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BEFORE THE LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

No. 2021-I-984

CONSENT ORDER FOR REPRIMAND

IN THE MATTER OF:

KENNETH EDWARD BROWN, M.D.

(Certificate No. MD.025349) Respondent

The above-entitled proceeding was docketed for investigation by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") based upon the self-report of Kenneth Edward Brown, M.D. ("Dr. Brown"), a physician licensed to practice medicine in this state as evidenced by Credential No. MD.025349, who practices in Alexandria, Louisiana, with a specialty in family medicine.

Investigation of the captioned matter was assigned to Lawrence H. Cresswell, III, D.O., J.D., Director of Investigations for the Board. Dr. Brown self-reported that he knowingly created pre-signed blank prescriptions available to the nursing staff at hospice facilities where he served as a part-time medical director. Another provider apparently used these pre-signed prescriptions to obtain Controlled Dangerous Substances ("CDS") for herself and/or others. Dr. Brown voluntarily relinquished his DEA and CDS registration upon discovery of this misuse. Dr. Brown has been fully cooperative with the Board throughout its investigation of the matter.

As evidenced by his subscription hereto, Dr. Brown acknowledges the substantial accuracy of the foregoing information and that such information would constitute sufficient cause to take action against his medical license pursuant to La. R.S. 37:1285(A)(13)¹, and that proof of such information upon administrative evidentiary hearing could establish grounds under the Act for the suspension or revocation of his license to practice medicine in the State of Louisiana, or for such other action as the Board might deem appropriate.

Pursuant to La. R.S. 37:1285(A)(13), "[t]he Board may refuse to issue, or may suspend or revoke any license or permit, or impose probationary or other restrictions on any license or permit issued pursuant to this Part for the following causes: (13) Unprofessional conduct, including but not limited to, conduct manifested as sexual misconduct, disruptive behavior, failing to cooperate with the board, failing to maintain independent medical judgment, improperly delegating or supervising, exercising undue influence, enabling the unauthorized practice of medicine, practicing or enabling practice by an impaired provider, failing to practice within the scope of education, training, and experience, intentionally falsifying or fraudulently altering records, or failing to create or maintain medical records."

Recognizing his right to have notice and administrative adjudication of any charges that may be asserted against him in these proceedings, at which time Dr. Brown 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. R.S. 49:955-65, Dr. Brown nonetheless, hereby waives his right to notice and formal adjudication and pursuant to La. R.S. 49:955(D) consents to entry of the Order set forth hereinafter. Dr. Brown acknowledges that he hereby waives any right to which he may be entitled pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La. R.S. 49:951 et seq., or which may be afforded to him by any other law to contest or appeal his agreement to or the force and effect of the Board's investigation or this Order in any court or other forum. By his subscription hereto, Dr. Brown also hereby authorizes the Investigating Officer designated by the Board with respect hereto to present this 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 R.S. 49:960. Dr. Brown 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 adjudication of an administrative complaint against him or to the Board's capacity to adjudicate

Based upon the information provided, and upon the recommendation of the Investigating Officer, the Board hereby concludes that, consistent with its mandate under La. R.S. 37:1261, the interests of public health, safety, and welfare 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. R.S. 37:1285 and La. R.S. 49:955(D);

such complaint should the Board decline to approve this Order.

IT IS ORDERD that the license of Kenneth Edward Brown, M.D., to practice medicine in this state as evidenced by Credential No. MD.025349 is hereby **OFFICIALLY REPRIMANDED**;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that that Dr. Brown shall, within one hundred and eighty (180) days of the date of this Order, provide confirmation that he has registered for, attended, and successfully completed continuing medical education courses on ethics/professionalism and proper prescribing. Each course shall be acceptable to and approved by the Board or its designee in writing prior to registering for and completing such course;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Dr. Brown shall, within ninety (90) days of the acceptance of this Order by the Board, pay the Board a fine in the amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000);

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. Brown shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for such action against Dr. Brown'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. R.S. 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 Z1 day of Jelo, 2022.

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By:

LESTER W. JOHNSON, M.D.

'President

Acknowledgment and Consent on Following Page

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND CONSENT

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF RAPTOES
I, KENNETH EDWARD BROWN, 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 3rd day of Fuhrang
WITNESSES:
Signature Signature Signature
Jessica Martinez Francia McDanler
Typed Name Typed Name
Street Address Street Address Street Address
City/State/Zip Code BALL, CA 7/403 City/State/Zip Code
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3 day of 1eh., 2022 in the presence of the two stated witnesses Notary Public (Signature) Name: William Gradny Baker S. Notary/Bar No.: 065027 Commission expires: Like