

# LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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## IN THE MATTER OF:

**No. 13-I-1202**

**KELLY LYNN COBB, MD**  
(Certificate No. MD.201667)  
*Respondent*

## CONSENT ORDER

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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 apparently reliable information which indicated that Kelly Lynn Cobb, M.D. ("Dr. Cobb"), a physician who at all times material to the facts and matters alleged herein is licensed and engaged in the practice of medicine in and around Lafayette, Louisiana, had entered into an arrangement with a Physician Assistant, Jennifer Menard Piker, wherein Ms. Piker was permitted to engage in activities beyond the scope of her license. Specifically, she prescribed medications for the treatment of obesity and chronic pain in violation of Board Rules. She was also performing procedures without a proper credential file attesting to her competence to perform such procedures, and she was supervising a technician that was compounding and dispensing allergen extracts, which is prohibited. Additionally, Dr. Cobb was under taking certain office based procedures without documenting an appropriate level of training.

Upon notice of the investigation Dr. Cobb discontinued the conduct in question, and committed to comply with the Board's rules and regulations, in particular, regarding the responsibilities of a Supervising Physician.

Predicated upon the foregoing information, the Investigating Officer assigned by the Board with respect to this matter determined that reasonable grounds existed such that a formal Administrative Complaint could be filed against Dr. Cobb, charging her with a violation of the Louisiana Medical Practice Act (the "Act"), pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §37:1285A(13), and (18).<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §37:1285A, the Board may suspend, revoke, or impose probation or other restrictions on the license of an individual licensed to practice medicine in the State of Louisiana as a result of: (13) "[U]nprofessional conduct;" and (18) "[k]nowingly performing any act which, in any way, assists an unlicensed person to practice medicine, or . . . lending one's name to an illegal practitioner."

As evidenced by her subscription hereto, Dr. Cobb acknowledges the substantial accuracy of the foregoing information and that such information and acknowledgement would constitute probable cause for the institution of administrative proceedings against her medical license pursuant to Administrative Complaint, and that proof of such information upon an administrative evidentiary hearing could establish grounds under the Act, La. Rev. Stat. §§37:1285(A)(13), and (18), respectively for the suspension, revocation or imposition of such other terms, conditions or restrictions on her license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana as the Board might deem appropriate.

Recognizing her right to have notice and administrative adjudication of such charges, at which time Dr. Cobb would be entitled to be represented by legal counsel, to call witnesses and to present evidence on her 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. §§ 49:955-965, Dr. Cobb, nonetheless, hereby waives her right to notice and formal adjudication and pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. § 49:955(D), consents to entry of the Order set forth hereinafter. Dr. Cobb also acknowledges that she hereby waives any right to which she may be entitled pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La. Rev. Stat. §§49:951 *et seq.*, or which she may be afforded by any other law to contest her agreement to or the force and effect of the Board's investigation or this Consent Order in any court or other forum. By her subscription hereto, Dr. Cobb also hereby authorizes the Investigating Officer 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 she waives any objection to such disclosures under La. Rev. Stat. §49:960. Dr. Cobb expressly acknowledges that the disclosure of such information to the Board by the Investigating Officer shall be without prejudice to the Investigating Officer's authority to proceed with the filing and adjudication of an administrative complaint against her, or to the Board's capacity to adjudicate such complaint should the Board decline to approve this Consent Order.

Based upon the information provided, the Board has concluded that the public interest would be properly protected and served by allowing Dr. Cobb to maintain her license subject to appropriate specified terms, conditions and restrictions. In consideration of this finding, accordingly, and on the recommendation of the Investigating Officer, the Board has concluded that its responsibility to insure 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 Kelly Lynn Cobb, M.D. who is licensed to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana, as evidenced by license number MD.201667, is hereby **OFFICIALLY REPRIMANDED** for the conduct identified hereinabove, provided, however, that such license and Dr. Cobb's continuing exercise of rights and privileges there under shall be conditioned upon her acceptance of and strict compliance with the following terms, and conditions:

**(1) Continuing Medical Education - Ethics and Professionalism Course.** Within six (6) months of the effective date of this Order Dr. Cobb shall attend and successfully complete a course in medical ethics and professionalism. All courses required by this provision shall be pre-approved by the Board or its designee.

**(2) Payment of Fine.** Within six (6) months of the effective date of this Order Dr. Cobb shall pay to the Board a fine in the amount of Two Thousand (\$2,000) dollars.

**(3) Effect of Violation/Sanction.** By her subscription hereto, Dr. Cobb acknowledges that her receipt of written notification that the Board has received apparently reliable information which indicates her failure to comply with the requirements set forth by this Order in any respect shall, without the need for formal hearing or for providing her with any right to which she may otherwise be entitled pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La. Rev. Stat. §§49:951 et seq., or which otherwise may be afforded to her by law, constitute her irrevocable consent to the immediate suspension of her license to practice medicine in this state pending a hearing before the Board and the conclusion of the administrative proceedings by issuance of a final decision following administrative adjudication of such charges.

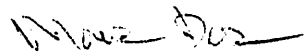
**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that any violation or failure of strict compliance with any of the terms and conditions set forth by this Order by Dr. Cobb shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for such further action against Dr. Cobb's license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana 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 Consent Order shall be, and shall be deemed to be, a public record.

Signed in New Orleans, Louisiana, on and effective this 20<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2014.

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD  
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

By:



MARK HENRY DAWSON, M.D.  
*President*

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF Lafayette

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT  
AND CONSENT**

I, KELLY LYNN COBB, MD, hereby acknowledge, approve, accept and consent to entry of the above and foregoing Order, this 2nd day of September, 2014.

Kelly Cobb  
KELLY LYNN COBB, MD

Brittany Stover

Signature

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2nd day of September, 2014, in the presence of the two stated witnesses.

Michelle K. Buford  
Notary Public (Signature and Seal)

**MICHELLE K. BUFORD**

**NOTARY PUBLIC (No. 37219) Bar No. 21058**

Printed Name/Notary Public Number  
My Commission is for Life