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BEFORE THE LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

NUMBER: 05-A-017
IN THE MATTER OF:

ALTON E. INGRAM, JR., M. D.
Licensure Applicant

OPINION AND RULING

This matter comes before the Board pursuant to an Administrative Complaint which was filed in opposition to the application of Alton E. Ingram, Jr. For a license to practice medicine in this state. The matter was heard before a panel of the Board consisting of Drs. Dawson, Gage-White, Sheppard, Bourgeois, and Amusa, vice president, presiding.

The record shows that Dr. Ingram surrendered his license to practice medicine in Florida after a hearing in which he had been found guilty of a number of violations of the Medical Practice Act in that state, and a two year suspension of his license had been recommended. The surrender was accepted by the Florida Board. This is a clear violation of R. S. 37:1285A(29), which authorizes the Board to refuse to issue a license to one who has surrendered his license in another state when administrative charges are pending against him.

In his application, Dr. Ingram admits that he is a recovering addict, having abused the controlled substances Xanax and Demerol in the year 2000, and having gone into treatment at that time. He further admits to having been arrested for driving while under the influence of alcohol in 2003. He completed a court referral program during the next year, and the charges were dropped. He testified that he is now being monitored by the Louisiana Physicians Health Foundation. These circumstances constitute a violation of R. S. 37:1285A(5), which permits the Board to refuse to issue a license because of habitual or recurring abuse of drugs, including alcohol, which affect the central nervous system and which are capable of inducing physiological or psychological dependence.

It is the long standing policy of this Board not to grant a license to practice medicine to anyone whose license has been surrendered while in jeopardy, or which has been revoked

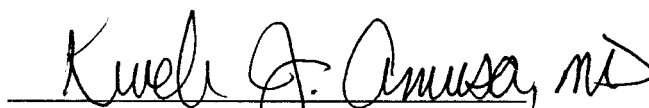
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in another state. We can see no reason to deviate from that policy in this case. When Dr. Ingram can demonstrate that he holds a license to practice in Florida, or that he has otherwise cleared himself with the Florida Board, we will consider granting him a license to practice in this State, subject to whatever terms and conditions we may see fit to impose.

However, at this time, we **DENY** the application of Alton E. Ingram, Jr., M.D. to practice medicine in the State of Louisiana. Dr. Ingram shall pay all costs of this proceeding.

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, this 20th day of March, 2006.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kweli J. Amusa, MD". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath.

BY: KWELI J. AMUSA, M. D.

VICE PRESIDENT