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IN THE MATTER OF:

JAMES ARTHUR HARGRODER, M.D.
(Certificate No. 012716),
Respondent

12-I-849

**INTERIM
CONSENT ORDER**

An on-going investigation is being conducted by the Investigating Officer of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") of James Arthur Hargroder, M.D. ("Dr. Hargroder") a physician licensed to practice medicine in this state who at all times pertinent has been engaged in practice in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

On September 26, 2012, Dr. Hargroder was arrested in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and charged with one count each of indecent behavior with a juvenile and computer-aided solicitation of a minor.

Pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §§37:1285(A)(1)-(31), the Board has the authority to suspend, revoke or take other action against the license of a physician upon a finding of any infraction of the Louisiana Medical Practice Act (the "Act"), La. Rev. Stat. §§37:1261-1292. Investigation of the physician's conduct is on-going and continuing.

Respondent understands that by entering into this Interim Consent Order, he is not admitting or acknowledging any impropriety, wrong-doing or violation of federal or state law or the Board's rules, and he specifically reserves the right to contest any and all allegations against him in criminal, civil or administrative proceedings. In addition, as evidenced by his subscription hereto Dr. Hargroder acknowledges the right to have written notification of any charges that may be asserted against him, as well as the right to have adjudication of such charges during an administrative hearing at which time he will be entitled to be represented by legal counsel, to call witnesses and to present evidence in defense or in mitigation of the charges made, and to a decision thereon by the Board based upon written findings of fact and conclusions of law, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §§49:951 *et seq.*

Irrespective of such rights, Dr. Hargroder agrees that he shall not engage in the practice of medicine in this state until resolution of the criminal charges and a hearing and decision or another resolution of this matter is reached by the Board. Accordingly, he consents to the indefinite suspension of his license to practice medicine in this state, with reinstatement thereof subject to the terms and conditions of this Order. In addition, Dr. Hargroder authorizes the Investigating Officer to present this Interim Consent Order to the Board for its consideration and to fully discuss with and disclose to the Board the nature and extent of such charges and he waives any objection to such disclosures under La. Rev. Stat. §49:960. Dr. Hargroder expressly acknowledges that disclosure of such information to the Board by the Investigating Officer shall be without prejudice to the Investigating Officer's authority to prosecute any administrative charges that may be filed in this matter following completion of the current investigation or to the Board's capacity to adjudicate such charges. Accordingly, in consideration of the foregoing and pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by La. Rev. Stat. §37:1285 and La. Rev. Stat. §49:955(D);

IT IS ORDERED that the license of James Arthur Hargroder, M.D. to engage in the practice of medicine in the State of Louisiana, as evidenced by Certificate No. 019070, be and the same is hereby, effective as of the date hereof, *suspended indefinitely*.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Dr. Hargroder shall not practice medicine in any form in the state of Louisiana until and unless the Board issues and serves upon him a written decision reinstating his license to practice following: (1) resolution of the criminal charges pending against him; (2) a meeting with the Investigating Officer for the Board; and (3) the conclusion of the pending investigation by administrative hearing and final decision of the Board on any charges that may be filed against him in this proceeding; alternatively, (4) by the Board's acceptance of another disposition of the investigation.

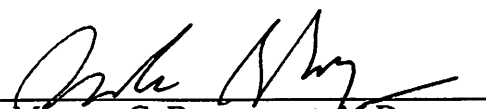
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any violation or failure to comply with the terms of this Order by Dr. Hargroder shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for the revocation, cancellation or such action against Dr. Hargroder's license to practice medicine in this state as the Board may deem appropriate, as if such violations were enumerated among the causes provided in La. Rev. Stat. §37:1285.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Interim Consent Order shall be, and shall be deemed to be, a public record.

Signed at New Orleans, Louisiana on and effective this 15th day of October, 2012.

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BY:



MELVIN G. BOURGEOIS, M.D.
President

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT
AND CONSENT**

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF _____

I, JAMES ARTHUR HARGRODER, M.D., hereby acknowledge, approve, accept and consent
to entry of the above and foregoing Order, this 3 day of OCTOBER, 2012.

[Signature]
JAMES ARTHUR HARGRODER, M.D.

WITNESSES:

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Signature

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 2012,
in the presence of the two stated witnesses.

Notary Public (Signature and Seal)

Printed Name/Notary or Bar Number