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	:	No. 87-A-012
In The Matter Of	:	
RONALD JACK MORGAN, M.D.		
(Certificate No. 016361),	•	CONSENT
Respondent.	:	ORDER
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The above-entitled and numbered proceeding has been noticed and docketed for hearing before the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) on the Administrative Complaint of Ike Muslow, M.D., Investigating Officer, alleging that Ronald Jack Morgan, M.D. currently suffers, and has for an extended period suffered, from chronic and episodically acute alcoholism and excessive use or abuse of controlled substances. Dr. Morgan, accordingly, is charged with "[h]abitual or recurring drunkenness," "[h]abitual or recurring use" of dependency inducing substances, and "[i]nability to practice medicine . . . with reasonable skill or safety to patients . . . ," providing lawful cause under the Louisiana Medical Practice Act for the suspension or revocation of the physician's license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana. La. Rev. Stat. § 37:1285(4), (5), (25).

On the basis of information provided to the Board with Dr. Morgan's knowledge and consent, the Board is persuaded that the condition from which the Respondent suffers may be susceptible to effective medical treatment, resulting in restoration of Dr. Morgan's capacity to engage in the practice of medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients, provided that Dr. Morgan strictly observes and complies with reasonable and appropriate restrictions on and conditions to maintenance of his medical licensure. In consideration of this finding, accordingly, and on the recommendation of the Investigating Officer respecting the pending Administrative Complaint, the Board has concluded that its responsibility to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of this state against the

unprofessional, unqualified and unsafe practice of medicine, La. Rev. Stat. § 37:1261, will be effectively served by entry of the order set forth hereinafter, by consent.

Dr. Morgan, recognizing his right to have the allegations and charges asserted in the Administrative Complaint adjudicated pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. § 49:955-58, and to a final decision rendered upon written findings of fact and conclusions of law, nonetheless hereby waives his right to formal adjudication of such Complaint and, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. § 49:955D, consents to entry of the order set forth hereinafter.

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. § 49:955D;

- IT IS ORDERED the license of Ronald Jack Morgan, M.D., to engage in the practice of medicine in the state of Louisiana, as evidenced by certificate no. 013631, be, and the same is hereby, effective as of the date hereof, SUSPENDED; and
- IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Board's consideration of reinstatement of Dr. Morgan's license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana, shall be subject to his acceptance of and strict compliance with the following terms, conditions and restrictions:
 - (a) Inpatient Treatment. Dr. Morgan shall, within 30 days of the date hereof or within such longer period as the Board may permit in writing, submit and be admitted to inpatient evaluation and treatment for alcoholism and such other conditions or diseases which he may be diagnosed to suffer, at a treatment program and facility acceptable to and approved in writing by the Board (Treatment Facility) prior to such admission. Dr. Morgan shall continue under inpatient treatment at the Treatment Facility until he is discharged therefrom by his treating physician.
 - (b) Outpatient Treatment and Aftercare. Upon such discharge from inpatient treatment, Dr. Morgan shall submit to such continuing outpatient treatment and aftercare monitoring as may be prescribed or recommended by his treating physician and any other physician, acceptable to the Board, to whom he may be referred for subsequent, continuing or follow-up treatment or therapy.
 - (c) Board Access to Inpatient Treatment Records and Reports. Dr. Morgan shall authorize the institution to which he is admitted for inpatient treatment, any physician under whose care he may come at such institution, and any physician who may thereafter evaluate, diagnose or treat him to provide the Board with copies of all medical records relating to Dr. Morgan's history, examination, evaluation, diagnosis, treatment and prognosis and to provide the Board with written and verbal reports relative thereto.
 - (d) Notice of Discharge. Dr. Morgan shall, within three days of his discharge from the inpatient treatment program ordered hereinabove, give the Board written notice thereof, and shall cause the institution at which he receives such treatment and his treating physician to provide the Board, not later than 10 days following his discharge, with a complete copy of Dr. Morgan's medical record, together with his

treating physician's discharge diagnosis and prognosis and his prescription or recommendations for continuing outpatient and/or aftercare treatment, therapy and monitoring.

- (e) Periodic Outpatient/Aftercare Reports. Following his discharge from inpatient treatment, Dr. Morgan shall continue under treatment, consistently with the prescription and recommendations of his treating physician at the Treatment Facility, under the care of a physician acceptable to the Board as Dr. Morgan's primary treating physician, and Dr. Morgan shall authorize and cause such physician to submit to the Board, not less frequently than quarterly until such requirement is waived by the Board in writing, written reports on Dr. Morgan's then-current treatment program, diagnosis, prognosis, and his compliance with the terms and conditions of this Order and any aftercare agreement he may execute hereafter.
- (f) Suspension of Practice/Reinstatement. Dr. Morgan shall not practice of medicine in any form in the state of Louisiana until and unless the Board issues and serves on Dr. Morgan a written order reinstating his license to practice medicine. As an express condition of the issuance of such Order, in addition to such other conditions as are set forth hereinabove, Dr. Morgan shall have been discharged from the Treatment Facility and the Board shall have has received the opinion of two physicians acceptable to the Board that Dr. Morgan is then capable of practicing medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients, based upon their personal examination, evaluation and diagnosis of Dr. Morgan.
- (g) Continuing Medical Education. Dr. Morgan shall obtain not less than 50 credit hours per year for each of the three years following entry of this Order through attendance at and participation in continuing medical education (CME) programs accredited by and qualifying for the Physician's Recognition Award of the American Medical Association, and he shall obtain such award within three years from the date hereof. On or before October 1, 1988, 1989 and 1990, Dr. Morgan shall cause to be submitted to the Board written certification of the CME programs and credits completed by him during the preceding 12 months; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the hereinabove ordered terms, conditions and restrictions shall remain effective and applicable until this Consent Order is amended or rescinded by the Board, following the Board's receipt of satisfactory medical evidence that Dr. Morgan is capable of practicing medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients without restrictions and that ongoing, active medical treatment for alcoholism or other conditions is no longer necessary; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any violation of or failure of strict compliance with any of the terms, conditions or restrictions of this Order by Dr. Morgan, or Dr. Morgan's failure to maintain complete and total abstinence from the use of alcohol and other dependency-inducing substances, shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for the final revocation of Dr. Morgan's license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Administrative Complaint filed herein on August 19, 1987 be, and the same is hereby, dismissed, without prejudice.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this **25** day of September, 1987.

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

Richard M. Nunnally, M.D.

President

I, RONALD JACK MORGAN, M.D., hereby acknowledge, approve, accept and consent to entry of the above and foregoing Order, this 16 day of September, 1987.

Ronald Jack Morgan, M.D.