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In the Matter of:

No. 16-I-402

EDDYE GENE BLOSSOM, II, M.D.
(Certificate No. 204270)

CONSENT ORDER

The above-entitled proceeding was docketed for investigation by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") concerning Eddy Gene Blossom, II, M.D. ("Dr. Blossom"), a physician that is, and was at all times material to the facts and matters alleged herein, licensed by the Board as a physician and engaged in the practice of medicine in and around Shreveport, Louisiana, pursuant to the Louisiana Medical Practice Act (the "Act"), La. Rev. Stat. §§37:1261-92. The investigation was initiated following the receipt of apparently reliable information which indicated that Dr. Blossom engaged in an unprofessional, boundary violation involving a female patient. Dr. Blossom cooperated fully with the investigation and underwent an evaluation and treatment at a facility approved by the Board ("evaluating facility"). Thereafter Dr. Blossom submitted to the treatment recommendations of the evaluating facility and signed a confidential Physician Health Program ("PHP") contract with the Healthcare Professionals' Foundation of Louisiana ("HPFL"). Subsequently, Dr. Blossom failed to comply with his contract and returned for an evaluation. Among other treatment recommendations, it was opined that he practice in a non-direct patient care practice setting.

In February 2018, Dr. Blossom, ready to return to practice that involves direct patient care, completed an updated evaluation at a Board-approved facility and it was determined that he was ready to return to a patient care setting with ongoing treatment, monitoring and workplace limitations in place. Dr. Blossom has agreed to adhere to all the recommendations of this evaluating facility.

By his subscription hereto, Dr. Blossom acknowledges the substantial accuracy of the foregoing information and, further, that proof of such information upon an administrative evidentiary hearing could establish grounds under the Louisiana Medical Practice Act¹ for such action against his license to practice medicine in the state of

¹Pursuant to La. R.S. §37:1285A, the Board may take action against the license of a physician as a result of: (13) "... [U]nprofessional conduct, including but not limited to, conduct manifested as sexual

Louisiana as the Board may determine appropriate. In consideration of the foregoing, 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 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. Blossom 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. Blossom 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. Blossom 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 he waives any objection to such disclosures under La. Rev. Stat. §49:960. Dr. Blossom expressly acknowledges that the disclosure of information to the Board by the Investigating Officer shall be without prejudice to the Investigating Officer'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 the license of Eddy Gene Blossom, II, M.D., to engage in the practice of medicine in the state of Louisiana, as evidenced by Certificate No. 204270, shall be placed on *Indefinite Probation* provided however, that such license and Dr. Blossom's continuing exercise of rights and privileges thereunder shall be conditioned upon his acceptance of and strict compliance with the following terms, conditions and restrictions:

(1) Personal Appearance before the Board. Dr. Blossom shall personally appear before the Board or its designee to permit the Board to consider his intent to comply with the terms of this Order and to advise the Board or its designee of his intentions with respect to his continued practice of medicine.

(2) Board Approval of Practice Setting. Dr. Blossom shall only engage in the practice of medicine in a setting pre-approved in writing by the Board.

(3) Continuing Treatment, Participation in the PHP/Reports to Board. Dr. Blossom shall enter into and execute and a monitoring agreement with the PHP. Dr. Blossom shall continue in, abide by and strictly adhere to all recommendations for ongoing treatment and monitoring of his condition, which have or may be contained in his PHP monitoring agreement, or any subsequent agreement which may be recommended by the PHP, as well as those recommended by his treating physicians and those prescribed by any other health care provider involved in his care to the extent that they continue to follow him. Dr. Blossom shall, in addition, authorize and cause his treating and monitoring physicians and/or the PHP to submit to the Board, not less frequently than quarterly throughout the probationary period, written reports and/or verbal reports, should the Board desire the latter, on his then-current treatment diagnosis, prognosis, course of treatment, maintenance of abstinence from controlled and mood-altering substances, his fitness and ability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients, and his compliance with the terms, conditions and restrictions of this Order and his PHP monitoring agreement.

(4) Monitoring Physicians; Reports. Dr. Blossom's practice shall be monitored by one or more physicians approved in writing by the Board, who shall monitor his practice to determine whether he is practicing consistently within accepted standards. Dr. Blossom shall authorize and cause such physician, not less frequently than quarterly during the first year of probation and semiannually thereafter, to submit to the Board written reports of his or her determination concerning Dr. Blossom's professional and medical performance as derived from such monitoring.

(5) Necessity for Chaperones; Duration of Requirements. Dr. Blossom shall designate one or more workplace chaperones, acceptable to and preapproved by the Board or its designee, in whose physical presence and under whose direct observation he shall conduct the entirety of any and all visits and examinations of female patients or female family members of patients in the office setting. Any chaperone shall be a nurse or other healthcare professional licensed by and in good standing with a healthcare professional and occupational regulatory board in this state. The chaperone must not be a member of Dr. Blossom's family. Dr. Blossom shall insure that the chaperones sign and date all charts/electronic health records. He shall also insure that his chaperones strictly adhere to the recommendations and suggestions of the evaluating facility for chaperone education, monitoring, and reporting. For all encounters with females in the workplace, Dr. Blossom shall also use chaperones who also shall meet all of the licensed requirements of the preapproved clinic chaperones. The name and professional title of all licensing chaperones shall be entered by Dr. Blossom into the medical record when Dr. Blossom visits, examines, or treats patients in these settings. All chaperone requirements of this Order shall remain in effect so long as Dr. Blossom shall hold any form of license or permit to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana.

(6) Reports from Chaperones. Dr. Blossom shall promptly report, and cause his chaperones to promptly report, verbally and in writing to the Board any instance in which he conducts a visit or examination in violation of this Order. Dr. Blossom shall also cause his chaperones to submit a report to the Board, not less frequently than semi-annually, attesting to the chaperone's presence during the entirety of all required visits or examinations, as well as the propriety of Dr. Blossom's conduct with patients. Dr. Blossom shall make his chaperones accessible to his monitoring physician, the PHP, and the Board's Probation and Compliance Officer prior to commencing service as a chaperone, and at any time thereafter, with or without prior notice.

(7) Notification to Employers. Dr. Blossom shall provide a copy of this Consent Order to each employer/contractor for whom he provides services as a physician.

(8) Absence from the State/Practice/Effect on Probation. Should Dr. Blossom at any time during the period of probation ordered herein be absent from the state of Louisiana, relocate to and/or take up residency in another state or country, or discontinue practicing as a physician, for a period of thirty (30) days or more, he will so advise the Board in writing. In such instance, the probationary period ordered herein shall be deemed interrupted and extended for no less than the period of time during which he was not engaged in practice or was absent from the state of Louisiana; however, all terms and conditions may continue to be in effect as ordered or may be modified or altered as needed at the Board's discretion.

(9) Cooperation with the Board's Probation and Compliance Officer. Dr. Blossom shall immediately notify the Board's Probation and Compliance Officer of any change in his current home and professional addresses and telephone numbers, and he shall direct all matters required pursuant to this Consent Order to the attention of the Probation and Compliance Officer, with whom he shall cooperate on all matters and inquiries pertaining to his compliance with the terms and conditions of this Consent Order.

(10) Probation Monitoring Fee. For each year of the probationary period, Dr. Blossom shall pay the Board a probation monitoring fee of Three Hundred (\$300.00) Dollars. Payment of the initial fee shall be due not later than sixty (60) days from the effective date of this Order. All subsequent annual payments shall be due on or before the anniversary date of the initial fee payment.

(11) Effect of Violation/Sanction. By his subscription hereto, Dr. Blossom acknowledges that his receipt of written notification that the Board has received reliable information which indicates his failure to comply with the requirements set forth by this Order in any respect shall, without the need for formal hearing or for providing him with any right to which he 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 him by law, constitute his irrevocable consent to the immediate suspension of his 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 Dr. Blossom may petition the Board for relief from the probationary status and/or any of the above terms no sooner than three (3) years from the effective date of this Order, which petition the Board may, in its sole discretion, grant, grant in part or deny. As an express condition to the consideration of such petition, Dr. Blossom shall provide the Board with an affidavit certifying that he has complied with each of the terms of probation imposed by this Order, and he shall make a personal appearance before the Board to discuss his compliance and his then-current practice and future plans for practice in this state.

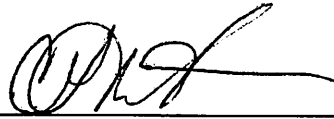
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any violation or failure of strict compliance with this Order by Dr. Blossom shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for such action against Dr. Blossom's license to practice medicine in this state as the Board may deem appropriate, 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.

Signed at New Orleans, Louisiana, and effective on this 18th day of March, 2019.

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

By:



Christy L. Valentine, M.D.
President

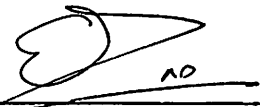
***Acknowledgement and Consent
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STATE OF Louisiana

PARISH/COUNTY OF Caddo

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT
AND CONSENT**

I, **EDDYE GENE BLOSSOM, II, M.D.** hereby acknowledge that I have had the opportunity to seek the advice and guidance of legal counsel with respect to this Consent Order and that all of its terms and conditions have been fully explained to me and/or that I fully understand them. I further acknowledge that I approve, accept and consent to entry of the above and foregoing Order without duress and of my own free will and accord, this 8th day of March, 2019.



EDDYE GENE BLOSSOM, II, M.D.

WITNESSES:

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Sworn to and subscribed before me at Shreveport,
Louisiana, this 8th day of March, 2019,
in the presence of the two stated witnesses.

Edward F. Jones
Notary Public (Signature/Seal)

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