

# LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS



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In The Matter Of  
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WILLIAM W. DAHLBERG, M.D.  
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(Certificate No. 010112)  
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No. 93-I-088

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 William W. Dahlberg, M.D. ("Dr. Dahlberg"), entered into a Stipulation and Final Agency Order ("Order") with the Colorado State Board of Medical Examiners ("Colorado Order").<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to such Order, Dr. Dahlberg admitted transmitting correspondence to various parties, which contained unprofessional and inappropriate comments about a former patient and admitted sending correspondence to a judge containing unprofessional remarks with respect to the opinions of a clinical social worker. With respect to each such action, Dr. Dahlberg acknowledged that he failed to meet the generally accepted standards of medical practice and violated the Colorado Medical Practice Act.<sup>2</sup> Pursuant to such Order, Dr. Dahlberg's license to practice medicine was placed on probation for as long as he holds a license to practice medicine in Colorado. In addition, the Colorado Board required the physician to undergo such psychiatric treatment and monitoring as deemed necessary by a treatment monitor of the Colorado Physician Health Program, who is to supply the Colorado Board with quarterly written reports apprising the Board of, among other items, whether Dr. Dahlberg is capable of practicing medicine with reasonable skill and safety to

<sup>1</sup>Stipulation and Final Agency Order, In the Matter of the Disciplinary Proceeding Regarding the License to Practice Medicine in the State of Colorado of William Dahlberg, M.D., License No. 16572, (May 14, 1993).

<sup>2</sup>Stipulation and Final Agency Order, p. 2, ¶ 6.

patients. Such Order also requires that for a period of five (5) years, Dr. Dahlberg's practice be monitored by a practice monitor who is to report to the Colorado Board at specified intervals as to whether Dr. Dahlberg is practicing psychiatry in accordance with generally accepted standards of care. Finally, such investigation further indicates that Dr. Dahlberg failed to advise the Board of the existence of the Colorado Board's investigation or action on his 1990-1993 renewal applications for his Louisiana medical license.

Predicated on the information received during the course of the investigation, an Administrative Complaint was lodged against Dr. Dahlberg, charging him with violations of the Louisiana Medical Practice Act.<sup>3</sup> Dr. Dahlberg, recognizing his right to have the allegations and charges asserted against in the aforesaid Administrative Complaint adjudicated, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §§49:955-958, and to a final decision rendered upon written findings of fact and conclusions of law, nonetheless, hereby waives his right to 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. Dahlberg also hereby authorizes the Investigating Officer designated by the Board with respect hereto and/or legal counsel assisting him in that capacity, 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. Dahlberg expressly acknowledges that the disclosure of information to the Board by the Investigating Officer or his legal counsel shall be without prejudice to the Investigating Officer's authority to adjudicate the Administrative Complaint which is now pending 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, accordingly, 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 the license of William W. Dahlberg, M.D. to engage in the practice of medicine in the state of Louisiana, as evidenced by Certificate No. 010112, be, and the same is hereby, effective as of the date hereof, **SUSPENDED**;

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Dr. Dahlberg shall not practice medicine in any form in the state of Louisiana until and unless the Board issues and serves on him a written order reinstating his license to practice medicine. Consideration of reinstatement of

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<sup>3</sup>La. Rev. Stat. §37:1285A (29) and (3).

Dr. Dahlberg's license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana shall be expressly conditioned upon his strict compliance with the following minimum terms, conditions and restrictions:

a) **Satisfaction of Terms and Conditions Imposed on His License by Colorado and Any Other State.** Dr. Dahlberg shall have an unrestricted license to practice medicine in Colorado, having successfully completed each of the terms and conditions imposed upon his Colorado medical license by the current Colorado Order and/or any subsequent Order which may be issued by the Colorado Board, all of which are incorporated herein by reference.<sup>4</sup> Dr. Dahlberg shall, and does by his subscription hereto, authorize the Colorado Board to provide the Board with written and verbal reports relative to the status of his license and his compliance with the terms and conditions of his probation. Moreover, Dr. Dahlberg shall provide satisfactory proof that his license to practice medicine in any other state in which he is licensed to practice medicine is unrestricted, in good standing and is not the subject of any then pending disciplinary inquiry, investigation or action.

b) **Notice of Relocation to Louisiana and Personal Appearance Before Board.** Following the satisfaction of those terms set forth in paragraph (a) above, in the event that Dr. Dahlberg should decide to relocate to Louisiana for the purpose of practicing medicine, he shall contact the Board at least sixty (60) days in advance of his return to Louisiana to arrange an appearance before the Board at its next regularly scheduled meeting. At such meeting, Dr. Dahlberg shall demonstrate his compliance with each and all of the probationary terms and conditions imposed upon him by the Colorado Board and by this Order, and he shall discuss with the Board his intended plans for the practice of medicine in this state.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that upon Dr. Dahlberg's compliance with and complete and continuing satisfaction of the terms and conditions hereinabove set forth, his license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana may be reinstated by the Board, **ON PROBATION**, for such period of time as the Board may, in its sole discretion, deem

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<sup>4</sup>Inasmuch as the Colorado Order places Dr. Dahlberg's license to practice medicine on probation for as long as he holds a license to practice medicine in Colorado, this Consent Order does not impose upon Dr. Dahlberg the requirement that the "life time probationary" status be removed from his Colorado license; rather, that as a prerequisite to consideration of an order of reinstatement, that Dr. Dahlberg provide evidence to the Board that he has successfully completed each of the underlying probationary terms, conditions and restrictions imposed upon his license by the Colorado Order of May 14, 1993 or any additional terms, conditions or restrictions which may subsequently be imposed upon his Colorado license by the Colorado Board.

appropriate; *provided, however*, that such reinstatement of license and Dr. Dahlberg's continuing exercise of the rights and privileges thereunder shall be conditioned upon his acceptance of and strict compliance with the following minimum terms, conditions and restrictions:

a) **Additional Probationary Terms.** In addition to such other terms and conditions as are placed upon his Louisiana license by this Order, Dr. Dahlberg hereby consents to, agrees with and acquiesces in the imposition of any additional probationary terms, conditions or restrictions, as well as the length, nature and tenure thereof which, in the sole discretion of the Board, it may deem necessary or appropriate to impose upon his Louisiana license should he, at any time during his life, decide to relocate to the state of Louisiana for the purpose of engaging in the practice of medicine.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that any violation of or failure of strict compliance with any of the terms, conditions or restrictions set forth by this Order by Dr. Dahlberg shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for the revocation and cancellation of Dr. Dahlberg's license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana, or for such other disciplinary action as the Board deems 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.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this 21 day of July, 1994.

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF  
MEDICAL EXAMINERS

BY:



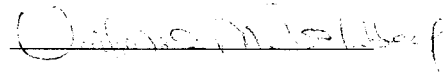
BERNARD L. KAPLAN, M.D.  
PRESIDENT

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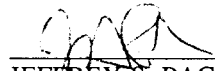
I, WILLIAM W. DAHLBERG, M.D., hereby acknowledge, approve, accept and consent to entry of the above and foregoing Order, this 15 day of July, 1994.

  
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WILLIAM W. DAHLBERG, M.D.

WITNESS:

  
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