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No. 14-I-536

IN THE MATTER OF:

MARK NEFFLEN FARMER, M.D.
(Certificate No. 206603)
Respondent

CONSENT ORDER FOR OFFICIAL REPRIMAND

The above-entitled matter was docketed for investigation by the Investigating Officer of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board"). Mark Nefflen Farmer, M.D. ("Dr. Farmer") is a physician who at all times pertinent has been licensed and engaged in the practice of internal medicine/oncology in Deridder, Louisiana.

Results of the investigation indicate that at the time of Dr. Farmer's application for licensure in Louisiana, he failed to disclose an ongoing investigation of his practice by the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Health Professionals (VDHP) concerning multiple issues related to competency and professionalism.

During the course of the investigation, Dr. Farmer discontinued his practice in DeRidder and has returned to Virginia. Dr. Farmer expressed that he has no intention of returning to the practice medicine in Louisiana and planned to allow his license to lapse.

Predicated upon the foregoing information, the Investigating Officer assigned by the Board with respect to this matter determined that reasonable cause existed such that a formal Administrative Complaint could have been filed against Dr. Farmer, charging him with a violation of the Louisiana Medical Practice Act (the "Act"), pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §37:1285A (4) and (12).¹

As evidenced by his subscription to this Order, Dr. Farmer acknowledges the substantial accuracy of the forgoing information and that such acknowledgment and the reported information would provide the Investigating Officer assigned to this matter by the Board with probable cause to pursue administrative proceedings against him for violation of the Louisiana Medical Practice Act, La. Rev. Stat. §37:1285 (A) (4) and (12), constituting sufficient cause for action against his license to practice medicine in the State of Louisiana.

¹ Pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §§37:1285A ; the Board may take action against the license of a physician as the result of (4) '[P]roviding false testimony before the Board or providing false sworn information to the Board'; (12) [U]nprofessional conduct'; ;

In consideration of these findings, accordingly, and on the recommendation of the Investigating Officer respecting the pending investigation, the Board has concluded that its responsibility to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of this state against the unprofessional, unqualified and unsafe practice of medicine, La. Rev. Stat. §37:1261, will be effectively served by entry of the Order set forth hereinafter by consent.

Recognizing his right to written notification of any charges that may be asserted against him as a result of this investigation, as well as the right 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 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. Farmer, nonetheless, hereby waives his rights to notice, formal adjudication and written decision and, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §49:955(D), consents to entry of the Order set forth hereinafter. Furthermore, Dr. Farmer acknowledges that he hereby waives any right to which he may be entitled pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La. Rev. Stat. §§49:951 et seq., or to which he otherwise may be afforded by any law to contest his agreement to or the force and effect of the Board's investigation or this document in any court or other forum. By his subscription hereto, Dr. Farmer 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. Dr. Farmer expressly acknowledges that the disclosure of such information to the Board by the I/O shall be without prejudice to the I/O's authority to proceed with the filing and adjudication of any administrative charges that may subsequently be filed in this matter against him, or to the Board's capacity to adjudicate such complaint should the Board decline to approve this Consent Order. Accordingly, in consideration of the forgoing and pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by La. Rev. Stat. §49:955(D);

IT IS ORDERED that the license of Mark Nefflen Farmer, M.D. to engage in the practice of medicine in the State of Louisiana, as evidenced by Certificate No.206603, be and the same is hereby, **OFFICIALLY REPRIMANDED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that in the event that Dr. Farmer should and/or wish to relocate or return to Louisiana for the purpose of practicing medicine, Dr. Farmer shall contact the Board at least sixty (60) days in advance of his desired return and arrange an appearance before the Board or its designee at its next regularly scheduled meeting. At such meeting, Dr. Farmer shall discuss with the Board or its designee his intended plans for the practice of medicine in this state. In addition to such other terms, conditions and restrictions as are placed upon his Louisiana license by this Order, Dr. Farmer hereby consents to, agrees with and acquiesces in the imposition of any additional terms, conditions or restrictions, as well as the length or nature thereof, that the Board in its sole discretion and without a hearing may deem necessary or appropriate to impose upon his Louisiana license should Dr. Farmer at any time in the future seek or decide to relocate to the state of Louisiana for the purpose of practicing medicine.

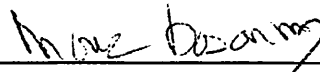
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any violation or failure of strict compliance with any of the terms and conditions set forth by this Order by Dr. Farmer shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for such action as the Board may deem appropriate, as if such violations 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 at New Orleans, Louisiana, and effective on this 16th day of March,
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LOUISIANA STATE BOARD
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

BY:



MARK H. DAWSON, M.D.
President

ACKNOWLEDGMENT
AND CONSENT

City of
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PARISH OF _____

I, MARK NEFFLEN FARMER, M.D., hereby acknowledge, approve, accept and consent to entry of the above and foregoing Order, this 5th day of February, 2015.



MARK NEFFLEN FARMER, M.D.

WITNESSES:



Signature



Signature

Michael L. Goodman
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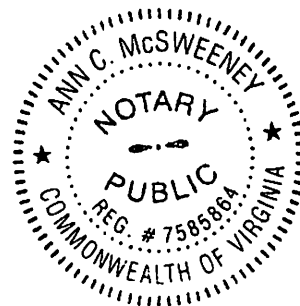
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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of February, 2015, in the presence of the two stated witnesses.



Notary Public (Signature and Seal)

Ann C. McSweeney / 7585864
Printed Name/Notary or Bar Number



My commission expires 12/31/2018.