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In the Matter of :
ROBERT FREDERICK BOEDY, M.D.:

CONSENT
ORDER

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This matter is before the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners ("Board") upon Robert Frederick Boedy, M.D.'s application for renewal of his license to practice medicine in the State of Louisiana. As disclosed by such application, and accompanying materials submitted therewith, as well as the physician's personal appearance before the Board on April 12, 1984, Dr. Boedy graduated from the University of Florida College of Medicine in 1978. Following internship at the Louisiana State University School of Medicine, in Shreveport, Louisiana, Dr. Boedy relocated to the State of Florida in 1979, where he continued in the practice of medicine until October, 1982.

In 1982, Dr. Boedy was diagnosed as a manic depressive, suffered hallucinatory episodes and evidenced signs of Bipolar Disorder. As a result of his medical disorder, Dr. Boedy advised the Board that in October, 1982, he inflicted wounds upon himself,

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but advised local authorities that he was attacked by an unknown assailant. In the midst of a hallucinatory seizure, the physician burned his medical journals, in the course of which he damaged his garage. Once again he appraised authorities that the arson had been perpetrated by an unknown assailant.

As a result of the above-mentioned actions, Dr. Boedy was charged in Florida State Court with the felony offenses of first degree arson and insurance fraud. He was also charged with two misdemeanor offenses of making and submitting false statements to a police officer.

On November 15, 1982, the Department of Professional Regulation, for the State of Florida, filed an administrative complaint against Dr. Boedy, charging him with inability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients as a result of a mental or physical condition. Such charges were also predicated upon Dr. Boedy's actions and the events which the physician described to the Board, as occurring in October, 1982.

Subsequent to a trial by jury on the criminal charges, Dr. Boedy was acquitted of the felony counts, but convicted of the misdemeanor offenses. Documentation provided by Dr. Boedy's attorney, Philip J. Padovano, indicates that the administrative complaint filed by the Department of Profession Regulation has not progressed to an administrative hearing nor has it resulted in disciplinary action against the physician's license in Florida. Dr.

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Boedy's licensure is currently listed as "inactive" in the State of Florida.

The medical information supplied with his application, indicates that Dr. Boedy has continued to receive psychiatric counseling and therapy and that his medical disorder has been controlled on medication with apparently good results.

Such information reveals that Dr. Boedy was treated by numerous physicians in Florida and, beginning in July, 1983, by physicians in Chicago, Illinois. Following medical treatment and recuperation, for approximately one year after the events of October, 1982, Dr. Boedy applied for licensure in the State of Illinois, in the hope of beginning a residency training program at the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine.

In connection with his application for licensure in Illinois, Dr. Boedy's primary treating psychiatrist in Chicago, Dr. Sushil Bagri, Clinical Director of the Acute In-Patient Psychiatric Unit at Presbyterian-St. Luke's Hospital in Chicago, advised the Illinois State Board of Medical Examiners by correspondence of August 3, 1983, that:

After going over numerous reports submitted by his treating physicians in Florida and by various medical specialists who have worked with him and who know him well, and after my own psychiatric interview, I feel no hesitation in recommending Dr. Boedy to be licensed in the State of Illinois to practice medicine. ...

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At this point I have not observed any signs or symptoms of Bipolar Disorder

...Presently he is well controlled on lithium, so that as long as he takes his medicines and continues with follow-up treatment, he will be able to function and perform his duties like any other individual.

By correspondence of November 7, 1983, Dr. Bagri again noted that Dr. Boedy was doing very well and had not evidenced any signs of Bipolar Disorder.

Dr. Boedy apprised the Board that the Illinois State Board of Medical Examiners granted him licensure, which allowed him to begin a pediatric residency training program at the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, on January 1, 1984. By correspondence of March 28, 1984, addressed to J. Morgan Lyons, Secretary, Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, Dr. L. Gilbert Thatcher, Chairman of the Department of Pediatrics and Director of the Pediatric Residency Training Program for the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, advised that:

Dr. Boedy meets with me as Director of Residency Training Program on a weekly basis to discuss any problems, pressures, concerns and for a progress report as involves the functional aspects of his training program. He has additionally been requested to maintain regular contact for consultation and therapy management of his medical disorder. He has functioned well in his role as a first year pediatric resident. He works hard to provide optimal care for the patients under his charge. He reads in-depth concerning the disease states and has seen, and worked equally well to improve his skills and knowledge. His work-ups and evaluations are well conceived.

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He appears to be functioning well and in a clinically competent and professional manner. We are pleased with his progress and performances thus far.

Dr. Boedy has advised the Board that his present intentions are to complete his residency training program at the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine. Although he has no present plans to relocate his practice to the State of Louisiana, Dr. Boedy has requested that the Board allow him to maintain such license.

Based upon all of the information made available and considered by it, the Board has determined that the public interest will best be served by the renewal of Dr. Boedy's license on probation, subject to the enumerated terms, conditions and restrictions hereinafter setforth. Being apprised of the nature of such licensure and the terms, conditions and restrictions proposed by the Board, Dr. Boedy has agreed, and as evidenced by his subscription hereto, consents to the issuance of such licensure. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED that, effective as of the date hereof and expiring on the 31st day of December, 1984, unless sooner extended, modified, or reissued by the Board subject to such enumerated terms, conditions and restrictions, Robert Frederick Boedy, M.D.'s license to practice medicine in the State of Louisiana, and his exercise of the rights and privileges conferred thereunder,

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shall be expressly subject to the physician's acceptance and strict compliance with the following terms, conditions and restrictions:

a) Dr. Boedy shall provide the Board with the name and address of his primary treating psychiatrist, under whose care and counsel Dr. Boedy has and will continue to receive psychiatric treatment, counseling and such other therapy, testing and evaluation as is directed by such psychiatrist as is necessary for the continued monitoring of Dr. Boedy's medical disorder, progress and his capacity to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety. Consistent with such condition Dr. Boedy shall authorize and approve such psychiatrist to submit, and he shall cause to be submitted at his own expense to the Board, written evaluations setting forth such individual's findings relative to Dr. Boedy's diagnosis, treatment, fitness and capacity to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety. Such reports shall be submitted to the Board on a quarterly basis, with the first such report being due on or before June 30, 1984.

b) Dr. Boedy will immediately notify the Board, in writing, of (1) any and all specified terms, conditions and restrictions, if any, on his current license to practice medicine in Illinois; or (2) any modifications, amendments or restrictions of any such specified terms, conditions and restrictions on his license to practice medicine in the State of Illinois. In addition, Dr. Boedy shall comply, in each and every respect, with any such enumerated terms, conditions and restrictions placed upon his license to practice medicine in the Illinois; consistent with such condition, Dr. Boedy hereby authorizes and directs the State Board of Medical Examiners for the State of Illinois to report and to respond to the Board's inquiries concerning his compliance with any such terms, conditions and restrictions on his licensure; and

c) Dr. Boedy will immediately notify the Board, in writing, of his intention to relocate to the State of Louisiana for the purpose of engaging in

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the practice of medicine. Upon receipt of such notice by Dr. Boedy, the Board may undertake to reimpose and supervise any such terms, conditions and restrictions of Dr. Boedy's Illinois licensure, on its own behalf.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any violation of the terms, conditions and restrictions set forth hereinabove, shall be deemed just cause for the suspension or revocation of the license of Robert Frederick Boedy, M.D., to practice medicine in the State of Louisiana or for such other disciplinary action as the Board deems appropriate, as if such violations are enumerated among the causes provided in LSA-R.S. 37:1285.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this 19th day of June, 1984.

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF
MEDICAL EXAMINERS

BY: Charles B. Odom, M.D.
CHARLES B. ODOM, M.D.
President

I HEREBY acknowledge, approve, accept and consent to entry of the above and foregoing Consent Order and the terms, conditions and restrictions set forth therein this 14th day of June, 1984.

Robert Frederick Boedy, M.D.
ROBERT FREDERICK BOEDY, M.D.

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