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No. 13-I-007

In The Matter Of

GREG HOWARD BOLTON, PA
(Certificate No. PA.A10512.RX)

CONSENT ORDER
FOR REPRIMAND

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Greg Howard Bolton, PA, ("Mr. Bolton "), is a physician assistant ("PA") who at all times pertinent has been licensed by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") and engaged in practice as a PA in and around Alexandria, Louisiana. The above-entitled proceeding was docketed for investigation following the receipt of a medical malpractice settlement arising out of Mr. Bolton's alleged violation of the standard of care in connection with the treatment of patient who presented with scalp lesions that were subsequently diagnosed as invasive squamous cell carcinoma.

The patient in question had been referred by his primary care provider to the dermatology clinic offered at the local VA Medical Center. Mr. Bolton, who had limited training and some on-the job experience in dermatology, was assigned as the sole provider of the high-volume dermatology clinic, which was offered one time per week, where the patient was seen. He was not provided any medical supervision or oversight. There was no dermatologist on staff to supervise Mr. Bolton's practice, review his records or provide follow up care and he did not have access to consultant or a dermatologist telemedically at another facility.

Mr. Bolton cooperated fully with the investigation, met with the Investigating Officer of the Board (the "I/O"), and acknowledged that practicing without supervision was in violation of the Board's rules and regulations. On his own behalf, Mr. Bolton confirmed that he would never again allow himself to be placed in a position where he would be required to practice without the supervision of a supervising physician who is appropriately trained and qualified in the services he is to provide. He also expressed a commitment to insure that his future practice would otherwise be in accordance with the Board's rules regarding supervision and scope of practice for PAs in this state.

Investigation of the captioned matter was assigned to the I/O for the Board. While appears to the I/O that Mr. Bolton is a conscientious and well-trained family practice PA who was placed in a difficult position by his employer and provided no medical supervision or support for the specialized care that he was assigned to provide, the I/O's review and analysis of the matter confirms to her satisfaction that the actions identified hereinabove may implicate one or more violations of the Louisiana Physician Assistant Practice Act (the "Act") and/or the Board's rules.¹

As evidenced by his subscription to this Order Mr. Bolton acknowledges the substantial accuracy of the foregoing information and that such acknowledgment and the reported information could provide the provide the Board with probable cause to pursue formal administrative proceedings against him for violation of the Act and the Board's Rules pertaining to PAs.

Mr. Bolton recognizes his right to have notice of any such allegations and charges asserted against him, to administrative adjudication of such charges, at which time he would be entitled to be represented by legal counsel, to call witnesses and to present evidence on his own behalf 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. Mr. Bolton, nonetheless, hereby waives his right to notice of charges and formal adjudication and pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §49:955(D) consents to entry of the Order set forth hereinafter. Mr. Bolton further acknowledges that he waives any right to which he may be entitled pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La. Rev. Stat. §§49:951 et. seq., or which otherwise may be afforded to him by law to contest his agreement to or the force and effect of this document in any court or other forum relating to the matters referred to herein. By his subscription hereto Mr. Bolton also hereby authorizes the I/O to present this Consent Order to the Board for its consideration and to fully disclose to and discuss with the Board the nature and results of the investigation and he waives any objection to such disclosures under La. Rev. Stat. §49:960. Mr. Bolton expressly acknowledges that the disclosure of information to the Board by the I/O shall be without prejudice to the I/O's authority to file a formal Administrative Complaint against him or to the Board's capacity to adjudicate such Complaint should the Board decline to approve this Consent Order.

Based upon the foregoing information, as well as the recommendation of the I/O, the Board has concluded that its responsibility to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of this state, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §37:1360.21, will be effectively served by entry of the order set forth hereinafter by consent. Accordingly, in consideration of the foregoing and pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by La. Rev. Stat. §37:1360.33 and La. Rev. Stat. §49:955(D);

IT IS ORDERED that Greg Howard Bolton, PA, is hereby *reprimanded* for the above described conduct.

¹La. Rev. Stat. §37:1360.33(3), La. Adm. C. 46XLV.4505E(1), (4), 4513A(16).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within six (6) months from the effective date of this Order that Mr. Bolton shall provide evidence to the Board that he has gained an understanding of, and is practicing in accordance with, the Board's Rules. Such evidence may, at the Board's direction, include his preparation of an article for possible dissemination in the Board's *Newsletter* or website, completion of an approved course of study, and/or his satisfactory performance on an examination testing his understanding of this subject.

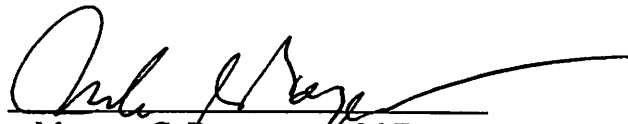
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Bolton's failure to comply with the above terms within the allotted time may give rise to such further action as the Board may deem appropriate, as if such failure were enumerated among the causes provided in La. Rev. Stat. §37:1360.33.

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

Signed at New Orleans, Louisiana, and effective this 29th day of April, 2013.

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BY:


MELVIN G. BOURGEOIS, M.D.
President

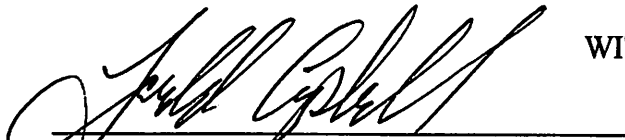
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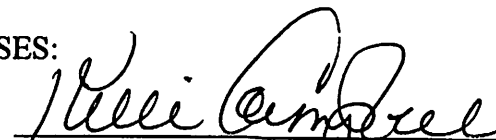
I, GREG HOWARD BOLTON, PA, hereby acknowledge, approve, accept and consent to entry of the above and foregoing Order, this 14th day of April, 2013.


GREG HOWARD BOLTON, PA


Signature
Todd CAMPBELL
Printed Name

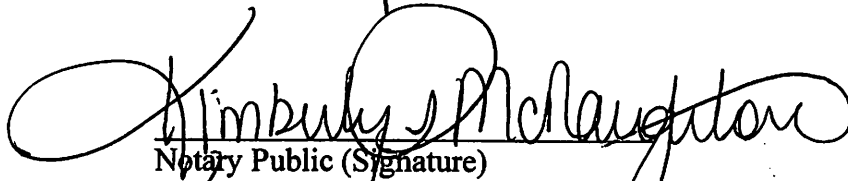
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WITNESSES:


Signature
Kelli Campbell
Printed Name

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Sworn to and subscribed before me at Pineville, Louisiana this
14th day of April, 2013, in the presence of the two stated witnesses.


Notary Public (Signature)

Kimberly P. McNaughton
Notary (Printed Name)

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Notary/Bar No.