

January 2019 Public Board Actions List

Georgia Composite Medical Board
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1. **Sonja Doughlin, MD**
78289
Physician
Public Consent Order

BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

STATE OF GEORGIA

GEORGIA COMPOSITE
MEDICAL BOARD

JAN 10 2019

DOCKET NUMBER:
20190010

IN THE MATTER OF:

SONJA DOUGHLIN, M.D.,
License Number 78289,

Respondent.

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DOCKET NO. _____

PUBLIC CONSENT ORDER

By agreement of the Georgia Composite Medical Board (“Board”) and Sonja Doughlin (“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 currently licensed to practice medicine in the State of Georgia and has been so licensed at all times relevant to the matters stated herein. As such, Respondent is a “prescriber” as defined in O.C.G.A. § 16-13-21(23.1).

2.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 16-13-57(c), all prescribers in the State of Georgia who have a Drug Enforcement Agency (“DEA”) registration number were required to enroll in the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program data base (hereinafter “PDMP”) by January 1, 2018.

3.

Respondent currently maintains DEA registration number FD6893641 and held such number on January 1, 2018.

4.

As of November 9, 2018, Respondent failed to register with the PDMP as required by the statute.

5.

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

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent's conduct and the above Findings of Fact constitute sufficient grounds for the imposition of sanctions upon Respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of Georgia pursuant to O.C.G.A. §§ 16-13-57, 43-1-19, and 43-34-8.

ORDER

1.

Respondent shall register with the PDMP, as required by statute, within fifteen (15) days of the date of this Consent Order. Respondent shall also comply with the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 16-13-63 on seeking and reviewing information from the PDMP, when prescribing controlled substances listed in paragraph (1) or (2) of O.C.G.A. 16-13-26 or benzodiazepines. Failure to comply with this paragraph shall be grounds for further sanction, up to and including revocation.

2.

Respondent shall submit to the Board a fine of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00), to be paid in full by cashier's check or money order made payable to the Board within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this Consent Order. Failure to pay the entire amount by the within sixty days shall be considered a violation of this Order and shall result in further sanctioning of

Respondent's license, including revocation, upon substantiation thereof.

3.

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

4.

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.

5.

Respondent acknowledges that Respondent has read and understands the contents of this Consent Order. Respondent understands that Respondent has the right to a hearing in this matter, and Respondent freely, knowingly and voluntarily waives such right in accordance with the terms set forth herein 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 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.

(signatures on following page)

Approved this 10th day of January, 2018⁹.

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD



BY: [Signature]
J. JEFFREY MARSHALL, M.D.
Chairperson

ATTEST: [Signature]
LASHARN HUGHES
Executive Director

CONSENTED TO:

[Signature]
SONJA DOUGHLIN
Respondent

[As to Respondent's signature:]
Sworn to and subscribed before me
This 5th day of January, 2018⁹.
Patrick Clarke
NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires: 01/09/2021

