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No. 07-I-620

In The Matter Of

THOMAS J. WORGUL, M.D. (Certificate No. 05385R)

CONSENT ORDER FOR REPRIMAND

Thomas J. Worgul, M.D. ("Dr. Worgul") is a physician who at all times pertinent has been licensed to practice in this state by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") and engaged in practice in and around Shreveport, Louisiana. In connection with an investigation conducted by the Board, Dr. Worgul failed to respond to requests for information and failed to appear as directed by subpoenas on two occasions, thereby obstructing and delaying the Board's investigative efforts. Dr. Worgul subsequently met with an investigator of the Board, apologized for his actions, provided an explanation for his failure and delay in responding, and cooperated fully with the investigation.

Investigation of the captioned matter was assigned to Cecilia Mouton, M.D., Investigating Officer for the Board. While it appears that Dr. Worgul is a conscientious and well-trained physician, Dr. Mouton's review and analysis of the matter confirms to her satisfaction that the actions identified hereinabove may implicate one or more violations of the Louisiana Medical Practice Act ("Act") and/or the Board's rules.<sup>1</sup>

By his subscription hereto Dr. Worgul acknowledges the substantial accuracy of the foregoing information. Recognizing his right to have notice of such allegations and charges asserted against him, to administrative adjudication of such charges, at which time he would be entitled to be represented by legal counsel, to call witnesses and to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>See: La. Rev. Stat. §§37:12878.1. La. Rev. Stat. §37:1285A(13) and (30) provide, respectively, that the Board may take action as a result of '[U]nprofessional conduct;' and '[V]iolation of any rules and regulations of the board, or any provisions of this Part.'

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. Worgul, nonetheless, hereby waives his right to notice of charges and formal adjudication and pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §49:955(D) consents to entry of the Order set forth hereinafter. Dr. Worgul further acknowledges and 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 relating to the matters referred to herein. By his subscription hereto Dr. Worgul 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. Worgul 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 file a formal Administrative Complaint against him or to the Board's capacity to adjudicate such Complaint should the Board decline to approve this Consent Order.

Based upon the information provided, and upon the recommendation of the Investigating Officer assigned to this matter, 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 Thomas J. Worgul, M.D. is hereby *reprimanded* for the conduct identified hereinabove.
- IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that in connection with the consideration of this Order Thomas J. Worgul, M.D. shall arrange for and make a personal appearance before the Board or its designee.
- IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within six (6) months from the effective date of this Order Dr. Thomas J. Worgul shall pay a fine in the amount of **One Thousand** (\$1,000.00) **Dollars**.
- IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the failure of Thomas J. Worgul, M.D. to fully comply with the above terms within the allotted time may give rise to such further action against his license as the Board may deem appropriate, as if such failure 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 this 2014 day of 2008.

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BY:

WELI J. AMUSA, M.D.

President

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## ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND CONSENT

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| I, THOMAS J. WORGUL, M.D., hereby acknowledge, approve, accept and consent to  |
| entry of the above and foregoing Order, this 26 day of Softmber, 2008.  THOMAS J. WORGUL, M.D.   |
| Signature  MAYINGA MCCOLOUGH  Printed Name  WITNESSES:  Signature  Signature  Krustina keonhardt  Printed Name  WOLD E. COVEH STUYT  Address  MUNICOLOUGH  Signature  Krustina keonhardt  Printed Name  WOLD Bert Kouns 10 151  Address  MUNICOLOUGH  Signature  Krustina keonhardt  Printed Name  WWW. 151  Address  MUNICOLOUGH  Signature  Krustina keonhardt  Printed Name |
| Sworn to and subscribed before me at, Louisiana this All day of, 2008, in the presence of the two stated witnesses.  |
| Notary Public  Notary/Bar No.  LESLIE M. GALAMBOS BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA MY COMMISSION IS FOR LIFE NOTARY ID # 80301  |