LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

630 Camp Street, New Orleans, LA 70130 Mailing Address: Post Office Box 30250, New Orleans, LA 70190-0250 www.lsbme.la.gov

> Telephone: (504) 568-6820 FAX: (504) 568-8893 Writer's Direct Dial:

(504)_____

IN THE MATTER OF:

SRINIVAS STALIN GANJI, M.D. (Certificate No. 05634R) Applicant

No. 13-I-761

CONSENT ORDER FOR REPRIMAND

An investigation was undertaken by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") of Srinivas Stalin Ganji, M.D. (Certificate No. 05634R), a physician who at all pertinent times was engaged in the practice of medicine in and around Covington, Louisiana, following the receipt of apparently reliable information indicating that unlicensed individuals were engaged in the practice of polysomnography at a diagnostic sleep facility in which he served as medical director. During the course of the investigation the Investigating Officer ("I/O") for the Board met with Dr. Ganji to discuss the Louisiana Polysomnography Practice Act, specifically, La. Rev. Stat. §37:2870A(1) (the "law")¹, which requires that all persons engaged in the practice of polysomnography be appropriately licensed by the Board.

In connection with this matter Dr. Ganji, who cooperated fully with the investigation, acknowledged that he now realizes that by serving as Medical Director, without an ownership interest, at a Polysomnography Lab where an unlicensed individual practiced, that he violated the laws administered by the Board.² However, he offered that such was the result of a lack of understanding of the law's requirements, and submitted that the violation was not intentional on his



¹ Pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §37:2870.A.(1), 'On or after January I, 2006, no individual shall engage or attempt to engage in the practice of polysomnography or perform or attempt to perform polysomnograms, unless he holds a license issued by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter;' and (2) 'An individual who does not hold a license issued by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners . . . shall not use in conjunction with his name the words "licensed registered polysomnographic technologist". "LRPSGT", or any other similar words, letters, abbreviations or insignia indicating, directly or by implication, that he is a polysomnographic technologist.'

² Pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §37:1285A (18) the Board may take action against the license of a physician as a result of ... 'having professional connection with or lending or lending one's name to an illegal practitioner.'

part. After learning of the violation, he notified the clinic that he would be resigning his position until the clinic complied with all Louisiana licensing regulations. While it appears to the I/O that Dr. Ganji is a conscientious and well-trained physician, the I/O's review and analysis of the matter implicates a violation of the Louisiana Medical Practice Act, La. Rev. Stat. §§37:1285A(18).

Recognizing his right to have notice and administrative adjudication of any charges that may be filed in this matter, 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. Ganji nonetheless, hereby waives his right to notice and formal adjudication and pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §49:955(D), consents to entry of the Order set forth hereinafter. By his subscription hereto, Dr. Ganji also 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, Dr. Ganji 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. Ganji 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 pursue formal administrative charges against him or to the Board's capacity to adjudicate such charges should the Board decline to approve this Consent Order.

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 Srinivas Stalin Ganji, M.D., is hereby OFFICIALLY REPRIMANDED;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within six (6) months from the effective date of this Order that Dr. Ganji shall provide written confirmation that he has successfully completed a thorough review and study of the laws regulating the practice of polysomnography in this state, or such other course as may be designated and pre-approved in writing by the Board or its designee.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Ganji shall pay the Board a fine in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this Order.

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

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

New Orleans, Louisiana, this ______ day of ______, 2013.

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

By:

MELVIN G. BOURGEOIS, M.D. **PRESIDENT**

Acknowledgement and Consent on Following Page

Acknowledgement and Consent on Following Page

Acknowledgement and Consent on Following Page STATE OF Lovisiana PARISH/COUNTY OF St. Tammary

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND CONSENT

I, SRINIVAS STALIN GANJI, M.D., hereby acknowledge, approve, accept and consent to entry of the above and foregoing Order, this <u>11</u> day of <u>November</u>, 2013.

m 5 Gr

SRINIVAS STALIN GANJI, M.D

WITNESSES:

JEAN LEBLANC

3 JANCTUARY BLUD, STE 201 Address

MANDEVILLE, LA 70471 City/State/Zip Code

<u>Marani</u> Signature

Jo Trojani Printed Name

<u>3 Sanctuary Blud. Ste. 201</u> Address <u>Mandeville, LA 70471</u> City/State/Zip Code

Sworn to and subscribed before me at <u>Manden'lle</u>, Louisiana, this <u>if</u> day of

November, 2013, in the presence of the two stated witnesses.

 \leq

Notary Public (Signature)

Print name

TOMMY D. SNYDER, JR. **NOTARY PUBLIC** Parish of St. Tananany, State LSBA 28764 My Ca ed for 1.4

Bar/Notary No.: