

June 2021 Public Board Actions List

Georgia Composite Medical Board
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Physician
Voluntary Surrender

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Physician
Public Consent Order

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Public Consent Order

BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

JUDONN THEOPHILOUS ADAMS, MD

License No. 33056

Respondent.

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GEORGIA COMPOSITE
MEDICAL BOARD

JUN 09 2021

DOCKET NUMBER:

20210079

VOLUNTARY SURRENDER

I, JUDONN THEOPHILOUS ADAMS, MD, holder of License No. 33506 to practice medicine 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 the disciplinary matter pending before the Board 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 with reasonable skill and safety to patients and that if the Board is not so satisfied, the Board shall not reinstate my license.

This surrender shall become effective immediately upon acceptance thereof by the Board and docketing. 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.

(As to Respondent)

Sworn to and subscribed
this 1 day of

June, 2021.

Qiana D. Hill

NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires: September 27, 2023

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JUDONN THEOPHILOUS ADAMS, MD
Respondent



OFFICIAL SEAL
QIANA D. HILL
Notary Public, Georgia
DEKALB COUNTY
My Commission Expires
September 27, 2023

ACCEPTANCE OF SURRENDER

The voluntary surrender of License No. 33506 is hereby accepted by the Georgia Composite Medical Board, this 9 day of June, 2021.

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

(BOARD SEAL)



BY:

Barby Simmons D.
BARBY SIMMONS, DO
Chairperson

ATTEST:

L. Blum Telford
LASHARN HUGHES
Executive Director

BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

STATE OF GEORGIA

GEORGIA COMPOSITE
MEDICAL BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF:

BRADLEY W. BAKOTIC, D.O.,
License Number 48594,

Respondent.

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JUN 08 2021

DOCKET NUMBER:

20210075

PUBLIC CONSENT ORDER

By agreement of the Georgia Composite Medical Board (“Georgia Board”) and
BRADLEY W. BAKOTIC, D.O. (“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 stated herein. The Respondent’s license was issued on April 7,
2000, and is set to expire on December 31, 2021.

2.

On or about April 30, 2020, the Maryland State Board of Physicians, issued a Reprimand
and Public Consent Order (Case No. 2220-0009A) (hereinafter “the Maryland Order”), imposing
disciplinary action against Respondent, addressing a failure to timely submit to a criminal
background check as part of Respondent’s renewal application process.

3.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19(a)(5) and 43-34-8(a)(5), the Georgia Board may discipline a licensee who has had disciplinary action against him or her by any such lawful licensing authority other than the board.

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

The actions taken by licensing board in Maryland constitute sufficient grounds for the imposition of discipline upon Respondent's 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 Georgia 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.

This Consent Order and dissemination thereof shall serve as a **public reprimand** of Respondent by the Georgia Board.

2.

Respondent also understands that pursuant to O.C.G.A. Title 43, Chapter 34A, the

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Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19(a)(5) and 43-34-8(a)(5), the Georgia Board may discipline a licensee who has had disciplinary action against him or her by any such lawful licensing authority other than the board.

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

The actions taken by licensing board in Maryland constitute sufficient grounds for the imposition of discipline upon Respondent's 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 Georgia 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.

This Consent Order and dissemination thereof shall serve as a **public reprimand** of Respondent by the Georgia Board.

2.

Respondent also understands that pursuant to O.C.G.A. Title 43, Chapter 34A, the

contents of this Consent Order shall be placed on Respondent's Physician Profile. Furthermore, by executing this Consent Order, Respondent hereby agrees to permit the Georgia Board to update the Physician's Profile reflecting this Consent Order.

3.

Respondent acknowledges that Respondent has read this Consent Order and understands its contents. Respondent understands that Respondent 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 Georgia Board's consideration of this Consent Order and that the Georgia 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 Georgia Board. Respondent understands that this Consent Order, once approved and docketed, shall constitute a public record, evidencing disciplinary action by the Georgia 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 Georgia Board to adjudicate this matter. Respondent hereby consents to the terms and sanctions contained herein.

Approved this 8 day of June, 2021

(signatures on next page)

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

(BOARD SEAL)



BY:

Barby J. Simmons, D.O.
BARBY J. SIMMONS, D.O.
Chairperson

ATTEST:

Lasharn Hughes, MBA
LASHARN HUGHES, MBA
Executive Director

CONSENTED TO:

Bradley Bakotic, D.O.
BRADLEY BAKOTIC, D.O.,
Respondent

AS TO THE SIGNATURE OF
BRADLEY BAKOTIC, D.O.
Sworn to and subscribed before me
This, 30 day of April 2021.

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NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:

March 5, 2024

BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD
STATE OF GEORGIA

GEORGIA COMPOSITE
MEDICAL BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF:

VAISHALI B. KUTE, M.D.

License #: 45526

Respondent.

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DOCKET #: _____

JUN 08 2021

DOCKET NUMBER:

20210078

PUBLIC CONSENT ORDER

By agreement of the Georgia Composite Medical Board ("Board") and Vaishali B. Kute, M.D., Respondent, the following disposition of this matter is entered pursuant to 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 to practice medicine at all times relevant to the facts contained in this Order. His license expires on November 30, 2021.

2.

On September 6, 2016, Baby W. was born in a hospital.

3.

On September 7th and 8th, 2016, Baby W.'s direct and total bilirubin concentrations were tested at the hospital and found to be high.

4.

On September 9, 2016 Baby W. was discharged from the hospital and the parents were instructed to have a follow-up newborn appointment with their pediatrician.

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5.

On or about September 12, 2016 Baby W. was first seen by Respondent for a wellness exam.

6.

Baby W.'s parents allegedly did not bring Respondent the infant's newborn discharge papers from the hospital.

7.

On or about September 19, 2016, Baby W. was seen by Respondent for a well-baby check-up.

8.

Baby W.'s parents provided Respondent with the infant's hospital discharge summary that revealed that Baby W. had been discharged with high direct and total bilirubin concentrations.

9.

Baby W.'s parents reported no concerns and informed Respondent that Baby W was breastfeeding well.

10.

Respondent noted that Baby W. was gaining weight.

11.

Respondent did not during this visit retest Baby W.'s bilirubin levels or document an abdominal exam, even though Respondent noted Baby W. appeared slightly jaundiced and had yellow stools.

12.

On October 4, 2016, Baby W. went back to Respondent for an additional well-baby check-up.

13.

Respondent reported that Baby W. was growing and developing well, but Baby W's parents were concerned that Baby W.'s belly was swollen, and that he would grunt and whimper when picked up.

14.

Respondent noted that Baby W. appeared slightly jaundiced and had yellow stools.

15.

Respondent described Baby's W.'s condition as "breast milk jaundice" or "milk belly."

16.

Respondent did not during this visit test Baby W.'s bilirubin levels.

17.

On November 8, 2016, Baby W. went back to Respondent for another well-baby check-up.

18.

Baby W's parents reported that Baby W.'s belly was still swollen and that the baby had a sickly demeanor.

19.

Respondent documented that Baby W. displayed "slight conjunctival icterus¹" or yellow coloring of the eyes.

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¹ Conjunctival icterus is an indicator of elevated bilirubin levels.
<https://accessmedicine.mhmedical.com/content.aspx?bookid=2969§ionid=250454132>

Respondent did not during this visit test Baby W.'s bilirubin levels.

21.

On or about December 27, 2016, Baby W.'s mother called Respondent and reported that streaks of blood had been present in Baby W.'s stool early that day; that blood had been present in Baby W.'s nose, but had resolved with the use of a humidifier; and that otherwise Baby W. was not fussy, was breastfeeding well, and that the infant's bowel movements were soft and normal.

22.

Respondent informed Baby W's mother that the blood streaks in Baby's W.'s stool was possibly due to food allergies and that she should continue to breastfeeding Baby W.

23.

On or about January 5, 2017, Baby W. was admitted to the hospital due to acute liver failure and sepsis, and on the following day Baby W.'s liver was removed and the infant received a whole organ liver transplant consistent with biliary atresia.²

24.

The Board had an independent peer reviewer review the care and treatment provided by Respondent for Baby W. The peer reviewer determined that the Respondent's diagnosis, treatment, and recordkeeping fell below the minimum standards of acceptable and prevailing medical practice in the following manner:

- a. Respondent inadequately and/or inconsistently failed to document key areas that are standard in newborn visits and subsequent well-baby check-ups;

² Biliary atresia is a rare disease in infants in which the bile ducts that carry bile from the liver to the gallbladder become inflamed and blocked, causing bile to remain in the liver, where it destroys liver cells.
<https://liverfoundation.org/for-patients/about-the-liver/diseases-of-the-liver/biliary-atresia/#information-for-the-newly-diagnosed>

- b. Respondent failed to properly diagnosis Baby W. in accordance with the baby's symptoms; and
- c. Respondent failed to consider and/or document consideration of hyperbilirubinemia and thus, failed to test Baby W.'s bilirubin levels.

25.

Respondent's aforementioned practices depart from and fail to conform to the minimum standards of acceptable and prevailing medical practice and were violations of Georgia's laws and the Board's rules.

26.

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

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 submit to the Board a fine in the amount of five thousand dollars and zero cents (\$5,000.00) to be paid by cashier's check or money order made payable to the Board by certified check or money order to the Georgia Composite Medical Board **within ninety (90)**

days of the effective date of this Order. 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.

2.

In addition to the fine required in paragraph one of this Consent Order, Respondent shall pay administrative fees in the amount of three hundred and fifty dollars and zero cents (\$350.00) as reimbursement to the Board of expenses incurred in the investigation of this matter, which expenses do not include time spent by the investigative division of the Board. Said fees shall be payable by certified check or money order to the Georgia Composite Medical Board **within ninety (90) days** of the effective date of this Order. Failure to pay this cost within 90 days after this order had been docketed shall be considered a violation of this Order and may result in further sanctioning of Respondent's license, 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 34, the contents of this order shall be placed on Respondent's Physician Profile and reported as required by state and federal agencies, including but not limited to the National Practitioners Data Bank. 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 he has read and understands the contents of this Consent

Order. 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 and docketed by the Georgia Composite Medical Board. 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 8 day of June, 2021.

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

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BY:

Barby J. Simmons, D.O.

BARBY J. SIMMONS, D.O.

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Lasharn Hughes
LASHARN HUGHES, MBA
Executive Director

CONSENTED TO:

Vaishali B. Kute

VAISHALI B. KUTE, M.D.

Respondent

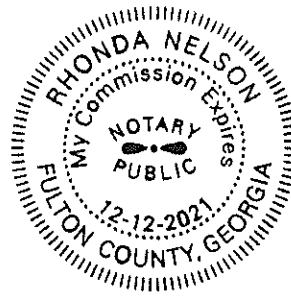
AS TO THE SIGNATURE
VAISHALI B. KUTE, M.D.
Sworn to and Subscribed

Before me this 12th day of May, 2021.



Rhonda Nelson
NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires: 12/12/21

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BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

Leonid Macheret, MD
License No. 25459,
Respondent.

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DOCKET NO.:

GEORGIA COMPOSITE
MEDICAL BOARD

JUN 08 2021

DOCKET NUMBER:
20210074

VOLUNTARY SURRENDER

I, Leonid Macheret, M.D., holder of License No. 025459 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 understand that I cannot apply for reinstatement for two years from the date of the surrender of my license under the rules of the Board. 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 1st day of June 2021, 2021.


Leonid Macheret, M.D. Respondent


NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires:

1-21-2023



JOANNE L. GOINS
Notary Public, State of Ohio
My Commission Expires 01-21-2023

ACCEPTANCE OF SURRENDER

The voluntary surrender of License No. 025459 is hereby accepted by
the Georgia Composite Medical Board, this 8 day of June,
2021.



(BOARD SEAL)

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

BY: 
Barby Simmons, D.O. Chairperson

ATTEST:


LASHARN HUGHES
Executive Director

BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

PATSY MITCHELL, D.O.,
License No. 64606,

Respondent.

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DOCKET NO.:

GEORGIA COMPOSITE
MEDICAL BOARD

JUN 08 2021

DOCKET NUMBER:
20210077

PUBLIC CONSENT ORDER

By agreement of the Georgia Composite Medical Board ("Board") and PATSY MITCHELL, D.O. ("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 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 facts stated herein.

2.

Respondent provided medical care to patient H.S. who complained of worsening headaches that did not improve with over the counter medications.

3.

Respondent's medical care of H.S. was evaluated by a Board-appointed consultant who concluded that Respondent's diagnosis, treatment, and records departed from and failed to conform to the minimal standards of acceptable and prevailing medical practice in the following ways:

- i. Respondent failed to document the patient's type of headache, triggers, location, and the over-the-counter medications used by the patient; making a proper diagnosis difficult;
- ii. Respondent's failure to document the patient's type of headache impacted treatment;
- iii. Respondent prescribed Lamotrigine at a faster dose titration than recommended.

4.

Respondent neither admits nor denies the above findings of fact, but waives further findings and agrees to the entry of this Order in order to resolve the pending allegations.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent's conduct constitutes sufficient grounds for the Board to exercise disciplinary authority under O.C.G.A. Chs. 1 and 34, T. 43, as amended, and the Rules of the Georgia Composite Medical Board. Respondent waives any further conclusions of law with respect to the above-styled matter.

ORDER

The Board, having considered the particular facts and circumstances of this case, hereby ordered, and Respondent hereby agrees to the following:

1.

Within six months of the effective (docket) date of this Order, Respondent shall obtain ten (10) hours of continuing medical education (CME) in the area of medication safety and ten (10) hours of CME in the area of proper prescribing. These hours shall be in addition to CME requirements for license renewal and may not be used to fulfill any continuing education hours for license renewal. Respondent shall provide written evidence of successful completion of the twenty (20) hours of CME to the Board within six (6) months of the effective date of this Order. Failure to complete the twenty (20) hours of CME and provide evidence of completion to the

Board shall constitute a violation of this Consent Order and may result in further disciplinary action.

2.

Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Consent Order, Respondent shall pay administrative fees to the Board in the amount of four hundred dollars (\$400.00) as reimbursement to the Board of expenses incurred in the investigation of this matter, which expenses do not include time spent by the investigative division of the Board. Said fees shall be payable by certified check or money order to the Board, and shall be submitted to the attention of the Executive Director, Georgia Composite Medical Board, 2 Peachtree Street, N.W., 6th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia, 30303. Failure to pay the entire amount by the thirtieth (30th) day shall be considered a violation of this Consent Order and shall result in further sanctioning of Respondent's license, including revocation, upon substantiation.

3.

Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Consent Order, Respondent shall submit to the Board a fine in the amount of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) to be paid in full by cashier's check or money order payable to the Board. Said fine shall be submitted to the attention of the Executive Director, Georgia Composite Medical Board, 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 Consent Order and shall result in further sanctioning of Respondent's license, including revocation, upon substantiation thereof.

4.

This Consent Order and the dissemination thereof shall constitute a public reprimand to the Respondent for her conduct.

5.

Respondent understands that pursuant to O.C.G.A. Title 43, Chapter 34A, the contents of this Consent 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.

Approval of this Order by the Board shall in no way be construed as condoning Respondent's conduct and, except as provided herein, shall not be construed as a waiver of any of the lawful rights of the Board.

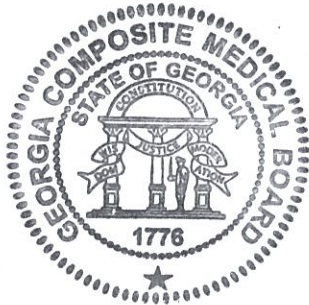
7.

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 further understands and agrees 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 and docketed, shall constitute a public record and may be disseminated as such. However, if the Consent Order is not approved, it shall not constitute an admission against interest in the proceeding, or prejudice the right of the Board to adjudicate the matter. Respondent understands that this Consent Order will not become effective until approved and docketed by the Georgia Composite Medical Board. Respondent consents to the terms contained herein.

Approved, this _____ day of _____, 2021.

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

(BOARD SEAL)



BY: Barby J. Simmons D.
BARBY J. SIMMONS, D.O.
Chairperson

ATTEST: Lasharn Hughes
LASHARN HUGHES, M.B.A.
Executive Director

CONSENTED TO: Patsy Mitchell
PATSY MITCHELL, D.O.
Respondent

AS TO THE SIGNATURE OF
PATSY MITCHELL, D.O.
Sworn to and subscribed before me
this, 13th day of April, 2021.

[Signature]
NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires: 04/13/2024
COUNTY OF GWINNETT, GEORGIA

BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

STATE OF GEORGIA

GEORGIA COMPOSITE
MEDICAL BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF:

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MILAGROS TERESA RIVERA, M.D.,
License No. 41648,
Respondent.

DOCKET NO.:

JUN 08 2021

DOCKET NUMBER:

20210076

PUBLIC CONSENT ORDER

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1.

Respondent is licensed to practice as a physician in Georgia and was so licensed at all times relevant to this matter.

2.

On or about May 14, 2020, Respondent was convicted, upon the entering of a guilty plea, of one count of Conspiracy to engage in interstate travel or transportation in aid of a racketeering business, in violation of 18 U.S.C §§ 371 and 1952(a)(3), in the United States District Court, for the Southern District of Georgia, Savannah Division, Criminal Case No.: 4:19CR00161-1. Respondent was sentenced to, one day of incarceration, with credit for time served, one year of supervised release, a fine of \$5,500.00, and \$81,360.00 in restitution.

3.

Respondent's plea was based on her provision of telemedicine services. She began work with the company based upon assurances that they were working within legal parameters but

only learned this was not true when Federal authorities intervened. Respondent cooperated and provided assistance to the government, and has expressed genuine remorse for her error.

4.

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

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent's guilty plea entered into with the United States District Court, for the Southern District of Georgia, Savannah Division, constitutes sufficient grounds for the imposition of sanctions upon Respondent's license to practice as a physician in the State of Georgia under O.C.G.A. Chs. 1 and 34, T. 43, as amended. Respondent hereby waives any further conclusions of law with respect to the above-styled matter.

ORDER

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

1.

Within six (6) months of the effective date of this Consent Order, Respondent shall enroll in, complete, and provide evidence to the Board of completion of ten (10) hours of continuing education approved by the Board in the area of ethics. Such coursework and hours shall be in addition to, and shall NOT be used to satisfy, continuing education hours for license renewal purposes. Respondent's failure to complete the courses and hours and/or provide evidence of completion of the courses and hours shall be considered a violation of this Order and grounds for further disciplinary action, including revocation.

2.

Within thirty 30 days of the effective date of this Order, Respondent shall pay a fine in the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to be paid in full by cashier's check or money

order made payable to the Georgia Composite Medical Board. Said fines shall be sent to Georgia Composite Medical Board, 2 Peachtree Street, NW, 6th Floor, Atlanta, GA 30303, to the attention of the Executive Director. Failure to pay the entire amount 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.

3.

In addition to, and in conjunction with any other sanction contained herein, this Consent Order and dissemination thereof, shall serve as a public reprimand of Respondent by the Board.

4.

Respondent understands that pursuant to O.C.G.A. Title 43, Chapter 34A, the contents of this order shall be placed on her 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.

The effective date of this Consent Order is the date the Consent Order is docketed. Respondent should receive a docketed copy of the Consent Order from the Board at Respondent's address of record within 10 business days of the docket date. If Respondent has not received a docketed copy of the Consent Order, it is Respondent's responsibility to obtain a docketed copy of the Consent Order from the Board. Respondent must comply with the terms of the Consent Order beginning on the effective date.

6.

Respondent shall abide by all state and federal laws regulating the practice of medicine and relating to drugs, the Rules and Regulations of the Board, and the terms and conditions of this Consent Order. If Respondent shall fail to abide by such laws, rules, terms

or conditions, 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. Respondent further agrees that any violation of this Consent Order shall be deemed to be sufficient to authorize the Board to initiate further disciplinary action or 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 understands that Respondent shall be entitled to an expedited hearing to substantiate such violation, if the Board exercises such right.

7.

Respondent acknowledges that she has read this Consent Order and understands its contents. Respondent understands that she has the right to appear before the Board in this matter, and 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 Board. Respondent further understands and agrees that a representative of the Department of Law may be present during presentation of this Consent Order to the Board 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 and will be reportable to the National Practitioner Data Bank. However, if the 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 consents to the terms and conditions contained herein.

(signatures on following page)

Approved, this 8 day of June, 2021.



(BOARD SEAL)

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

BY:

Barby J. Simmons, D.O.

BARBY J. SIMMONS, D.O.
Chairperson

Attest:

Lasharn Hughes, MBA
LASHARN HUGHES, MBA
Executive Director

Consented to:

Milagros Teresa Rivera, M.D.
MILAGROS TERESA RIVERA, M.D.
Respondent

Witness of Signature:

Swore to and subscribed

before me this 12th day

of May, 2021.

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Jade Blaisdell

NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires: 06/11/2022

Notary only for Milagros Teresa Rivera, M.D.

