

March 2018 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:

MARK DANIEL DURDEN, IV, M.D.,
Applicant.

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DOCKET NO.

GEORGIA COMPOSITE
MEDICAL BOARD

MAR 01 2018

DOCKET NUMBER:

2018 0039

PUBLIC CONSENT ORDER FOR REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSE

By agreement of the Georgia Composite Medical Board ("Board") and MARK DANIEL DURDEN, IV, M.D. ("Applicant"), the following disposition of this matter is entered pursuant to O.C.G.A. T. 43, Ch. 1 and Ch. 34 and T. 50, Ch. 13.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1.

On or about July 9, 1998, Applicant was issued a license to practice medicine in the State of Georgia. On or about November 17, 2001, Applicant voluntarily surrendered his license due to impairment issues. On or about February 5, 2003, following treatment, Applicant's license was reinstated upon probation with terms and conditions. Applicant failed to timely renew his license in 2007 and practiced without a license. On or about December 4, 2008, the Board reinstated Applicant's license with a fine and public reprimand. In 2012, Applicant again failed to renew his license and his license lapsed, and was revoked by operation of law for non-renewal.

2.

On or August 29, 2017, Applicant submitted an application for reinstatement which indicated that Applicant last practiced medicine in or about 2012.

3.

Applicant is currently not practicing medicine

4.

Applicant has received treatment for impairment issues at various times since initial issuance of his license to practice medicine in Georgia.

5.

Applicant underwent an evaluation in February 2017, at the University of Florida's Comprehensive Assessment Services for Healthcare Practitioners ("Florida CARES"). Florida CARES made recommendations concerning Applicant's reentry into the practice of medicine.

6.

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

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Reinstatement of Applicant's license to practice medicine in Georgia under O.C.G.A. Ch. 34, T. 43, as amended, is within the sole discretion of the Board. The Applicant hereby 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 application, hereby orders and Applicant hereby agrees as follows:

1.

Beginning on the effective date of this Consent Order, Applicant's license to practice medicine in the State of Georgia shall be reinstated on probation subject to the following terms:

(a) Review Course. Within six (6) months of docketing of this Consent Order, the Applicant shall successfully complete a Board approved Internal Medicine Review Course and provide adequate documentation of such successful completion to the Board.

(b) Georgia Professionals Health Program. During the period of probation the Applicant shall continuously remain enrolled in the Georgia Professional Health Program (PHP) and shall remain compliant with all requirements of the PHP. Applicant shall provide the Board with verified compliance with his recovery contract upon any request by the Board. Any verifications provided pursuant to this paragraph shall be considered to be confidential medical records not subject to release under O.C.G.A. Title 50, Chapter 18.

(c) Psychiatric Care. During the period of probation the Applicant shall remain in continued regular psychiatric care relationship and follow-up with a Board approved psychiatrist. Applicant shall provide a copy of this Public Consent Order to his Board approved psychiatrist. Within thirty (30) days of docketing the Board approved psychiatrist shall provide the Board with a written statement acknowledging receipt of the Consent Order and agreeing that the psychiatrist shall report any changes affecting Applicant's ability to safely practice medicine or any change in Applicant's condition to the Board. Applicant agrees to provide releases allowing the Board approved psychiatrist to release all information to the Board. Applicant agrees that the psychiatrist shall be authorized to provide the Board with reports of such care and Applicant's condition upon request by the Board. Any records provided to the Board pursuant to this paragraph shall be received *in camera* by the Board and shall be treated like any confidential medical records, not subject to release under O.C.G.A. Title 50, Chapter 18. Applicant shall obtain prior Board approval through its Executive Director for any change in his psychiatrist.

(d) Supervising Physician and Chart Review. The Applicant shall designate an on-site physician to the Board for approval as Applicant's supervising physician who will provide direct supervision of Applicant's work. The designated supervising physician shall sign a statement to be presented to the Board acknowledging having read the Consent Order and agreeing to serve as Applicant's supervising physician. Applicant shall not return to the clinical practice of medicine until the Board has given its approval of his designated supervising physician. After three months of direct, on-site supervision, Applicant may petition the Board for lifting this restriction. Such petition shall include a statement from Applicant's supervising physician supporting lifting of this restriction. At such time the Board shall have the discretion to modify or lift the restriction or to deny the petition without a hearing as a non-contested matter. This restriction shall remain in place until the Board issues a written order lifting this restriction.

In the event that the Board lifts the requirement for direct supervision, the Applicant shall designate an acceptable supervising physician, who may practice outside of Applicant's practice, who shall review 25% of Applicant's medical charts on a monthly basis. Said review shall consist of reviewing the charts to determine the adequacy of Applicant's medical record keeping and to determine whether the diagnosis and treatment provided by Applicant are within the minimum standards of care. Applicant shall obtain prior Board written approval through its Executive Director for any change in any supervising physician.

Furthermore, Applicant shall submit or cause to be submitted to the Board quarterly reports from each supervising physician regarding Applicant's performance by March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31. Failure to submit or have such reports submitted in a timely manner shall be considered a violation of this Consent Order. It is expected that said supervising

physician(s) shall immediately report to the Board any circumstances which may render Applicant unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety to patients.

After two years of working under this restriction, Applicant may petition the Board for lifting of this restriction. Such petition shall include a statement from Applicant's supervising physician supporting lifting of this restriction. At such time the Board shall have the discretion to modify or lift the restriction or to deny the petition without a hearing as in a non-contested case. Should the Board deny any such request then the Applicant may not renew such request for at least six (6) months. In any event, this restriction shall remain in effect until and unless terminated in writing by the Board.

(e) Self-Directed Review. Within six (6) months of the docketing of this Consent Order, the Applicant shall successfully complete a Board approved self-directed content review of physical examination skills for the adult. The Applicant shall provide adequate documentation of successful completion within that six (6) month period.

(f) Change of Address or Employment. Applicant shall advise the Board in writing of any change in address or employment within 10 (ten) days of the change.

(g) Abide by Laws. Applicant shall abide by all State and Federal Laws, the Rules and Regulations of the Georgia Composite Medical Board and the terms of this Consent Order. If Applicant fails to abide by such laws, rules, regulations, or terms, or if it should appear that the Applicant is otherwise unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety to patients, Applicant's license shall be subject to discipline, including revocation, upon substantiation thereof.

(h) Petition to Terminate Order. After passage of five (5) years from the docketing of this Consent Order, Applicant shall be eligible to petition the Board in writing to lift the terms and conditions provided for in this Consent Order. At such time, Applicant may petition for

lifting of said limitation by certifying under oath before a notary public that Applicant has complied with all terms and conditions of this Consent Order and has advocacy from the Georgia PHP for such petition. The Board shall review and evaluate the practice of Applicant prior to terminating this Consent Order. At such time, should the Board determine that reasonable cause exists for maintaining **or adding** any terms or conditions on Applicant's license, including but not limited to supervision or an additional period of probation, the Board shall notify Applicant of its intent to modify this Consent Order to impose any terms deemed necessary at the time of Applicant's petition, and Applicant may respond to such notice in writing or request an appearance before the Board as in a non-contested case. This Consent Order shall remain in effect pending a final determination by the Board and notification in writing that it has been terminated.

(i) **ADDRESS FOR REPORTS.** All reports required under this Consent Order shall be sent to the **Georgia Composite Medical Board, to the attention of the Executive Director, at 2 Peachtree Street, N.W., 36th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.**

2.

This Consent Order shall be considered a public record of the Board. 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.

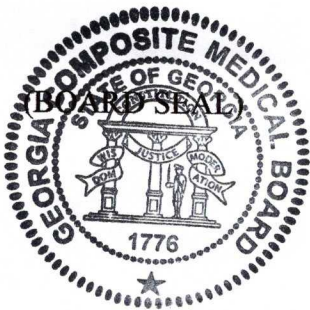
3.

Approval of this Consent 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 lawful rights possessed by the Board.

4.

Applicant acknowledges that he has read this Consent Order and that he understands the contents of the 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 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 application file and all relevant evidence in considering this Consent Order. Applicant understands that this Consent Order will not become effective until accepted and docketed by the Georgia Composite Medical Board. Applicant consents to the terms contained herein.

Approved this 14 day of March, 2018.




GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

BY: E. Daniel DeLoach
E. DANIEL DELOACH, M.D.
Chairperson

ATTEST: Lasharn Hughes
LASHARN HUGHES
Interim Executive Director

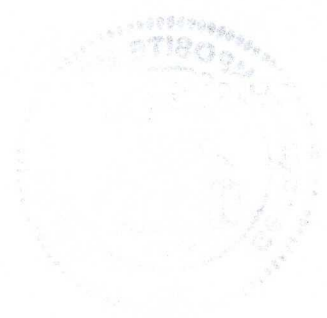
CONSENTED TO:


MARK DANIEL DURDEN, IV, M.D.
Applicant

[As to Applicant's signature only]
Sworn to and subscribed before me
This 8 day of February, 2018.


NOTARY PUBLIC
My commission expires: 03/12/21

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BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

ASHLA Y. ELAM-BRYANT, P.A.
License No. 5575,
Respondent.

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GEORGIA COMPOSITE
MEDICAL BOARD

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DOCKET NUMBER:
20180040

VOLUNTARY SURRENDER

I, ASHLA Y. ELAM-BRYANT, holder of License No. 5575 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. I hereby acknowledge that this surrender shall be considered to be and have the same effect as a 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 acknowledge that I have read and understand the contents of this Voluntary Surrender.

I understand that I have a right to a hearing in this matter, and I hereby freely, knowingly and voluntarily waive such right. I also understand that should the Board entertain any request for reinstatement, the Board shall have access to any investigative or medical information regarding me. 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 the Board may investigate my conduct since the time of the surrender of my license. I understand and agree that any reinstatement of my license to practice medicine is a matter in the sole discretion of the Board and that the Board may deny any such reinstatement without identifying a reason for said denial.

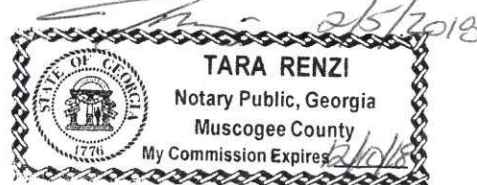
This surrender shall become effective upon acceptance and docketing by the Board. I understand that this document will be considered to be a public record evidencing disciplinary action, and that this action shall be considered to be and may be disseminated as a final order of the Board.

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[As to Respondent's signature:]

Sworn to and subscribed before

me
This 5th day of September, 2017.



ASHLA Y. ELAM-BRYANT, P.A.

NOTARY PUBLIC
My commission expires:

ACCEPTANCE OF SURRENDER

The voluntary surrender of License No. 5575 is hereby accepted by the Georgia Composite Medical Board, this 1st day of March, 2017.

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD



BY:

E. DANIEL DELOACH, M.D. FACS
Chairperson

ATTEST:


LASHARN HUGHES, MBA
Interim Executive Director

BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

GEORGIA COMPOSITE
MEDICAL BOARD

STATE OF GEORGIA

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IN THE MATTER OF:

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LAWRENCE E. EPPELBAUM, M.D.,
Applicant.

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DOCKET NO.

DOCKET NUMBER:
2018 0037

PUBLIC, NON-DISCIPLINARY CONSENT AGREEMENT FOR REINSTATEMENT

By agreement of the Georgia Composite Medical Board (“Board”) and LAWRENCE E. EPPELBAUM, M.D. (“Applicant”), the following disposition of this matter is entered pursuant to O.C.G.A. T. 43, Chs. 1 and 34.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1.

On or about August 4, 1994, Applicant was issued a license, number 38830, to practice medicine in the State of Georgia. On or about June 18, 2014, Applicant voluntarily surrendered his license to the Board as a result of his conviction as set forth in paragraph 2 below. The surrender of the license had the same effect as a revocation of the license and resolved any pending disciplinary matters at the time of the surrender,

2.

In or about June 2013, in *United States of America v. Lawrence Eppelbaum*, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, Atlanta Division, Criminal Action No. 1:11-CV-0127-AT, Applicant was convicted on 27 felony charges that included healthcare fraud, tax evasion, and money laundering offenses. Applicant had operated the Atlanta Institute of Medicine and Rehabilitation (AIMR) and the Pain Clinic of AIMR; the charges arose from Applicant’s creation and operation of the “Back Pain Fund”, a charitable organization that paid for the travel and other expenses of patients whose medical expenses were billed by Applicant to Medicare. In or about February 2014, Applicant was sentenced to serve 50 months incarceration and fined \$3.5 million

dollars. On or about December 30, 2016, Applicant was released on supervised probation, for a period of three years beginning on or about January 2, 2017.

3.

In or about November 2016, Applicant submitted an application to the Board for the reinstatement of his medical license, which application was initially denied by the Board in January 2017. Applicant subsequently appeared before the Board regarding the denial of his license and the Board requested additional information from the Applicant, such as evidence of compliance with criminal probation.

4.

The Board reviewed information from Applicant's Probation Officer, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Georgia, that Applicant was in compliance with all terms and conditions of his supervised release, and that there was no restriction imposed by a court to preventing Applicant from reapplying for his medical license. Based on the amount of time that had passed since the Applicant practiced clinical medicine, the Board required Applicant to obtain clinical assessment at a Board approved facility and provide the results to the Board. The results indicated that Respondent requires educational support and clinical supervision in his return to the practice of medicine.

5.

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

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Reinstatement of Applicant's license to practice medicine in Georgia under O.C.G.A. Ch. 34, T. 43, as amended, is within the sole discretion of the Board. The Applicant hereby waives any further conclusions of law with respect to the above-styled matter.

ORDER

The Board, having considered the application for reinstatement of Applicant's license, hereby orders and Applicant hereby agrees as follows:

1.

Beginning on the effective date of this Consent Agreement, Applicant's license to practice medicine in the State of Georgia shall be reinstated under a formal period of monitoring by the Board subject to the following terms:

(a) Direct Supervision. Applicant shall only practice medicine in the same office as and under the direct supervision of a Board approved physician ("supervising physician"), who shall also function as an educational preceptor for Applicant. Applicant shall provide a copy of his CPEP assessment report and a copy of this Agreement to the supervising physician, who shall submit a letter to the Board indicating he/she has received a copy of the CPEP assessment report and a docketed copy of this Agreement and agrees to serve as Applicant's supervising physician upon approval of the Board. Applicant shall not practice medicine until he has received notice of approval from the Board.

(b) Quarterly Reports. Applicant shall submit or cause to be submitted written, quarterly reports to the Board from the supervising physician regarding Applicant's clinical practice, including but not limited to hours worked, number of patients seen, and the supervising physician's opinion on Applicant's ability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients. The reports shall also address the supervising physician's opinion on Applicant's medical knowledge and steps Applicant has taken to improve his medical knowledge. The reports shall be due by March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31, commencing on the first reporting date following the effective date of this Order and continuing while this Agreement is in effect.

Failure to submit or have such reports submitted in a timely manner shall be considered a violation of this Consent Agreement.

(c) Continuing Medical Education (CME). **In addition to** the continuing medical education required for license renewal, within 12 months of the docket date of this Consent Agreement, Applicant shall complete 10 hours of Board approved continuing education courses in each of the following areas, for a total of 30 hours: Cardiology, Healthcare Management, and Urology. This requirement shall be deemed satisfied upon the Board's receipt of evidence of Applicant's successful completion of the 30 hours.

(d) Change of Address or Employment. Applicant shall notify the Board in writing of any change in address or employment within 10 (ten) days of the change.

(e) Status of Criminal Probation/Supervised Release. Applicant shall notify the Board in writing of any change in the status of his criminal probation and/or supervised release within 10 (ten) days of the change.

(f) Abide by Laws, Rules, and Terms. The Applicant shall abide by all State and Federal laws regulating the practice of medicine, the Rules and Regulations of the Board, and the terms of the Consent Agreement. If the Applicant shall fail to abide by any of the terms of this Consent Agreement, such laws or rules, or should Applicant violate the criminal laws of the State and/or the terms of his supervised release and/or criminal probation, Applicant's license shall be subject to 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.

(g) Address for Reports. All reports required under this Consent Agreement shall be sent to the **Georgia Composite Medical Board, to the attention of the Executive Director, at 2 Peachtree Street, N.W., 36th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.**

(h) Petition to Terminate Agreement. After one (1) year from the effective date of this Agreement, Applicant shall be eligible to petition the Board to terminate the Agreement. Applicant's petition shall a letter of support from his supervising physician. At such time, Applicant may petition for lifting of said limitation by certifying under oath before a notary public that Applicant has complied with all conditions of this Agreement and has advocacy that he can practice medicine independently. The Board shall review and evaluate the practice of Applicant prior to terminating this Agreement. At such time, should the Board determine that reasonable cause exists for maintaining or adding any terms or conditions on Applicant's license, including but not limited to supervision or a period of additional monitoring, the Board shall notify Applicant of its intent to modify this Agreement to impose any terms deemed necessary at the time of Applicant's petition, and Applicant may respond to such notice in writing or request an appearance before the Board as in a non-contested case. This Consent Agreement shall remain in effect pending a final determination by the Board and notification that it has been terminated.

2.

This Consent Agreement shall be considered a public record of the Board but shall not be considered a disciplinary action by the Board and shall not be reported as such to the Federation of State Medical Boards, the National Practitioner Data Bank or any other governmental agency.

3.

Applicant acknowledges that he is represented by counsel and that he has read this Consent Agreement and that he understands its contents. Applicant understands that he has the right to an

appearance before the Board in this matter, and Applicant freely, knowingly and voluntarily waives such right by entering into this Consent Agreement. Applicant further understands and agrees that a representative of the Department of Law may be present during the presentation of this Consent Agreement and that the Board shall have the authority to review the application file and all relevant evidence in considering this Consent Agreement. Applicant understands that this Consent Agreement will not become effective until accepted and docketed by the Georgia Composite Medical Board. Applicant consents to the terms contained herein.

Approved this 1st day of March, 2018.



GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

BY:

E. Daniel DeLoach
E. DANIEL DELOACH, M.D.

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Lasharn Hughes
LASHARN HUGHES
Interim Executive Director

CONSENTED TO:

Lawrence E. Eppelbaum
LAWRENCE E. EPPELBAUM, M.D.
Applicant

[As to Applicant's signature only:]
Sworn to and subscribed before me
This 14 day of February, 2018.

Julia S. Healy
NOTARY PUBLIC
My commission expires:



BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

BRANDON KEMP HICKS, M.D.
License No. 46683,

Respondent.

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DOCKET NO.

**GEORGIA COMPOSITE
MEDICAL BOARD**

MAY 01 2018

**DOCKET NUMBER:
2018 0038**

PUBLIC CONSENT ORDER

By agreement of the Georgia Composite Medical Board (“Board”) and Brandon Kemp Hicks, M.D. (“Respondent”) the following disposition of this matter is entered pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 50-13-13(a)(4), as amended.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1.

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

2.

Respondent has admitted to the Board multiple actions that affect his practice of medicine including, but not limited to, prescribing medications for persons who were not patients; prescribing medications for persons with whom he engaged in sexual relations; use of cocaine and marijuana; and incidents of excessive consumption of alcohol.

3.

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

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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

ORDER

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

1.

Respondent agrees that Respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of Georgia shall remain suspended indefinitely and that Respondent shall not practice medicine in Georgia until further written order of the Board. If Respondent practices medicine in the State of Georgia without the prior express written permission of the Board, Respondent's license shall be subject to revocation, upon substantiation thereof. The Respondent acknowledges and agrees that the Board shall show the Respondent's license as suspended on its data bank and may respond to public inquiries that Respondent's license is suspended.

2.

During the period of suspension, Respondent shall continue to obtain continuing education as required by O.C.G.A. § 43-34-11 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. Failure to obtain the continuing education and pay the license renewal fee shall be grounds for the administrative revocation of Respondent's license without a hearing as provided

by O.C.G.A. § 43-1-19(l) and O.C.G.A. § 43-34-8(m), with reinstatement within the discretion of the Board. Respondent acknowledges that when considering the reinstatement of an administratively revoked license, the Board has authority to review any investigative file relating to the Respondent.

3.

During the period of suspension, Respondent shall inform the Board in writing of any change in his address of record within ten (10) days of the change.

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Respondent shall abide by all State and Federal laws and the terms of this Consent Order. Except as otherwise provided herein, if Respondent fails to abide by such laws or terms, Respondent's license shall be subject to 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.

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 at this time 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 understands that this Consent Order will not become effective until approved and docketed by the Board. Respondent further understands that this Consent Order, once docketed, shall constitute a public record, which may

be disseminated as a disciplinary action of the Board. If this Consent Order is not approved, it shall not constitute an admission against interest in this proceeding or prejudice the ability of the Board to adjudicate this matter. Respondent consents to the terms and sanctions contained herein.

Approved, this 15th ~~22nd~~ day of March ~~February~~, 2018.

**GEORGIA COMPOSITE
MEDICAL BOARD**

BY: E. Daniel DeLoach
E. DANIEL DELOACH, M.D.
President

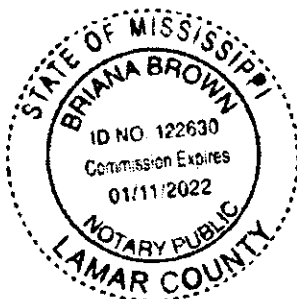


ATTEST: Lasharn Hughes
LASHARN HUGHES
Interim Executive Director

CONSENTED TO: Brandon Kemp Hicks
BRANDON KEMP HICKS, M.D.
Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed
before me this 22nd day
of Feb, 2018.

Briana Brown
NOTARY PUBLIC
My commission expires:



BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

STATE OF GEORGIA

GEORGIA COMPOSITE
MEDICAL BOARD

MAR 05 2018

IN THE MATTER OF:)
)
MARIAN ANTOINETTE PATTERSON,)
M.D.,)
License No. 042035,)
Respondent.)

DOCKET NO.

DOCKET NUMBER:
20180036

ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION

1.

WHEREAS, Respondent is licensed by the Georgia Composite Medical Board (“Board”) to practice medicine in the State of Georgia. Respondent was issued a license on August 7, 1996, and Respondent’s license will expire on February 28, 2019. Respondent’s physician profile indicates that Respondents specialty is in family medicine.

2.

WHEREAS, Respondent owns and operates a medical practice, located in Valdosta, Georgia.

3.

WHEREAS, the Board has received reliable information that Respondent has appeared to be under the influence while at the practice, on more than one occasion.

4.

WHEREAS, the Board has received reliable information that on or about February 21, 2018, while at Respondent’s medical practice, Respondent put Respondent’s patients and employees in fear of being physical harmed by the Respondent, by displaying the following behavior:

- a. Respondent yelled at Respondent's employees and repeatedly stated that Respondent was going to "slit their throats."
- b. Respondent yelled at an employee and told the employee that Respondent was going to "cut her" from the employee's "throat to her private parts."
- c. Respondent yelled and called Respondent's employees "fat ass bitches" and "sluts."
- d. Respondent told an employee that Respondent was going to "cut her head off and roll it down the hallway." Respondent further told the employee that Respondent would "call the employee's children so that could see it."
- e. Respondent told an employee that if the employee "didn't get the f____g patients out the office," the Respondent would "slit each and every one of their throats before the police arrived."
- f. Respondent told an employee that if the employee called the police, Respondent would "slit her throat before the police arrived."
- g. Respondent threatened to "smash the mirrors in the office" and "slit everyone throats if they didn't leave."
- h. Respondent repeatedly used the f__ word.
- i. At one point, during this event, Respondent held an employee by the arm and refused to allow the employee to leave Respondent's office.
- j. At one point, during this event, Respondent started laughing.
- k. Respondent threw water on two employees. Respondent also threw a bottle of water in the directions of these two employees.
- l. Respondent threw a catalog, prescription bottles, and other things in the office.
- m. Respondent threw a reflex hammer and damaged a wall in the practice.

- n. Respondent attempted to throw a large potted plant in the direction of Respondent's employees.
- o. Respondent grabbed Respondent's "diploma off the wall, threw it to the floor, and stomped on it."
- p. Respondent repeatedly kicked the wall in the office.

5.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board finds that Respondent's continued practice of medicine poses a threat to the public health, safety, and welfare and imperatively requires emergency action and hereby ORDERS that Respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of Georgia be and is hereby SUMMARILY SUSPENDED pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-13-18(c)(1), pending further proceedings on behalf of the Board, which shall be promptly instituted.

If the Respondent wishes to have an expedited hearing, Respondent shall execute and file with the Office of State Administrative Hearings the original and one copy of the attached REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED HEARING no later than fourteen (14) days from the day of service or receipt of this Order. Respondent also shall serve a copy of such REQUEST upon counsel for the Board as identified in the REQUEST.

This Order is signed and attested by the Executive Director on behalf of the Georgia Composite Medical Board.

This 5th day of March, 2018.

(SIGNATURE ON NEXT PAGE)

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