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In The Matter Of :
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AGMASIE B. WOLDIE, M.D. :
(Certificate No. 15638R) :
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No. 06-I-496

CONSENT ORDER

The above-entitled proceeding was docketed for investigation by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") following receipt of information indicating that Agmasie B. Woldie, M.D. ("Dr. Woldie"), a physician who at all times pertinent has been licensed in this state, and engaged in practice as a primary care physician in the Department of Veterans Affairs in Shreveport, Louisiana, was censured and reprimanded by the licensing Board for the state of New York, which by Decision issued in 2006 found that he had engaged in professional misconduct by kissing a hospitalized female patient and giving her his telephone number while Dr. Woldie was engaged in training in a medical residency training program in that state in May 2002.¹ The investigation further reveals that on his original application for medical licensure in Louisiana Dr. Woldie failed to inform the Board of the aforementioned events or that he had been the subject of investigation by the hospital and referred for evaluation; instead, he claimed that he had taken a six-week leave of absence from his training program for personal reasons.²

Investigation of the captioned matter was assigned to Cecilia Mouton M.D., Director of Investigations for the Board. Dr. Mouton's review and analysis of the matter confirms to her satisfaction that just cause exists for recommending that a formal Administrative Complaint be filed against Dr. Woldie, charging him with enumerated violations of the Louisiana Medical Practice Act.³

¹ *Determination and Order*, In the Matter of Agmasie Birhan Woldie, M.D., State of New York, Department of Health, State Board for Professional Medical Conduct, BRMC No. 06-34 (Feb. 23, 2006). The Decision was subsequently affirmed by the New York Administrative Review Board, *Determination and Order*, No. 06-34 (May 19, 2006).

² *Initial Application for License*, Agmasie B. Woldie, M.D., La. State Bd. Med. Exam. (Feb. 3, 2004). Dr. Woldie subsequently informed the Board of the New York Board's investigation and subsequent action on his 2005 and 2006 renewal applications.

³ La. Rev. Stat. §37:1285A(3), (4) and (13), which provides that the Board may take action against the license of a physician as the result of: (3) ' . . . [D]eceive . . . in obtaining any diploma, license, or permit pertaining to this Part;' (4) '[P]roviding false sworn information to the Board;' and (13) '[U]nprofessional conduct.'

On his own behalf Dr. Woldie continues to deny the allegations made the basis of the New York Board's Decision or any inappropriate conduct on his part. By his subscription hereto he nevertheless acknowledges the substantial accuracy of the foregoing information as recited herein above and that proof of such information upon an administrative evidentiary hearing could establish grounds under the Louisiana Medical Practice Act for the imposition of such terms, conditions or restrictions on his license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana as the Board may deem appropriate.

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 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. Woldie, 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 and acknowledges and waives any right to which he may be entitled pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act 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. Woldie 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. Woldie 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 Agmasie B. Woldie, M.D. is OFFICALLY REPRIMANDED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Agmasie B. Woldie, M.D., shall, within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this Order, pay to the Board a fine in the amount of One Thousand and no/100 Dollars (\$1,000.00).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within six (6) months of the effective date of this Order Dr. Woldie shall, upon penalty of the immediate suspension of his license for failure to comply, attend and successfully complete a course approved in advance by the Board on medical ethics and professional boundary issues.

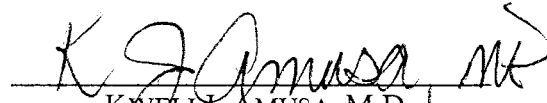
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any violation or failure of strict compliance with this Order by Dr. Woldie shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for such disciplinary action as the Board may deem appropriate, as if such violations were enumerated among the 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 in New Orleans, Louisiana, and effective this 19th day of March, 2007.

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF
MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

BY:


KWELI J. AMUSA, M.D.
President

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF CADDO

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT
AND CONSENT**

I, AGMASIE B. WOLDIE, M.D., hereby acknowledge, approve, accept and consent to entry of the above and foregoing Order, this 31st day of January, 2007.

[Signature]
AGMASIE B. WOLDIE, M.D.

WITNESSES:

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WALTER L. AS
Printed Name
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Signature
Debra K Ervin
Printed Name
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Sworn to and subscribed before me at Shreveport, Louisiana this 31st day of January, 2007, in the presence of the two stated witnesses.

[Signature]
Notary Public

Printed Name

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