

January 2016 Public Board Actions List

Georgia Composite Medical Board
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BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

NEVORN SEDELLA HALL ASKARI, M.D.,
License No. 28712,
Respondent.

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GEORGIA COMPOSITE
MEDICAL BOARD

JAN 07 2015

DOCKET NUMBER:
2016 0031

INTERIM CONSENT ORDER

By agreement of the Georgia Composite Medical Board (“Board”) and Nevorn Sedella Hall Askari, M.D. (“Respondent”) the following interim 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 stated herein.

2.

On or about January 8, 2013, Respondent was indicted in the United States District Court, Northern District of Georgia, Case No. 1:12-CR-276-4, on charges including but not limited to Drug Conspiracy, Maintaining a Place for Drug Distribution, Money Laundering Conspiracy, and Bankruptcy Fraud. A trial date has been set for March 1, 2016. Conditions governing Respondent’s release on bond include conditions that Respondent not prescribe opioids and that Respondent not prescribe drugs described in Paragraph 4 of the Indictment which included Oxycodone, Oxycodone with Acetaminophen, and Alprazolam; other conditions of release include: allow USPO inspection of medical facility and maintain file of prescriptions for review.

3.

For the purposes of entering into this Interim Consent Order, Respondent does not contest the findings of fact above. Respondent understands that by doing so she is not admitting the truth of any of the findings or acknowledging any impropriety, but is agreeing that the Board may enter an interim order based on the findings without the necessity of receiving evidence in support thereof. Respondent makes no admission herein and reserves the right to contest allegations against her in any civil, criminal or other proceedings before another state's lawful licensing authority.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

In order to resolve the issues identified herein, Respondent herein waives formal conclusions of law with respect to the above-styled matter and does not contest the Board's authority to enter the following order.

ORDER

The Board, having considered the particular facts and circumstances of this case, hereby agrees, and the Respondent hereby agrees, that the following Order shall be entered:

1.

Until further order of the Board, (a) Respondent shall not prescribe any opioid medications; (b) Respondent shall not prescribe the drugs Oxycodone, Oxycodone with Acetaminophen, and Alprazolam; (c) Respondent shall allow Medical Board inspection of the medical facility or facilities in which she is practicing medicine; and (d) Respondent shall maintain a file of prescriptions for review by the Board or agent thereof.

2.

Respondent shall notify the Board of the resolution of the criminal charges against her within twenty (20) days of such resolution. Within twenty (20) days of said notification, the Board will forward Matters Asserted and Statutes and Rules Involved to the Office of State Administrative Hearings for the purpose of instituting a hearing against Respondent for disciplinary action against her Georgia license.

3.

Nothing in this Interim Consent Order precludes the Respondent from subsequently entering into a final settlement of the above-referenced matter by a surrender of her license or a final consent order between the parties.

4.

Approval of this Interim Consent Order by the Board shall in no way be construed as condoning Respondent's alleged conduct and shall not be construed as a waiver of any of the lawful rights possessed by the Board or Respondent to finally adjudicate this matter.

5.

This Consent Order and its dissemination shall be constitute a public order of the Board.

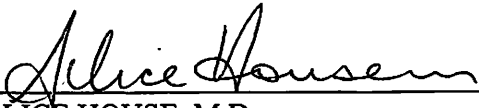
6.

Respondent acknowledges that she is represented by counsel in this matter and that she has read and understands the contents of this Interim Public Consent Order. Respondent understands that she has the right to a hearing in this matter, and Respondent freely, knowingly and voluntarily waives such right at this time in accordance with the terms set forth herein by entering into this Interim Public 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 Interim Public Consent Order. Respondent understands that this Interim Public Consent Order will not become effective until approved and docketed by the Georgia Composite Medical Board. Respondent further understands that this Interim Public Consent Order shall not prejudice the ability of the Board to finally adjudicate this matter or constitute an admission against interest in this proceeding. Respondent consents to the terms contained herein.

Approved, this 7TH day of JANUARY, 2016.

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

BY: 
ALICE HOUSE, M.D.
Chairperson

(BOARD SEAL)

ATTEST: 
ROBERT JEFFERY
Interim Executive Director

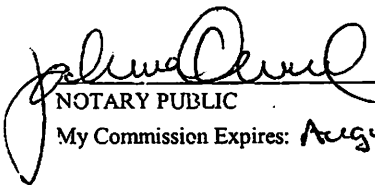
CONSENTED TO:


NEVORK SEDELLA HALL ASKARI, M.D.
Respondent

[As to Respondent's signature:]

Sworn to and subscribed before me

This 31 day of December, 2015


NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires: August 17, 2018

BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

STATE OF GEORGIA

GEORGIA COMPOSITE
MEDICAL BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF:

CLIFFORD A. CRAWFORD, M.D.,

License No. 58455,

Respondent.

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JAN 25 2016

DOCKET NUMBER:

20160033

ORDER OF SUSPENSION

1.

WHEREAS, Clifford A. Crawford, M.D. ("Respondent") is licensed by the Georgia Composite Medical Board ("Board") to practice as a physician in the State of Georgia and has been so licensed at all times relative to the matters herein.

2.

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A §43-34-8(b.1) provides, "the board shall suspend the license, certificate, or permit of a person licensed by the board who has been certified by a federal agency and reported to the board for nonpayment or default or breach of a repayment or service obligation under any federal education loan, loan repayment, or service conditional scholarship program. Prior to the suspension, the licensee, certificate holder, or permit holder shall be entitled to notice of the board's intended action and opportunity to appear before the board according to procedures set forth in the board's rules and regulations. A suspension of a license, certificate, or permit under this subsection is not a contested case under Chapter 13 of Title 50, 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' A license, certificate, or permit suspended under this Code section shall not be reinstated or reissued until the person provides the board a written release issued by the reporting agency stating that the person is making payments on the loan or satisfying the service requirements in accordance with an agreement approved by the reporting agency. If the person has continued to meet all other requirements for issuance of a license, certificate, or permit during the period of suspension, reinstatement of the license, certificate, or permit shall be automatic upon receipt of the notice and payment of any reinstatement fee which the board may impose." See also O.C.G.A. §43-1-29 and Board Rule 360-30-.01.

3.

WHEREAS, on or about August 24, 2015, the Georgia Composite Medical Board ("Board") received written notification and certification from the U.S. Department of Justice, United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Georgia that in the case of United States v. Clifford A. Crawford, Jr., M.D., Civil Action No. 1:14-MI-00003-UNA, (N.D. Ga.) a judgment was entered against Respondent regarding Respondent's liability to the United States for nonpayment of his federal educational loan(s). The information indicated that Respondent was in nonpayment status with respect to the above-referenced case and the underlying federal educational loan(s) and has not taken the necessary steps to comply with a repayment plan.

4.

WHEREAS, on or about November 24, 2015, after multiple attempts at service, the Board personally served Respondent with written notice of the Board's intended action and his right to request an appearance before the Board. On or about December 23, 2015, Respondent requested an appearance before the Board and an appearance was scheduled for January 7, 2016.

5.

No additional information has been provided to the Board by Respondent since January 7, 2016.

6.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board finds that suspension of Respondent's license to practice as a physician in the State of Georgia is warranted in accordance with Georgia law and Board rules, and hereby **ORDERS** that Respondent's license to practice as a physician in the State of Georgia be and is hereby **SUSPENDED**. Respondent may not practice medicine in the State of Georgia during the period of suspension. Respondent must comply with Board Rule 360-30-.01(8) if he requests that the suspension be lifted. Should Respondent fail to timely renew his license during the period of suspension, the license shall be considered to be revoked by operation of law and subject to reinstatement in the sole discretion of the Board.

This Order is signed and attested by the Executive Director on behalf of the Georgia Composite Medical Board. This 25th day of January, 2016.

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

ALICE HOUSE, M.D.

Chairperson

(BOARD SEAL)

ATTEST:



ROBERT JEFFERY
Interim Executive Director

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

NEDRA DODDS, M.D.
License No. 039170,

Respondent.

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GEORGIA COMPOSITE
MEDICAL BOARD

JAN 28 2016

DOCKET NUMBER:
20140017

FINAL DECISION

An initial decision was issued by Administrative Law Judge Michael Malihi in the above matter on November 9, 2015, and Respondent was personally served with the decision on November 9, 2015. Respondent filed a Motion for Reconsideration which was denied by the Administrative Law Judge on December 11, 2015. Neither the Respondent nor the Georgia Composite Medical Board filed an application for review of the initial decision pursuant to O.C.G.A. Sections 50-13-17(a) and 50-13-41(e).

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Findings of Fact entered by the Administrative Law Judge in the initial decision are hereby adopted and incorporated by reference herein.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Conclusions of Law entered by the Administrative Law Judge in the initial decision are hereby adopted and incorporated by reference herein.

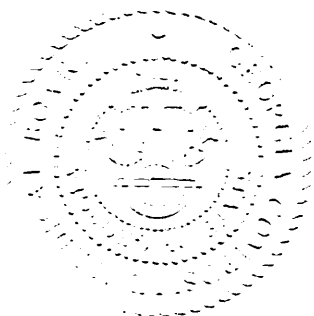
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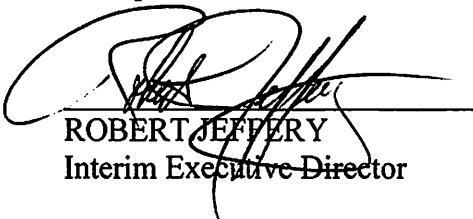
The recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge that the medical license of Respondent should be revoked as stated in its initial decision having become the final decision of the Board by operation of law is incorporated by reference and is hereby made the Final Decision of the Board as a matter of law under O.C.G.A. Sections 50-13-17 and 50-13-41.

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

ALICE HOUSE, M.D.
Chairperson

(BOARD SEAL)




ROBERT JEFFERY
Interim Executive Director

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

IN THE MATTER OF:)
)
EDD COLBERT JONES, III, M.D.,)
License No. 33123,)
Respondent.)

GEORGIA COMPOSITE
MEDICAL BOARD

JAN 07 2015

DOCKET NUMBER:
20160013

AMENDED INTERIM PUBLIC CONSENT ORDER

By agreement of the Georgia Composite Medical Board ("Board") and EDD COLBERT JONES, III, M.D. ("Respondent") the following interim disposition of this matter supersedes any and all prior orders of the Board relative to the Respondent, including but not limited to the Interim Public Consent Order, Docket No. 20160013, effective August 11, 2015, and 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 s) licensed at all times relevant to the matters stated herein.

2.

Respondent is currently the subject of an ongoing investigation by law enforcement related to the issuance of prescriptions for scheduled controlled substances. On or about April 22, 2015, Respondent was arrested and charged with illegal prescribing and assisting in the illegal distribution of controlled substances. The charges are pending as of the date of this Order.

3.

On or about August 11-13, 2015, Respondent obtained, and subsequently provided

the Board with the results of, a comprehensive, multidisciplinary mental/physical examination by a Board approved physician/facility with expertise in the area of professional boundary violations and psychiatric evaluation as required under the terms of the Interim Public Consent Order of August 11, 2015. The examination resulted in recommendations regarding Respondent's continued practice of medicine.

4.

Respondent understands that by entering into this Consent Order he is not admitting the truth of any of the findings or acknowledging any impropriety, but is agreeing that the Board may enter an interim order based on the findings identified above without the necessity of receiving evidence in support thereof. Respondent makes no admission herein and reserves the right to contest allegations against him in any civil, criminal, administrative or other proceedings before this Board or any other competent State or Federal authority. The Board also makes no admissions and, in the event of a hearing, would not be limited to the above findings. The Board enters this Order for purposes of an interim solution in this matter.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent's current status as the subject of the investigation by law enforcement relative to his practice of medicine constitutes sufficient grounds for the imposition of interim action by the Board upon Respondent's license to practice medicine in the state of Georgia, under O.C.G.A. Chapter 34, T.43 as amended and the Rules of the Georgia Composite Medical Board. Respondent hereby waives any further conclusions of law with respect to the above-styled matter and does not contest the Board's authority to enter the following order.

ORDER

The Board, having considered the particular facts and circumstances of this case, hereby agrees, and the Respondent hereby agrees, that the following Amended Order shall be entered until the criminal charges have been resolved or final action has been entered by the Board, whichever is earlier:

1.

Respondent shall continue to engage in individual therapy with a Board approved provider, which treatment shall include addressing professional boundary issues and dual relationships. Within 10 days of the effective date of this Amended Order, Respondent shall provide a copy of the Amended Order, and arrange for the release of a copy of the mental/physical examination report, to the provider and submit documentation of compliance to the Board.

2.

Respondent shall continue to maintain a contemporaneous log for all controlled substances prescribed by Respondent. Respondent's log shall detail the name of the patient and drug, dosage, refills given, and diagnosis/reason for prescribing. Respondent shall provide a copy of the log to the Board on a monthly basis, due within one week of the end of each month. The log may be submitted electronically or via a CD. Respondent shall also provide a copy of said log to the supervising physician (as described in paragraphs 5 and 6 below) on a weekly basis. Respondent shall provide the supervising physician with access to Respondent's electronic medical records system for purposes of periodically reviewing the prescriptions of controlled substances and reconciling them with the underlying medical

records. Respondent shall provide certified patient medical records to the Board forthwith upon request. The Board reserves the right to initiate investigation and/or disciplinary action based on its review of Respondent's log and/or medical records.

3.

Respondent shall, within eight (8) months of August 11, 2015, provide evidence to the Board of successful completion of the mini-residency program entitled "Appropriate Prescribing of Controlled Substances" sponsored by the Mercer University College of Pharmacy, Office of Continuing Education ("Mercer program").

4.

Respondent shall also obtain at least twenty (20) hours of Board approved continuing medical education (CME) in the area of professional boundary issues and at least ten (10) hours of Board approved CME in the area of record keeping on or before August 11, 2016. These courses shall be in addition to the CME required of all Georgia physicians.

5.

Respondent shall continue to practice under a Board approved supervising physician with whom he shall discuss patients and prescription practices on a regular ongoing basis and with whom he shall meet at least monthly. Respondent shall provide a copy of this Order to the supervising physician. By executing this Consent Order, Respondent specifically consents to his supervising physician reporting upon Respondent's behavior and performance in his practice to the Board, notwithstanding any privilege which may be provided by state or federal law. Respondent shall obtain prior written Board approval through the medical director for any change in supervising physician and shall provide a copy of this Order to any future approved supervising physicians.

6.

Respondent shall submit or cause to be submitted quarterly reports from his supervising physician and his therapist regarding his performance as a physician and his attendance at therapy sessions by March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31 of each calendar year. Failure to submit or have such reports submitted in a timely manner, shall be considered a violation of the Consent Order. The reports shall include the supervising physician's and the therapist's opinions concerning, respectively, the Respondent's fitness to safely and appropriately practice medicine, including, but not limited to, the Respondent's prescription of scheduled controlled substances.

7.

Respondent shall utilize a female chaperone for all visits/encounters with female patients, including consultations. Respondent shall provide a docketed copy of this Amended Order to the chaperone(s) and shall submit or cause to be submitted a written statement from the chaperone(s) to the Board stating she has read this Amended Order in its entirety. Respondent shall ensure that the chaperone signs the medical chart note (or electronic signature for electronic medical records) for each patient visit, indicating the chaperone was present for the entire visit.

8.

On a quarterly basis, Respondent shall facilitate the submission of staff surveillance forms and/or employee affidavits from at least two (2) staff members who work with him in his office to his supervising physician and treating therapist. The staff surveillance forms shall be sent to his treating therapist directly by the staff members. The forms shall address Respondent's compliance with the terms of this Order and/or Respondent's observed behavior

with female patients. This information shall be incorporated by his treating therapist into quarterly reports sent to the Board.

9.

Respondent shall not provide medical care and treatment to any staff or family members, except in cases of documented emergencies, and shall refer such individuals to other providers.

10.

In the event that Respondent should leave Georgia to reside or to 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. In addition, Respondent shall advise the Board of any change of address of record or employment status within 10 days of the change.

11.

Respondent shall abide by all state and federal laws regulating the practice of medicine or relating to scheduled controlled substances, the Rules and Regulations to the Georgia Composite Medical Board and the terms of this Consent Order. If Respondent shall fail to abide by such laws, rules or terms or if it should appear from reports submitted to the Board that Respondent is unable to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients, Respondent's license may be subject to disciplinary action upon substantiation thereof, after notice and hearing. Respondent further agrees that any violation of this Consent Order may be deemed to be sufficient to authorize the Board to summarily suspend 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 he shall be entitled to an expedited

hearing to substantiate such violations, if the Board exercises such right.

12.

Respondent shall notify the Board of the resolution of the criminal charges against him within twenty (20) days of such resolution. Within twenty (20) days of said notification, the Board may forward Matters Asserted and Statutes and Rules Involved to the Office of State Administrative Hearings for the purpose of instituting a hearing against Respondent for disciplinary action against his Georgia license. Said disciplinary action may include allegations in addition to those identified herein.

13.

Nothing in this Interim Public Consent Order precludes the Respondent from subsequently entering into a final settlement of this matter by a surrender of his license or a final consent order between the parties.

14.

Approval of this Interim Public Consent Order by the Board shall in no way be construed as condoning Respondent's alleged conduct and shall not be construed as a waiver of any of the lawful rights possessed by the Board or Respondent to finally adjudicate this matter.

15.

Respondent acknowledges that he is represented by counsel and that he has read and understands the contents of this Amended Interim Public Consent Order. Respondent understands that he has the right to a hearing in this matter, and Respondent freely, knowingly and voluntarily waives such right at this time in accordance with the terms set forth herein by entering into this Amended Interim Public Consent Order. Respondent further

understands and agrees the Board shall have the authority to review all relevant evidence in considering this Amended Interim Public Consent Order. Respondent understands that this Amended Interim Public Consent Order is not a disciplinary action and will not become effective until approved and docketed by the Georgia Composite Medical Board. Respondent further understands that this Amended Interim Public Consent Order shall not prejudice the ability of the Board to finally adjudicate this matter or constitute an admission by Respondent against his interest in this proceeding. Respondent consents to the terms contained herein.

Approved, this 7th day of January, 2016.

[SIGNATURES CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE]

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

BY: Alice House
ALICE HOUSE, M.D.
Chairperson

(BOARD SEAL)

ATTEST: [Signature]
Executive Director

CONSENTED TO: [Signature]
EDD COLBERT JONES, III, M.D.
Respondent

[As to Respondent's signature:]
Sworn to and subscribed before me
This day of Dec. 30, 2015.

Myra I. Griffin
NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires: 10/23/2017

[Signature]
CHRISTOPHER L. RAY, ESQ.
Attorney for Respondent



BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

STATE OF GEORGIA

GEORGIA COMPOSITE
MEDICAL BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF:

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JAN 07 2016

**RONALD CRAIG MCLEAN, M.D.,
License No. 30163,
Respondent.**

DOCKET NUMBER:

2016 0029

PUBLIC CONSENT ORDER

By agreement of the Georgia Composite Medical Board (“Board”) and RONALD CRAIG MCLEAN, M.D. (“Respondent”), the following disposition of the matter is entered into 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 licensed as such at all times relevant to the matters stated herein.

2.

The Board received reliable information that Respondent, a primary care physician, prescribed narcotics to patients without legitimate medical reason. Respondent’s medical records for twelve (12) patients showed Respondent’s treatment consisted primarily of the prescribing of controlled substances for periods of time ranging from approximately one (1) to four (4) years.

3.

A Board approved peer reviewer reviewed Respondent’s treatment of twelve (12) patients and concluded that Respondent’s treatment of these patients departed from and failed to conform to the minimum standard of acceptable and prevailing medical practice in diagnosis

and treatment. The peer reviewer found that Respondent's diagnosis and evaluation were below minimum standards because they lacked studies and specialist support; and that treatment was below minimum standards due to the excessive number of narcotics and muscle relaxants prescribed, and inconsistent enforcement of pain contracts/policies.

4.

Respondent contends the following: that the Board did not have the complete patient records, specifically diagnostic studies, e.g. x-ray studies and toxicology reports, because his staff did not send the complete file, despite his office staff's certification to the contrary; ; and that he had to treat chronic pain patients because specialists were not accepting referrals for Medicaid patients in the geographical area of his practice.

5.

Respondent admits the above findings of fact for purposes of resolution of this matter 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 his license to practice medicine in the State of Georgia pursuant to O.C.G.A. Chs. 1 and 34, T. 43, as amended. Respondent 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 the case, hereby orders, and Respondent hereby agrees, to the following:

1.

In addition to continuing education required for all Georgia physicians, Respondent shall provide the Board with evidence, within six (6) months of the effective date of this Order, of having enrolled in and successfully completed the mini-residency program entitled "Appropriate Prescribing of Controlled Substances" sponsored by the Mercer University School of Pharmacy's continuing education department.

2.

Respondent shall submit to the Board a fine of twenty five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) to be paid in full by cashier's check or money order made payable to the Georgia Composite Medical Board within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Consent Order. 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 the required fine, Respondent shall pay administrative fees 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 Georgia Composite Medical Board within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Consent Order. Failure to pay the entire amount 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.

4.

Respondent shall abide by all State and Federal laws regulating his practice as a physician, the Rules and Regulations of the Georgia Composite Medical Board and the terms of this Consent Order. If Respondent shall fail to abide by such laws, rules or terms, or if it should appear to the Board that Respondent is otherwise unable to practice 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 shall 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 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(s), if the Board exercise such right.

5.

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

6.

Respondent 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.

Respondent acknowledges that he is represented by counsel and that he has read this Consent Order and understands its contents. Respondent understands that he has a right to a hearing, and freely, knowingly, and voluntarily waives that right. Respondent understands that the Consent Order will not become effective until approved and docketed by the Georgia Composite Medical Board. Respondent further understands and agrees that the Board shall have the authority to review the investigative file and all relevant evidence in considering the Consent Order. Respondent further understands that the Consent Order, once approved, shall constitute a public record that may be disseminated as a public disciplinary record of the Board. 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 or the Respondent to defend the matter in the future. Respondent consents to the terms and conditions contained herein.

Approved, this 7TH day of JANUARY, 2015. 6

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

(BOARD SEAL)

BY:

Alice House

ALICE HOUSE, M.D.

Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Executive Director

CONSENTED TO:

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RONALD CRAIG MCLEAN, M.D.

Respondent

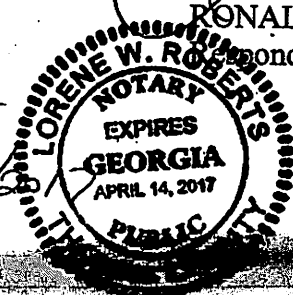
[As to Respondent's signature:]

Sworn to and subscribed before me
This 2TH day of Dec., 2015

Lorene W. Roberts

NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires: 04/14/2017



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

IN THE MATTER OF:

**SAMUEL MINTLOW, M.D.
License No. 028824,**

Respondent.

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GEORGIA COMPOSITE
MEDICAL BOARD

JAN 28 2016

DOCKET NUMBER:
20160014

FINAL DECISION

An initial decision was issued by Administrative Law Judge Ronit Walker in the above matter on December 2, 2015. Service to Respondent of the initial decision was unable to be accomplished by certified mail as the mail was returned marked "Unclaimed, Unable to forward". The Board's interim executive director was personally served with the decision. Neither the Respondent nor the Georgia Composite Medical Board filed an application for review of the initial decision pursuant to O.C.G.A. Sections 50-13-17(a) and 50-13-41(e).

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Findings of Fact entered by the Administrative Law Judge in the initial decision are hereby adopted and incorporated by reference herein.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Conclusions of Law entered by the Administrative Law Judge in the initial decision are hereby adopted and incorporated by reference herein.

ORDER

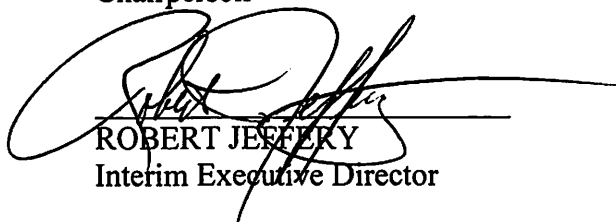
The recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge that the medical license of Respondent should be revoked as stated in its initial decision having become the final decision of the Board by operation of law is incorporated by reference and is hereby made the Final Decision of the Board as a matter of law under O.C.G.A. Sections 50-13-17 and 50-13-41.

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

ALICE HOUSE, M.D.
Chairperson

(BOARD SEAL)




ROBERT JEFFERY
Interim Executive Director

BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

STATE OF GEORGIA

GEORGIA COMPOSITE
MEDICAL BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF:

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JAN 07 2015

**FRED ERNEST POTTS, IV, M.D.,
Applicant.**

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DOCKET NUMBER:

20160028

PUBLIC CONSENT ORDER FOR LICENSURE

By agreement of the Georgia Composite Medical Board (“Board”) and FRED ERNEST POTTS, IV, M.D. (“Applicant”), the following disposition of the matter is entered into pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. §43-34-8 and §50-13-13 (a) (4), as amended.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1.

On or about April 30, 2015, Applicant submitted an application for physician licensure in the State of Georgia. Applicant holds licenses to practice medicine in the states of Missouri and Illinois. Applicant previously held licenses to practice medicine in Kansas and Texas, which licenses expired in 2002 and 2000, respectively.

2.

In the Applicant Questionnaire section of his Georgia licensure application, Applicant answered “No” to Question #15 which asks, “Have you ever been, or are you currently, the subject of an investigation by any licensing Board or agency?”

3.

The Board received reliable information that Applicant was and/or is the subject of investigation(s) by the Missouri Board of Registration of the Healing Arts (“Missouri Board”) and the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Bureau of Narcotics

and Dangerous Drugs and that Applicant was aware of such investigation(s). The investigations involved allegations including but not limited to Applicant's prescribing extremely large amounts of methadone and detoxing patients with prescriptions from his practice; lack of required documentation; and violations concerning Applicant's stocking and dispensing of controlled substances, including samples, in his office.

4.

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

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Applicant's false response on his application for licensure constitutes sufficient grounds for the Board to deny the application or to impose sanctions and/or conditions on Applicant's license to practice medicine under O.C.G.A. Ch. 34, T. 43, as amended, O.C.G.A. § 43-1-19(a), and the Rules of the Georgia Composite Medical Board. Applicant waives any further conclusions of law with respect to this matter.

ORDER

The Georgia Composite Medical Board, having considered all the particular facts and circumstances of this case, hereby orders, and the Applicant hereby agrees, that Applicant shall be granted a license to practice medicine in the State of Georgia subject to the following:

1.

Beginning on the effective date of this Consent Order, Applicant's license shall be subject to a period of probation until terminated by a written order of the Board, subject to the following terms and conditions:

(a) DEA Registration. Applicant shall not prescribe, administer, order, or dispense any drugs designated as controlled substances by the Federal or Georgia Controlled Substances Act until further order of the Board. Applicant may, however, order controlled substances for hospital administration. Applicant agrees that the Board shall provide a copy of this Order to the local DEA office upon docketing.

Applicant may petition the Board in writing to lift the DEA restriction by showing he has successfully completed the Mercer program, as set forth in subparagraph (b) below, and by submitting documentation directly from the Missouri State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts and the Missouri Bureau of Narcotics & Dangerous Drugs verifying that there are no pending investigations in Missouri at the time of Applicant's petition. If Applicant's license to practice medicine in Missouri has been disciplined, Applicant shall include a copy of such action along with the petition. At such time, the Board shall have the discretion to modify or lift this provision. The restriction set forth in this paragraph shall remain in effect pending Applicant's receipt of a written order or notification from the Board that the restriction has been modified or lifted. In no case, however, will a denial of such petition be considered a contested case as defined by O.C.G.A. Title 50, the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.

(b) Prescribing Course. Applicant shall complete the mini-residency program entitled “Appropriate Prescribing of Controlled Substances” sponsored by the Mercer University Southern School of Pharmacy (“Mercer program”) within 6 months of the effective date of the Order and provide evidence of successful completion to the Board.

(c) Notification of Employment. Within 10 days of beginning practice as a physician in Georgia, Applicant shall notify the Board of his practice address. Applicant shall advise the Board of any change in address of record or employment status within ten (10) days of the change.

(d) Disclosure. In addition to other disclosures required herein, Applicant shall provide a copy of this Order, within ten (10) days from receipt of the docketed copy by Applicant, to each hospital or other institution in Georgia where Applicant is employed or maintains staff privileges of any kind, and to any person or entity for whom Applicant is employed as a physician in the State of Georgia. Applicant shall also be required to disclose the existence of and provide a copy of the Consent Order to such individuals or entities in connection with any future application for institutional appointment, associated practice, utilization of a physician assistant, or employment as a physician in the State of Georgia while the Consent Order is in effect. By executing the Consent Order, Applicant specifically consents to any such individuals or entities reporting to the Board information which would affect Applicant’s ability to practice medicine, notwithstanding any privilege provided by state or federal law.

(e) Abide By Laws, Rules and Terms. Applicant shall abide by all State and Federal laws regulating the practice of medicine or relating to drugs, the Rules and

Regulations of the Board and the terms of this Consent Order. If Applicant shall fail to abide by such laws, rules or terms, Applicant'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. Applicant further agrees that any violation of this Consent Order shall be deemed to be sufficient to authorize the Board to order **summary suspension** of Applicant'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 Applicant understands that he shall be entitled to an expedited hearing to substantiate such violation(s), if the Board exercises such right.

(f) Periods of Residency Outside Georgia or Periods When Not Actively Practicing Medicine. In the event that Applicant should leave Georgia to reside or practice outside of Georgia for periods longer than thirty (30) consecutive days, Applicant 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 Applicant is not actively engaged in practicing as a physician will not apply toward the reduction of Applicant's monitoring period, except as authorized by the Board.

(g) Termination of Probation. Applicant shall not be eligible to petition for termination of probation for one (1) year from the effective date of this Consent Order or, if not already provided in paragraph 1(a), when Applicant has provided the Board with documentation from the Missouri Boards that all matters in Missouri have concluded, whichever is greater. At such time, Applicant may petition for termination by certifying

under oath before a notary public that he has complied with all conditions of probation. The Board shall review and evaluate the practice of Applicant upon receipt of Applicant's petition. At such time, the Board shall be authorized, but is not required, to terminate probation. Any decision shall be in the Board's discretion and shall not be a contested case as defined by O.C.G.A. Title 50, the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.

3.

The Board reserves the right to take further disciplinary action against Applicant if Applicant is disciplined in Missouri or for any other matter not included in this Order.

4.

This Consent Order shall constitute and may be disseminated as a public reprimand of the Board.

5.


Applicant acknowledges that he has read and understands the contents of this Consent Order. Applicant understands that he has the right to an appearance in this matter, and Applicant freely, knowingly and voluntarily waives such right by entering into this Consent Order. Applicant understands that this Consent Order will not become effective until approved by the Georgia Composite Medical Board and docketed by the Executive Director of the Board. Applicant further understands and agrees that the Board shall have the authority to review the application file and all relevant evidence in considering this Consent Order. Applicant further understands that this Consent Order, once approved, shall constitute and be disseminated as a public disciplinary record. 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. Applicant consents to the terms and conditions contained herein.

Approved, this 7th day of JANUARY, 2016

(BOARD SEAL)

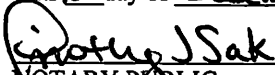
GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

BY: 
ALICE HOUSE, M.D.
Chairperson

ATTEST: 
Executive Director

CONSENTED TO: 
FRED ERNEST POTTS, IV, M.D.
Applicant

[As to the signature of Applicant:]
Sworn to and subscribed before me
This 6th day of December, 2015.


NOTARY PUBLIC
My commission expires:

BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

STATE OF GEORGIA

GEORGIA COMPOSITE
MEDICAL BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF:

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JAN 07 2015

**AMARDEEP K. REDDY, D.O.,
License No. 65170,
Respondent.**

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DOCKET NUMBER:

20160030

PUBLIC CONSENT ORDER

By agreement of the Georgia Composite Medical Board (“Board”) and Amardeep K. Reddy, D.O. (“Respondent”), the following disposition of the matter is entered into 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 licensed as such at all times relevant to the matters stated herein. Respondent is also licensed as a physician in the State of Tennessee, holding license no. 2203.

2.

On or about March 5, 2015, Respondent entered into an Agreed Order for discipline with the Tennessee Board of Osteopathic Examination (“Tennessee Board”), Docket No. 17.21-129782A, based on findings including but not limited to: between June 2013 and April 2014 Respondent wrote several prescriptions for amphetamine salts and vyvanse for a patient who was under the care of a psychiatrist and receiving prescriptions for the same or similar medications from that physician; Respondent kept no medical records related to said prescriptions. Disciplinary sanctions included a reprimand of Respondent’s medical license; a requirement that Respondent take Board approved courses in record keeping and

prescribing of controlled substances, both within one (1) year; and pay administrative costs of not more than one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars. Respondent has represented to the Board that he has fully complied with the Agreed Order and provided documentation that Tennessee has closed Respondent's file.

3.

Respondent 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 medicine in the State of Georgia pursuant to O.C.G.A. Chs. 1 and 34, T. 43, as amended. Respondent 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 the case, hereby orders, and Respondent hereby agrees, to the following terms:

1.

Respondent shall submit to the Board administrative costs in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) to be paid in full by cashier's check or money order payable to the Board within (30) days of the effective date of this Consent Order. 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.

2.

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

3.

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

4.

Respondent shall abide by all State and Federal laws regulating his practice as a physician, the Rules and Regulations of the Georgia Composite Medical Board and the terms of this Consent Order. If Respondent shall fail to abide by such laws, rules or terms, or if it should appear to the Board that Respondent is otherwise unable to practice 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 shall 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 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(s), if the Board exercise such right.

5.

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

that the Consent Order will not become effective until approved and docketed by the Georgia Composite Medical Board. Respondent further understands and agrees that the Board shall have the authority to review the investigative file and all relevant evidence in considering the Consent Order. Respondent further understands that the Consent Order, once approved, shall constitute a public record that may be disseminated as provided in Paragraph 3. 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 consents to the terms and conditions contained herein.

Approved, this 7TH day of JANUARY, 2016.

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

(BOARD SEAL)

BY: *Alice House*
ALICE HOUSE, M.D.
Chairperson

ATTEST: *Robert Jeffery*
ROBERT JEFFERY
Interim Executive Director

CONSENTED TO: *Amardeep K. Reddy*
AMARDEEP K. REDDY, D.O.
Respondent

[As to Respondent's signature:]
Sworn to and subscribed before me
This 14th day of December, 2015.

Brittany Clemens
NOTARY PUBLIC
My commission expires: 4-3-18

BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

STATE OF GEORGIA

GEORGIA COMPOSITE
MEDICAL BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF:

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JAN 15 2015

JOSE ALVARO RIOS, M.D.,
License No. 44072.

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DOCKET NUMBER:
10160023

VOLUNTARY AGREEMENT NOT TO PRACTICE

By agreement of the Georgia Composite Medical Board ("Board") and JOSE ALVARO RIOS, M.D. ("Rios") the following AGREEMENT is reached.

1.

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

2.

On or about November 12, 2015, a criminal warrant was issued for Rios's arrest for counts of Sexual Battery allegedly involving parents of Rios's pediatric patients. On or about December 7, 2015, additional criminal warrants were issued for Rios's arrest on the same or similar alleged charges.

3.

Rios understands that by entering into this Agreement he is not admitting the truth of any of the findings or acknowledging any impropriety. Rios makes no admission herein and reserves the right to contest allegations against him in any civil, criminal or other proceedings before the lawful licensing authority of this state or another state or jurisdiction.

4.

The Board and Rios agree that Rios will not practice medicine in the State of Georgia until resolution of the criminal charges described in paragraph 2 above and any hearing conducted by the Board in this case as described in paragraph 5 (the “No Practice Period”).

(a) During the No Practice Period, Rios shall not hold himself out as being able to practice nor practice as a physician in the State of Georgia. If, during the No Practice Period, Rios practices medicine in the State of Georgia without the prior express written permission of the Board, Rios understands that his license shall be subject to revocation, upon substantiation thereof.

(b) Rios acknowledges and agrees that, during the No Practice Period, the Board shall, on its data bank, show that Rios’s license is inactive and he is not practicing medicine and may respond to public inquiries that Rios is not practicing medicine.

(c) During the No Practice Period, Rios shall continue to obtain continuing education as required by O.C.G.A. § 43-34-3 and the Rules and Regulations of the Board and shall continue to pay the license renewal fee by and before each expiration date as established by the Board. Rios understands that failure to obtain the continuing education and pay the license renewal fee shall be grounds for the administrative revocation of his license without a hearing as provided by O.C.G.A. § 43-1-19(l), with reinstatement within the discretion of the Board. Rios further understands that when considering the reinstatement of an administratively revoked license, the Board has authority to review any investigative file relating to him.

5.

Rios shall notify the Board of the resolution of the criminal charges described in paragraph 2 against him within twenty (20) days of such resolution. Resolution for purposes of

this Agreement shall mean dismissal of the charges or the conclusion of any trial of those charges. Within twenty (20) days of the notification, the Board may forward Matters Asserted and Statutes and Rules Involved to the Office of State Administrative Hearings for the purpose of instituting a hearing against Rios for disciplinary action against his Georgia license. Disciplinary action may include allegations in addition to those identified herein.

6.

This Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver of any of the lawful rights possessed by the Board or Rios to finally adjudicate this matter.

7.

Rios acknowledges that he is represented by counsel and that he has read and understands the contents of this Agreement. Rios understands that this Agreement will not become effective until approved and docketed by the Georgia Composite Medical Board. Rios further understands that this Agreement shall not prejudice the ability of the Board to finally adjudicate this matter or constitute an admission by Rios against his interest in this proceeding.

Approved, this 15 day of Jan., 2016.

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

BY:

Alice House, M.D.
ALICE HOUSE, M.D.
Chairperson

(BOARD SEAL)

ATTEST:

Robert Jeffery
ROBERT JEFFERY
Interim Executive Director

CONSENTED TO:

Jose Rios

JOSE ALVARO RIOS, M.D.

[As to Dr. Rios's signature:]

Sworn to and subscribed before me

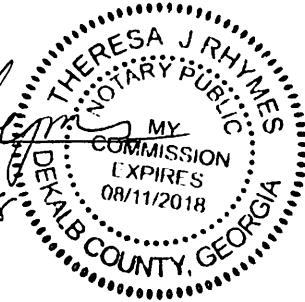
This 11th day of

January, 2016.

Theresa J Rhymes

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: 08/11/2018



BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

STATE OF GEORGIA

**GEORGIA COMPOSITE
MEDICAL BOARD**

IN THE MATTER OF:

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JAN 21 2016

**ANTHONY SECURO, MD,
License No. 51736,
Respondent.**

**DOCKET NUMBER:
1004 0006**

PUBLIC BOARD ORDER TERMINATING PROBATION

WHEREAS, following a period of suspension and a restriction on Respondent’s practice in the State of Georgia based on professional boundary issues, the Georgia Composite Medical Board (“Board”) entered a Public Consent Order Permitting Practice with Conditions, Docket No. 10040006, effective April 13, 2007. This Order placed Respondent’s license on a period of probation subject to terms and conditions; it was amended on or about October 2, 2008 and June 5, 2009 to lift various restrictions. On or about October 10, 2013, based on new findings concerning but not limited to prescribing issues, the Board entered an Amended Public Consent Order which continued the period of probation subject to terms and conditions;

WHEREAS, on or about October 13, 2015, Respondent petitioned the Board to terminate probation; the Board subsequently received information from Respondent’s monitoring physician that Respondent has enjoyed a prolonged history of monitoring and compliance for professional boundary issues; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the Respondent has complied with the terms and conditions of the Amended Public Consent Order.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board hereby terminates the probation of Respondent’s license. Respondent’s license is returned to unrestricted status and is in good standing.

SO ORDERED, this 21st day of January, 2016.


GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

(BOARD SEAL)

BY: 

ALICE HOUSE, M.D.
Chairperson

ATTEST:


ROBERT JEFFERY
Interim Executive Director

BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

**GREGORY WARD, MD,
License No. 32835,
Respondent.**

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GEORGIA COMPOSITE
MEDICAL BOARD

JAN 13 2016

DOCKET NUMBER:
2015 0028

PUBLIC BOARD ORDER TERMINATING PROBATION

WHEREAS, the Georgia Composite Medical Board ("Board") entered a Public Consent Order in the above-styled matter on or about April 2, 2015, Docket No. 20150028, which placed Respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of Georgia on a period of probation subject to terms and conditions based on disciplinary action taken by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners;

WHEREAS, on or about December 18, 2015, Respondent petitioned the Board to terminate probation. In support thereof, Respondent submitted evidence of his compliance with the Public Consent Order and evidence of an Order for Reinstatement of Unrestricted Medical License issued by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners on December 7, 2015; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board hereby terminates the probation of Respondent's license. Respondent's license is returned to unrestricted status and is in good standing.

SO ORDERED, this 7th day of January, 2016.

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

(BOARD SEAL)

BY: *Alice House, M.D.*
ALICE HOUSE, M.D.
Chairperson

ATTEST: *Robert Jeffery*
ROBERT JEFFERY
Interim Executive Director

BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

STATE OF GEORGIA

GEORGIA COMPOSITE
MEDICAL BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF:

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JAN 07 2015

TODD ANTHONY WHITAKER, M.D.,
Applicant.

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DOCKET NUMBER:
2016 0032

PUBLIC CONSENT ORDER FOR LICENSURE

By agreement of the Georgia Composite Medical Board (“Board”) and
TODD ANTHONY WHITAKER, M.D. (“Applicant”), the following disposition of this matter
is entered into pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. §43-34-8 and §50-13-13 (a) (4), as
amended.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1.

In or about July 2014, Applicant submitted an application for physician licensure in
the State of Georgia. Applicant holds a license to practice medicine in the State of Tennessee,
Tennessee License No. 27897.

2.

On or about January 30, 2012, Applicant entered into a Consent Order, Case No.
2011022331, with the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners based on impairment issues.
The Consent Order placed Applicant’s Tennessee license on a period of probation for a
period of not less than five (5) years subject to terms and conditions. Terms and conditions
included but were not limited to an assessment of civil penalties of \$2,000.00; Applicant’s
agreement to continue working with the Tennessee Medical Foundation (“TMF”); sign a
monitoring contract with TMF and maintain 100% compliance with the terms of the contract;

and obtain an evaluation and comply with all recommendations of the evaluation. Applicant has provided the Board with a copy of his TMF monitoring contract.

3.

The Board has received information that Applicant has enrolled in an out of state monitoring contract with the Georgia Professional Health Program, Inc. ("GA PHP") which will monitor Applicant's compliance with the TMF and provide primary monitoring services at such time when Applicant practices medicine in Georgia.

4.

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

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Applicant's conduct and/or condition and/or disciplinary action in the State of Tennessee constitutes sufficient grounds for the Board to deny the application or to impose sanctions and/or conditions on Applicant's license to practice medicine under O.C.G.A. Ch. 34, T. 43, as amended, O.C.G.A. § 43-1-19(a), and the Rules of the Georgia Composite Medical Board. Applicant waives any further conclusions of law with respect to this matter.

ORDER

The Georgia Composite Medical Board, having considered all the particular facts and circumstances of this case, hereby orders, and the Applicant hereby agrees, that Applicant shall be granted a license to practice medicine in the State of Georgia subject to the following:

1.

Beginning on the effective date of this Consent Order, Applicant's license shall be subject to a period of probation until terminated by a written order of the Board, subject to the following terms and conditions:

(a) Comply with Tennessee Consent Order. Applicant shall comply with the terms of the Tennessee Consent Order and shall promptly notify the Board of any modification or termination of said order.

(b) Notification of Employment. No less than 60 days prior to beginning practice in Georgia, Applicant shall notify the Board in writing of his intent to practice in Georgia and the practice address. Within 10 days of beginning practice in Georgia, Applicant shall provide the Board with evidence of his transition to monitoring services by the GA PHP or other approved monitoring program. Applicant shall advise the Board of any change in address of record or employment status within 10 days of the change.

(c) Monitoring in Georgia. Applicant shall maintain enrollment in the GA PHP on an out of state monitoring contract and shall transition to full monitoring services by the GA PHP or other approved program if Applicant practice medicine in Georgia. Applicant shall abide by all terms of monitoring imposed by the GA PHP or other approved program.

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

(e) Abide By Laws, Rules and Terms. Applicant shall abide by all State and Federal laws regulating the practice of medicine or relating to drugs, the Rules and Regulations of the Board and the terms of this Consent Order. If Applicant shall fail to abide by such laws, rules or terms, Applicant'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. Applicant further agrees that any violation of this Consent Order shall be deemed to be sufficient to authorize the Board to order **summary suspension** of Applicant'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 Applicant understands that he shall be entitled to an expedited hearing to substantiate such violation(s), if the Board exercises such right.

(f) Periods of Residency Outside Georgia or Periods When Not Actively Practicing Medicine. In the event that Applicant should leave Georgia (after he has been practicing medicine in Georgia) to reside or practice outside of Georgia for periods longer than thirty (30) consecutive days, Applicant 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 Applicant is not actively engaged in practicing as a physician will not apply toward the reduction of Applicant's probation period, except as authorized by the Board. This provision shall not apply to Applicant's current practice of medicine in Tennessee.

(g) Termination of Probation. Applicant shall not be eligible to petition for termination of probation for five (5) years from the effective date of this Order or until such

time as Applicant's probation in Tennessee is terminated. At such time, Applicant may petition for termination by certifying under oath before a notary public that he has complied with all conditions of probation and provide information about Applicant's current status of recovery. The Board shall review and evaluate the practice of Applicant upon receipt of Applicant's petition. At such time, the Board shall be authorized, but is not required, to terminate probation. Any decision shall be in the Board's discretion and shall not be a contested case as defined by O.C.G.A. Title 50, the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.

2.

This Consent Order shall constitute and may be disseminated as a public order of the Board.

3.

Applicant acknowledges that he has read and understands the contents of this Consent Order. Applicant understands that he has the right to an appearance in this matter, and Applicant freely, knowingly and voluntarily waives such right by entering into this Consent Order. Applicant understands that this Consent Order will not become effective until approved by the Georgia Composite Medical Board and docketed by the Executive Director of the Board. Applicant further understands and agrees that the Board shall have the authority to review the application file and all relevant evidence in considering this Consent Order. Applicant further understands that this Consent Order, once approved, shall constitute and be disseminated as a public disciplinary record. 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. Applicant consents to the terms and conditions contained herein.

Approved, this 7TH day of JANUARY, 2016.

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

(BOARD SEAL)

BY: *Alice House*
ALICE HOUSE, M.D.
Chairperson

ATTEST: *Robert Jeffery*
ROBERT JEFFERY
Interim Executive Director

CONSENTED TO: *Todd Anthony Whitaker, MD*
TODD ANTHONY WHITAKER, M.D.
Applicant

[As to the signature of Applicant:]
Sworn to and subscribed before me
This 23 day of Dec, 2015
Sandra D S
NOTARY PUBLIC
My commission expires: 11-28-19



BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

JAN 25 2016

IN THE MATTER OF:)
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GEORGE ALLEN WILLIAMS, M.D.)
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License No.: 055039)

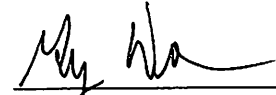
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VOLUNTARY SURRENDER

I, George Allen Williams, MD, holder of License No. 055039 to practice as a physician in the State of Georgia, hereby freely, knowingly, and voluntarily surrender said license to the Board. I hereby acknowledge that this surrender shall have the same effect as a revocation of my license, and I knowingly forfeit and relinquish all right, title and privilege to practice this profession 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 freely, knowingly, and voluntarily waive such right. I also understand that should any request for reinstatement be entertained by the Board, the Board shall have access to the entire investigative file in this matter.

This surrender shall become effective immediately upon acceptance thereof by the Board. I understand that this document will be considered to be a public record entered as the final disposition of disciplinary proceedings presently pending or which could be brought against me, and that this action shall be considered to be and may be recorded as a final order of the Board.



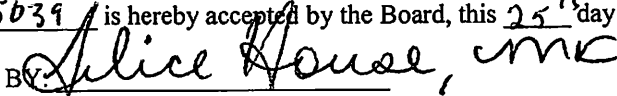
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Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 21st day of January, 2016.

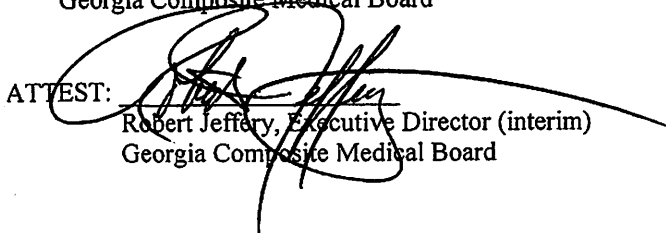
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State of Georgia
Commission Expires: 1/3/2018
My Comm. Expires November 3, 2018

ACCEPTANCE OF SURRENDER

The Voluntary Surrender of License No. 55039 is hereby accepted by the Board, this 25th day of January, 2016.

BY: 

Alice A. House, MD
Board Chair
Georgia Composite Medical Board

ATTEST: 

Robert Jeffery, Executive Director (interim)
Georgia Composite Medical Board

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