereof shall be considered a PUBLIC REPRIMAND of Respondent by the Board.

5.

Respondent also understands that pursuant to O.C.G.A. Title 43, Chapter 34A, the contents of this order shall be placed on Respondent's Physician Profile. Furthermore, by executing this Consent Order, Respondent hereby agrees to permit the Board to update the Physician's Profile reflecting this Consent Order.

6.

Respondent acknowledges that Respondent has read this Consent Order and understands its contents. Respondent understands that she has the right to a hearing in this matter and freely, knowingly and voluntarily waives that right by entering into this Consent Order. Respondent understands and agrees that a representative of the Department of Law may be present during the Board's consideration of this Consent Order and that the Board shall have the authority to review the investigative file and all relevant evidence in considering this Consent Order. Respondent further understands that this Consent Order will not become effective until approved and docketed by the Board. Respondent understands that this Consent Order, once approved and docketed, shall constitute a public record, evidencing disciplinary action by the Board that may be disseminated as such. However, if this Consent Order is not approved, it shall not constitute an admission against interest in this proceeding, or prejudice the right of the Board to adjudicate this matter. Respondent hereby consents to the terms and sanctions contained herein.

Approved this 6th day of December, 2018.

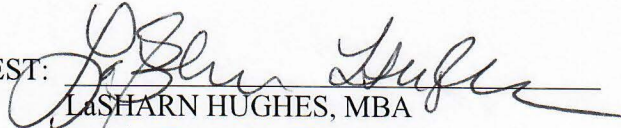
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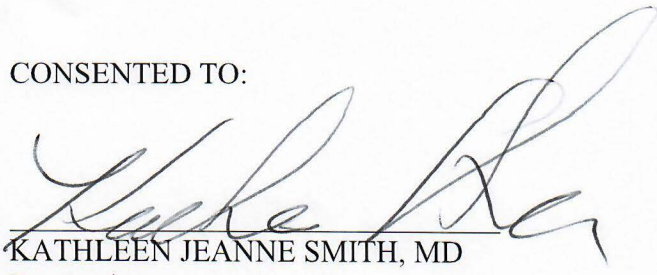
BY:


J. JEFFREY MARSHALL, MD
Chairperson

ATTEST:



LASHARN HUGHES, MBA
Interim Executive Director

CONSENTED TO:



KATHLEEN JEANNE SMITH, MD
Respondent

As to the signature of KATHLEEM JEANNE SMITH, MD.
Sworn to and Subscribed before me
this 7th day of November, 2018.



NOTARY PUBLIC
My commission expires: 02/07/2022

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