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In The Matter Of	:	No. 12-I-494
TODD LOUIS SAMUELS, M.D.	:	
(Permit No. TMED 000009) :	:	CONSENT ORDER
	:	FOR REPRIMAND
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The above-entitled proceeding was docketed for investigation by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") following the receipt of information concerning Todd Louis Samuels, M.D. ("Dr. Samuels"), a physician located in the state of Virginia but who at all times pertinent was engaged in the practice of telemedicine in this state by virtue of a telemedicine permit issued by the Board. Such information indicates that Dr. Samuels was reprimanded by the medical boards for the Commonwealth of Virginia and the State of Tennessee and remains under investigation by the medical licensing authorities of one or more other states. Such actions and investigations resulted from Dr. Samuels' telemedicine assessment of an 82 year old patient who was admitted to an emergency room in Florida.

Investigation of the captioned matter was assigned to the Investigating Officer ("I/O") for the Board. While it appears to the I/O that Dr. Samuels is a conscientious and well-trained neurologist, the I/O's review and analysis of the matter confirms to her satisfaction that sufficient cause exists to deny the renewal of Dr. Samuels' telemedicine permit and/or charge him with one or more violations of the Board's rules and the Louisiana Medical Practice Act (the "Act"), La. Rev. Stat. §37:1285A.¹

As evidenced by his subscription to this Order, Dr. Samuels acknowledges the substantial accuracy of the foregoing information and that such acknowledgment and proof of such information upon administrative evidentiary hearing could establish grounds under the Act for denial of his telemedicine permit or such other action against such permit as the Board might deem appropriate. On his own behalf, Dr. Samuels has advised that as a result of this incident he immediately took steps to modify the electronic medical record used for his telemedicine

¹Pursuant to its rules, the Board may deny or refuse to issue a telemedicine permit to an otherwise eligible applicant: 'who has been the subject of previous disciplinary action by the medical licensing authority of another state;' or 'who is the subject of pending investigation by the board, the medical licensing authority of another state or a federal agency.' LAC 46XLV.408B.3, 408B.4. Pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §37:1285A(30), the Board may take action as a result of 'violation of the rules and regulations of the board or provisions of this Part.'

consults to ensure that a similar incident does not occur again.

Recognizing his right to have notice of any charges that may be asserted against him in this matter, 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.*, Dr. Samuels, 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. Dr. Samuels further acknowledges and 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 any 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 Dr. Samuels also hereby authorizes the I/O designated by the Board with respect hereto 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. Dr. Samuels 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 formal administrative charges 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. §37:1261, 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. §37:1285 and La. Rev. Stat. §49:955(D);

IT IS ORDERED that Todd Louis Samuels is hereby **OFFICIALLY REPRIMANDED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within ninety (90) days of the date of this Order Dr. Samuels shall pay the Board a fine in the amount of One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars.

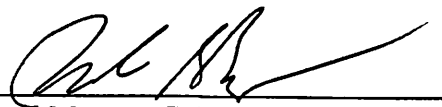
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that failure to comply with this Order by Dr. Samuels shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for such action against his telemedicine permit as the Board may deem appropriate, as if such violations were enumerated among the causes provided in La. Rev. Stat. §37:1285A.

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

Signed in New Orleans, Louisiana, and effective this 9th day of December
2013.

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF
MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

BY:



MELVIN G. BOURGEOIS, M.D.
President

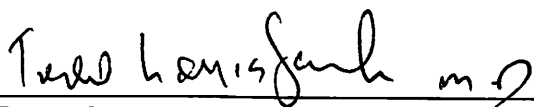
***Acknowledgement and Consent
on Following Page***

STATE OF _____

PARISH/COUNTY OF _____

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT
AND CONSENT**

I, TODD LOUIS SAMUELS, M.D., hereby acknowledge, approve, accept and consent to entry of the above and foregoing Order, this _____ day of _____, 2013.


TODD LOUIS SAMUELS, M.D.

WITNESSES:

Signature

Signature

Printed Name

Printed Name

Address

Address

Sworn to and subscribed before me at Baltimore County, Maryland, ~~Louisiana~~ this
17th day of October, 2013, in the presence of the two stated witnesses.

Jonathan Bernstein
Notary Public (Printed Name) and Seal

**Jonathan Bernstein, Notary Public
Baltimore County, Maryland
My Commission Expires: 12/17/16**


Notary (Signature) & Bar/Notary No.