

November 2018 Public Board Actions List

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DOCKET NUMBER:
10160026

BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:)	
)	
CARL JEROME COOPER, M.D.,)	DOCKET NO.
License No. 40352,)	
Respondent.)	

AMENDMENT TO PUBLIC CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, on or about December 20, 2017, CARL JEROME COOPER, M.D. (“Respondent”) entered into a Public Consent Order for (“Order”) with the Georgia Composite Medical Board (“Board”), Docket Number 10160026, which subjected Respondent’s license to practice medicine to various terms and conditions, including, but not limited to, direct supervision by an on-site supervising physician.

WHEREAS, on or about September 4, 2018, Respondent requested that the Board lift the requirement for direct supervision by an on-site supervising physician and to allow for a supervising physician who may practice outside of Respondent’s practice as provided for in Paragraph 1 (b) of the Public Consent Order. Respondent provided the Board with a letter from Respondent’s on-site supervising physician in support of lifting the requirement for direct supervision.

WHEREAS, the Board considered Respondent’s request to lift the requirement for direct supervision by an on-site supervising physician.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board hereby amends the Public Consent Order for as follows:

1.

The requirement for direct supervision by an on-site physician imposed in Paragraph 1 (b) of the Order is hereby lifted. Only the requirement relating to direct supervision by an on-site physician is lifted. All other requirements contained in Paragraph 1 (b), including but not limited to

an acceptable supervising physician who may practice outside of Respondent's practice, shall remain in full force and effect.

2.

Except as provided herein, Respondent's license shall remain subject to all of the remaining terms and conditions as set forth in the Public Consent Order entered into on December 20, 2017. A violation of this Order shall be considered a violation of a lawful order of the Board as if it were a violation of the December 20, 2017 Public Consent Order.

3.

This Amendment to Public Consent Order shall become effective upon its acceptance by the Georgia Composite Medical Board and its docketing by the Executive Director of the Georgia Composite Medical Board.

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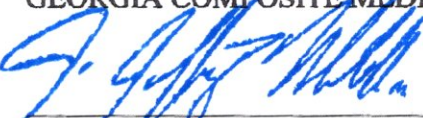
Respondent acknowledges that Respondent has read this Amendment to Public Consent Order and understands its contents. Respondent consents to the terms and conditions contained herein.

Accepted this 2nd day of November, 2018.



GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

BY:




J. JEFFREY MARSHALL, M.D.
Chairperson

ATTEST:

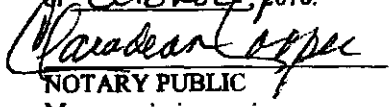


LASHARN HUGHES
Interim Executive Director



CARL JEROME COOPER, M.D.
Respondent

As to the Signature of Respondent,
Sworn to and subscribed
before me this 12 day
of October, 2018.


NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires:
Claradean Cooper
NOTARY PUBLIC
Chatham County, GEORGIA
My Comm. Expires 07/10/2021

#1057283

NOV 02 2018

DOCKET NUMBER:
20180038

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.: 10160026

PUBLIC CONSENT ORDER LIFTING SUSPENSION

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).

FINDINGS OF FACT

1.

Respondent is licensed to practice medicine in Georgia and was so licensed at all times relevant to this matter. Respondent's license is currently suspended.

2.

On or about March 1, 2018, a Public Consent Order was entered by the Board, Docket No. 20180038, which provided for the suspension of Respondent's medical license based on Respondent's actions and conduct which caused an inability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients. The Public Consent Order provided the suspension should remain in effect until further written order by the Board.

3.

Respondent has petitioned the Board to lift the suspension of his license. Respondent provided the Board with documentation demonstrating his enrollment in the Georgia Professional Health Program (PHP) and compliance with all the terms of his monitoring

agreement with PHP including attendance in support groups and negative drug screens. PHP supported Respondent's return to the practice of medicine with continued monitoring by PHP.

4.

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

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent's current medical condition constitutes sufficient grounds for the imposition of terms and conditions upon Respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of Georgia under O.C.G.A. Chs. 1 and 34, T. 43, as amended. Respondent hereby waives any further conclusions of law with respect to the above-styled matter.

ORDER

The Georgia Composite Medical Board, having considered the particular facts and circumstances of this case, hereby orders, and Respondent hereby agrees, that the suspension of Respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of Georgia is hereby lifted upon docketing of this Consent Order and that Respondent may practice medicine in the State of Georgia, subject to the following terms and conditions:

1.

Commencing on the effective date of this Consent Order, the suspension of Respondent's license shall be lifted and shall be placed on probation with the following terms and conditions:

(a) Participate in PHP Monitoring Program. Respondent shall continue to participate in, and maintain compliance with, the Georgia PHP monitoring program and all other requirements of PHP. Respondent shall abide by all terms of his monitoring contract. Respondent agrees to participate in a Board approved monitoring program for as long as he maintains an active medical license unless and until released in writing by the Board. This requirement shall be considered a condition precedent to all other terms and conditions contained

herein. Should the Board receive evidence that Respondent has discontinued his participation in the program and/or no longer has the advocacy of the monitoring program and/or is in non-compliance with the program, Respondent shall be deemed in violation of this Order and the Board may, in its sole discretion, summarily suspend Respondent's license, pending a hearing, or otherwise institute disciplinary proceedings.

(b) Personal Reports. Respondent shall submit personal reports to the Board regarding Respondent's employment and compliance with the monitoring program, by March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31 of each year, beginning with the first reporting period following the effective date of this Order. Such reports shall include any change of personal address or employment.

(c) Drug/Alcohol Screens. Respondent agrees to undergo alcohol/drug screening and/or hair analysis at Respondent's own expense at the request of the Board or its representative. Respondent agrees that all alcohol/drug screens reports shall be admissible in any administrative hearing concerning the Respondent without the necessity of a medical review officer appearing to testify regarding the results of said screens.

(d) Further evaluation. At any time during the pendency of this Consent Order, the Board may upon reasonable grounds order Respondent to undergo a physical or mental evaluation by physicians designated by the Board. Respondent shall execute such releases as may be required for the Board to obtain the results of such evaluations.

(e) Abide by Laws, Rules and Terms. 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 from monitoring reports submitted to the Board that Respondent is otherwise unable to practice as a physician with reasonable skill and safety to patients, Respondent's license shall be subject to further discipline.

(f) Residency Outside Georgia. In the event Respondent should leave Georgia to reside or practice outside Georgia for periods longer than thirty (30) consecutive days,

Respondent shall notify the Board in writing of the dates of departure and return. Also, Respondent shall advise the Board of any change in address of record or employment status whether in Georgia or otherwise.

(g) Termination of Terms and Conditions. Respondent shall not be eligible to petition for termination of the terms and conditions contained in this Consent Order for a period of five (5) years from the date of the docketing of this Consent Order. At such time, Respondent may petition for termination by certifying under oath before a notary public that he has complied with all terms and conditions and by providing documentation supporting termination by Georgia PHP. The Georgia Composite Medical Board shall review and evaluate the practice of Respondent prior to termination. Should the Board determine that reasonable cause exists for maintaining Respondent's license subject to the terms and conditions of this Consent Order, the Board shall notify Respondent of its intent to extend maintain the terms and conditions, and Respondent may respond to such notification in writing or request an appearance before the Board or its representative as in a non-contested case. In any event, this Consent Order and its terms and conditions shall remain in effect pending a final written determination by the Board.

2.

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

3.

Nothing in this Consent Order shall be construed as approval by the Board of Respondent's conduct or as a waiver of the lawful rights possessed by the Board.

4.

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

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

Approved, this 2nd day of November, 2018.



(BOARD SEAL)

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

BY:

J. Jeffrey Marshall
J. JEFFREY MARSHALL, M.D.
Chairperson

Attest:

Lasharn Hughes
LASHARN HUGHES
Interim Executive Director

Consented to:

Brandon Kemp Hicks
BRANDON KEMP HICKS, M.D.
Respondent

[As to Respondent's signature:]

Sworn to and subscribed before me

This 18th day of October, 2018.

Justin Pruitt
NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires: 06/26/2022

#1057214

JUSTIN PRUITT
NOTARY PUBLIC
Franklin County
State of Georgia
My Comm. Expires June 26, 2022

NOV 08 2018

DOCKET NUMBER:
20180004

BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:)	
)	
DEBRA JOHNSON-JORDAN, M.D.,)	DOCKET NO. 20180004
License No. 032592)	
Respondent)	

AMENDMENT TO PUBLIC CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, on or about August 10, 2017, DEBRA JOHNSON-JORDAN, M.D. (“Respondent”) entered into a Public Consent Order for (“Order”) with the Georgia Composite Medical Board (“Board”), Docket Number 20180004, which subjected Respondent’s license to practice medicine to various terms and condition, including, but not limited to, probation.

WHEREAS, on or about July 5, 2018, Respondent requested that the Board terminate the probation. Respondent provided the Board with a letter from Respondent’s probation officer which indicated that Respondent had completed all the terms of Respondent’s criminal supervision. The letter also indicated that Respondent still had a remaining balance on Respondent’s fine and/or restitution.

WHEREAS, the Board considered Respondent’s request to terminate the probation.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board hereby amends the Public Consent Order for as follows”

1.

The probation imposed in Paragraph 1 of the Order is hereby terminated.

2.

Except as provided herein, Respondent’s license shall remain subject to all of the remaining terms and conditions as set forth in the Public Consent Order entered into on August 10, 2017, including but not limited to, complying with the terms and conditions of the plea agreement.

Respondent entered in *USA v. Johnson-Jordan*, 1:15-cr-00326-SCJ-RGV, in the United States District Court, for the Northern District of Georgia, Atlanta Division. A violation of this Order shall be considered a violation of a lawful order of the Board as if it were a violation of the August 10, 2017 Public Consent Order.

3.

This Amendment to Public Consent Order shall become effective upon its acceptance by the Georgia Composite Medical Board and its docketing by the Executive Director of the Georgia Composite Medical Board.

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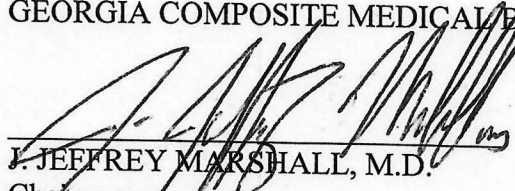
Respondent acknowledges that Respondent has read this Amendment to Public Consent Order and understands its contents. Respondent consents to the terms and conditions contained herein.

Accepted this 8th day of November 2018.

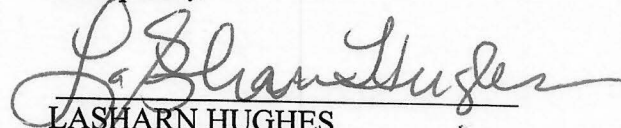


GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

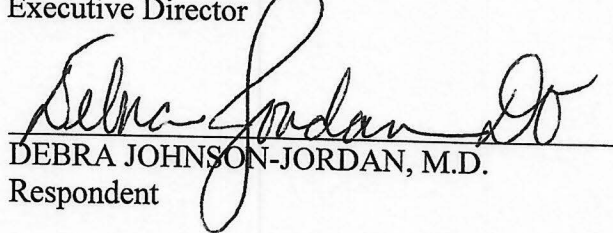
BY:


J. JEFFREY MARSHALL, M.D.
Chairperson

ATTEST:


LASHARN HUGHES
Executive Director

As to the Signature of Respondent,
Sworn to and subscribed
before me this 29th day
of October 2018.


DEBRA JOHNSON-JORDAN, M.D.
Respondent



#1049357

NOV 08 2018

DOCKET NUMBER:
20121145

BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD
STATE OF GEORGIA

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD,)	
Petitioner,)	
)	
v.)	DOCKET NO.: 20121145
)	
JOHN SALINAS, M.D.,)	
Respondent.)	

ORDER DENYING REHEARING

Respondent filed a motion for rehearing pursuant to Board Rule 360-26-.05 after the Final Decision was filed in this matter on September 21, 2018 and served on September 24, 2018. The motion was deemed timely filed. The motion for rehearing is denied, for reasons provided below.

Inappropriate Sanction.

In the motion for rehearing, Respondent argues that revocation, which was the sanction imposed by the Board in this case, was inconsistent with sanctions imposed by the Board in other cases decided by the Board. In support of his position Respondents refers to *GCMB v. David Williams, M.D.*, Docket No. 1620386 (2016); *In the Matter of Daniel Tesfaye, M.D.*, Docket No. 10160025 (2016); and *In the Matter of Kevin McCowan, M.D.*, Docket No 20160035 (2018). In *Williams*, it was determined that the physician breached the standard of care in his treatment of his patient, and in the medical records he maintained for his patient. In *Tesfaye*, the Board found that the physician had inappropriately sexually touched one of his patients, and had previously engaged in similar conduct in another state. In *McCowan*, the Board concluded that the physician's negligent treatment of his patient caused or contributed to the patient's death. In none of these cases were the Respondents' licenses to practice medicine revoked.

Respondent's violations, in this case, of the Board's statutes, rules and the applicable standards of care, were far more numerous and wide ranging than those the violations in the cases cited by Respondent. As detailed in the extensive Initial Decision issued by the Administrative Law Judge, Respondent's violations consisted of

1. knowingly making misleading, deceptive, untrue, or fraudulent representations in the practice of his profession to both his patients and the Board;
2. engaging in unprofessional, unethical, and/or deleterious conduct or practice that were harmful to the public and departed from or failed to conform to the minimum standards of acceptable and prevailing medical practice;
3. committing acts and/or omissions that were indicative of bad moral character or untrustworthiness;
4. committing an act of sexual misconduct and/or exploitation of patients;
5. entering into conduct that discredited the medical profession;
6. failing to timely respond to an investigative subpoena issued by the Board; and
7. failing to adequately maintain or document his patients medical records.

Respondent's numerous and significant violations of the Board's statutes, rules, and the applicable standards of care, were as noted in the Initial Decision that was upheld in the Final Decision, far more "egregious" and "reprehensible" than those actions found in any single case Respondent cited. When a professional licensing board finds that any person should be disciplined the board is empowered to impose a wide range of sanctions, which include, but is not limited to revocation. O.C.G.A. § 43-34-8 (b)(1)(A through K). The Board's decision to

revoke Respondent's license in this case was within its power and was neither arbitrary, capricious, nor inconsistent with the sanctions it has imposed in other cases.

Failure to Permit Testimony at Review Hearing.

The Board's decision not to permit Respondent to testify during the hearing for Agency Review was not a violation of Respondent's due process. Board Rule 360-26-.04, which governs the review of the Initial Decision states in relevant part:

(4) On review, the Board shall have all the powers it would have in making the initial decision, and in its discretion shall have the power to take additional testimony or remand the case to the original hearing officer for such purpose, as provided in the Administrative Procedure Act, O.C.G.A. 50-13-17 and in accordance with this Rule. Motions, including motions to present additional evidence, shall be filed in accordance with the time periods for such motions set forth in the Order scheduling the review.

(a) Motions to present additional evidence or to remand the case to the original hearing officer for such purpose shall be granted only if the additional evidence is material and there was good cause for failing to present such evidence before the original hearing officer. All motions, including motions for the presentation of additional evidence, shall be ruled on by the Board, prior to oral arguments during the review hearing.

In this case, Respondent did not testify during the course of the six-day administrative hearing. Therefore, if Respondent wanted to testify during the hearing for agency review, which would amount to the presentation of additional evidence, he should have filed a motion to do so. Board Rule 360-26-.04. Respondent failed to present any such motion.

Even if Respondent had submitted a motion to present additional evidence, the Board would have granted it only if "the additional evidence is material and there was good for cause failing to present such evidence before the original hearing officer." Board Rule 360-26-.04. Since Respondent failed to submit a motion to present additional evidence, the Board could not have ascertained prior to the hearing if the additional testimony he sought to introduce at the

hearing would have been material. Furthermore, Respondent did not provide any reason for previously failing to present at the hearing held before the administrative law judge, the additional evidence, that being his testimony, which sought to introduce during the agency review. When a party attempts to introduce previously unsubmitted evidence in a motion to reconsider, the party is “obliged to show not only that this evidence was newly discovered or unknown to it until after the hearing, but also that it could not have discovered and produced such evidence’ in the prior proceedings.” *Coppage v. United States Postal Serv.*, 129 F. Supp. 2d, 1378 (M.D. Ga. 2001). For these reasons, the Board’s decision not to permit Respondent to testify at the agency review hearing was correct and did not constitute a violation of Respondent’s constitutional rights.

Material Fact Errors.

The Respondent alleged that the Administrative Law Judge and the Board overlooked key material facts in the Initial Decision and the Final Decision, respectively. Respondent further takes exception to several findings of fact and attempts to argue that the purported inconsistencies are grounds for rehearing. The Administrative Law Judge’s obligation was to render findings in this case. The findings have a factual basis in the record and the Board will not disturb the well-reasoned findings provided in the Initial Decision. Furthermore, the credible evidence presented in this case proved beyond a preponderance of the evidence multiple grounds for revoking Respondent’s medical license. Seeking to change or vacate a Final Decision based solely on different interpretations of the evidence is not the purpose of a motion for rehearing. Motions for rehearing are granted only in those instances when a material fact was overlooked or clearly misconstrued. Reconsidering “a previous order is an extraordinary remedy to be employed sparingly.” *Coppage*, 129 F. Supp. 2d at 1379.

Influencing and Tampering of Witnesses.

Respondent alleged that one of the witnesses involved in this matter, L.C. engaged in tampering of other witnesses through intimidation. This matter was brought to the attention of the Administrative Law Judge, who addressed the matter. The Administrative Law Judge, who was in the best position to hear the arguments on this issue, made no determination that there was tampering and found that L.C.'s testimony was reliable. The Board has no basis on which to disturb the well-reasoned findings of the Administrative Law Judge and her handling of matters before her tribunal.

Conclusion.

In its motion for rehearing, Respondent has not demonstrated that the Board overlooked any material fact, controlling authority or any intervening change in controlling authority, that the Board or the administrative law judge made a clear error, that there was a manifest injustice, or that the legal authority was erroneously construed or misapplied. Respondent has failed to demonstrate that either the Initial Decision or the Final Decision was erroneously entered. Therefore, Respondent's Motion for Rehearing is DENIED.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 8th day of November, 2018.

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD



J. Jeffrey Marshall
J. JEFFREY MARSHALL, M.D.
Chairperson

Lasharn Hughes
LASHARN HUGHES, MBA
Executive Director

NOV 02 2018

DOCKET NUMBER:
20190009

BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:
DON C. WALKER, M.D.,
License No. 24876,

Respondent.

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PUBLIC CONSENT ORDER

By agreement of the Georgia Composite Medical Board ("Board") and DON C. WALKER, M.D. ("Respondent"), the following disposition of this matter is entered into pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. §50-13-18, 43-34-8, and/or §43-1-19.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1.

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

2.

Respondent engaged in intimate relationships with women who were either patients or former patients. Respondent also prescribed medications for certain of these women without conducting a medical evaluation.

3.

Respondent submitted to an evaluation after which recommendations were made.

4.

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

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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

ORDER

The Georgia Composite Medical Board, having considered all the particular facts and circumstances of this case, hereby orders, and the Respondent hereby agrees as follows:

1.

- (a) Individual Therapy. Respondent shall participate in individual therapy with a Board approved provider ("therapist") with experience in professional boundary violations and personality issues identified in the evaluation. Any change in therapist shall be preapproved in writing by the Board.
- (b) Quarterly Reports. Respondent shall submit or cause to be submitted quarterly reports from his therapist regarding his performance and mental/physical condition 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. It is expected that the therapist will immediately report any change in Respondent's behavior that would render Respondent unable to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients. By executing the Consent Order, Respondent specifically consents to such therapist or any physicians or any facility where Respondent obtains medical treatment reporting upon Respondent's condition, notwithstanding any privilege provided by state or federal law.

- (c) Use of Chaperone. For all patient visits with female patients, Respondent shall utilize a female chaperone during the entire visit or treatment. Respondent shall ensure the chaperone documents her presence by signing the office note for each visit. The Board shall have the authority to audit Respondent's patient records at any time to confirm compliance with this requirement. Within ten (10) days of the effective date of this Order or, if a new chaperone is employed, prior to beginning employment, Respondent shall provide the chaperone with a copy of this Order and submit a notarized statement to the Board evidencing that the chaperone has received and read this Order. Should Respondent become employed by a hospital and treat patients in the hospital, he shall obtain a letter from the CEO or Administrator of the hospital confirming that he has provided the hospital with a docketed copy of this Order and that the hospital will arrange for a female chaperone to accompany Respondent for all inpatient visits.
- (d) No Home Visits. Respondent shall not see or treat patients at his residence. Any after hours patient visits or treatment shall be conducted in Respondent's office or clinic with a chaperone present or Respondent shall refer such patient to the emergency department for treatment.
- (e) Further Evaluation. The Board shall also have the authority to order Respondent to undergo a physical or mental evaluation by a physician designated by the Board. Respondent shall execute such releases as may be required for the Board to obtain the results of such evaluations.
- (f) Professional Boundaries Course. Within six (6) months of docketing of this Consent Order, Respondent shall attend and successfully complete a Board preapproved three to five day professional boundaries course and provide satisfactory proof of such attendance and

successful completion. Any such course or hours of attendance may not be used to fulfill any continuing education hours necessary for license renewal.

(g) Mercer Prescribing Course. Within six (6) months of docketing of this Consent Order, Respondent shall enroll in and successfully complete the mini-residency program entitled “Appropriate Prescribing of Controlled Substances” sponsored by the Mercer University College of Pharmacy. Respondent shall submit adequate documentation demonstrating the completion of this requirement within six (6) months from the docketing date of the Consent Order. This coursework shall be in addition to CME requirements and may not be used to fulfill any continuing education hours for license renewal.

(h) Periods of Residency Outside Georgia or Periods When Not Actively Practicing Medicine. In the event that Respondent should leave Georgia to reside or practice outside of Georgia for periods longer than thirty (30) consecutive days, Respondent shall notify the Board in writing of the dates of departure and return.

(i) Employment/ Residency Change. Respondent shall notify the Board in writing of his practice location within ten (10) days of beginning practice. Respondent shall advise the Board of any change in address of record or employment status within 10 days of the change.

(j) Abide By Laws, Rules and Terms. Respondent shall abide by all State and Federal laws regulating the practice of medicine or relating to drugs, the Rules and Regulations of the 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 otherwise unable to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients, or should Respondent violate the criminal laws of the State, Respondent’s license shall be subject to further discipline, including revocation, upon substantiation

thereof after notice and hearing, and if revoked, the Board in its discretion may determine that the license should be permanently revoked and not subject to reinstatement.

Respondent further agrees that any violation of this Consent Order shall be deemed to be sufficient to authorize the Board to 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 he shall be entitled to an expedited hearing to substantiate such violation(s), if the Board exercises such right.

(k) Modification. Respondent agrees that he shall not be eligible to petition to modify any portion of this Consent Order for a period of two (2) years from the effective date of this Order. Any petition submitted by Respondent for modification after the two (2) year period shall include letter(s) of support from Respondent's therapist. Any decision to grant or deny the petition shall be in the Board's discretion and Respondent shall not be entitled to a hearing under the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act but may appear before the Board at his request

(l) Public Reprimand. In addition to any other sanction, this Consent Order shall constitute a public reprimand of Respondent.

2.

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 Georgia Composite Medical Board shall in no way be construed as condoning the Respondent's conduct and shall not be construed as a waiver of any of the lawful rights possessed by the Board. The Board reserves the right to initiate disciplinary action for any conduct not related to the conduct described in the findings of fact within this Order.

4.

Respondent acknowledges that he has read this Consent Order and understands its contents. Respondent understands that he has a right to a hearing before the Board, 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 application 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 disciplinary action 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.

Respondent consents to the terms and conditions contained herein.

Approved, this 2nd day of November, 2018.

(BOARD SEAL)



GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

BY:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John Jeffrey Marshall", written over a horizontal line.

JOHN JEFFREY MARSHALL, M.D.
Chairperson

ATTEST: *L. Lasharn Hughes*
LASHARN HUGHES
Interim Executive Director

CONSENTED TO: *Don C. Walker*
DON C. WALKER, M.D.
Respondent

[As to Respondent's signature:]
Sworn to and subscribed before me
This 17th day of October 2018.

Christine W Russell
NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires:



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