

# LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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**IN THE MATTER OF:**

**BARBARA ELLEN HAINSWORTH, M.D.**  
(Certificate No.04638R)

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**No. 15-I-960**

**INTERIM  
CONSENT ORDER**

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This matter is before the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") in connection with an ongoing and pending investigation conducted by the Investigating Officer of the Board regarding Barbara Ellen Hainsworth, M.D. ("Dr. Hainsworth"), a physician who at all pertinent times has been licensed and engaged in the practice of Internal Medicine in various locations in Louisiana and as a locums in other states.

Apparently reliable information gathered to date indicates that Dr. Hainsworth suffers from a psychiatric condition which may affect her ability to practice medicine. In August 2014 Dr. Hainsworth underwent a comprehensive evaluation at a facility approved by the Board to assess her readiness to return to work. It was the opinion of the evaluating professionals that Dr. Hainsworth's condition was not currently stable and she required continued treatment and further evaluations prior to being deemed capable of safely returning to practice. Dr. Hainsworth has represented that she has not practiced medicine since that time.

Predicated upon the information outlined above, the Investigating Officer assigned by the Board with respect to this matter has determined that reasonable cause exists for recommending that a formal Administrative Complaint be filed against Dr. Hainsworth, charging her with violation of the Louisiana Medical Practice Act (the "Act"), pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §§ 37:1285(A) (25).<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> La. Rev. Stat. §37:1285(A) provides that the Board may take action against the licensee or applicant who has been found guilty of conduct which has endangered or is likely to endanger the health, welfare, or safety of the public, to include: (25) 'Inability to practice medicine with reasonable competence, skill, or safety to patients because of mental or physical illness or deficiency, including but not limited to deterioration through the aging process or excessive use or abuse of drugs, including alcohol.'

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As evidenced by her subscription hereto, Dr. Hainsworth acknowledges the right to have written notification of any charges that may be asserted, as well as the right to have evidence of such charges asserted during an administrative hearing at which time she will 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.* Irrespective of such rights, Dr. Hainsworth, nonetheless, hereby consents to the indefinite suspension of her license to practice medicine in this state, with reinstatement thereof subject to the terms and conditions of this Order. By her subscription hereto, Dr. Hainsworth authorizes the Investigating Officer designated by the Board with respect hereto to present this Interim Consent Order to the Board for its consideration and to fully discuss with and disclose to the Board the nature and extent of such charges and she waives any objection to such disclosures under La. Rev. Stat. §49:960. Dr. Hainsworth expressly acknowledges that disclosure of such information to the Board by the Investigating Officer shall be without prejudice to the Investigating Officer's authority to prosecute administrative charges which may be filed in this matter following completion of the current investigation or to the Board's capacity to adjudicate such charges.

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 the license of Barbara Ellen Hainsworth, M.D. to engage in the practice of medicine in the State of Louisiana, as evidenced by Certificate No.04638R, be and the same is hereby, effective as of the date hereof, **INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED**.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Barbara Ellen Hainsworth, M.D. shall not practice medicine in any form in the State of Louisiana until and unless the Board issues and serves a written decision reinstating her license to practice following: (1) receipt of report from a facility approved by the Board, who has conducted a comprehensive evaluation and determined that she is capable of returning to practice with skill and safety to patients; (2) a meeting at the Board office with the Investigating Officer; (3) the conclusion of the pending investigation by administrative hearing and final decision of the Board on any charges that may be filed in these proceedings; alternatively, (4) by the Board's acceptance of a Consent Order or other order or recommendation respecting disposition of such charges and investigation.

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

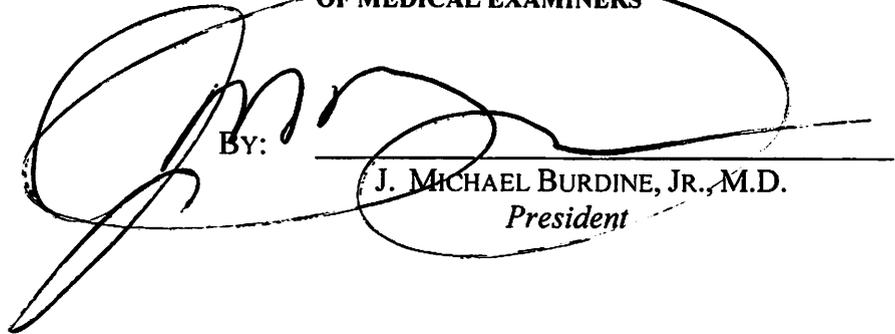
**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that this Interim Consent Order shall be, and shall be deemed to be, a public record.

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New Orleans, Louisiana, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of MARCH, 2016.

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD  
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BY:  \_\_\_\_\_  
J. MICHAEL BURDINE, JR., M.D.  
President

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**ACKNOWLEDGMENT  
AND CONSENT**

STATE OF LOUISIANA  
PARISH OF TANGIPAHONA

I, Barbara Ellen Hainsworth, M.D., hereby acknowledge, approve, accept and consent to entry of the above and foregoing Order, this 08 day of FEBRUARY, 2016.

Barbara Ellen Hainsworth  
BARBARA ELLEN HAINSWORTH, M.D.

WITNESSES:

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Sworn to and subscribed before me at Hammond, Louisiana,  
this 08 day of FEBRUARY, 2016, in the presence of the two  
stated witnesses.

William R. Bice  
Notary Public (Signature)

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