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In The Matter of :
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ANNIE KAY LAHOOD JARRETT, P.A.: **No. 10-I-586**
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(Certificate No. A10506) : **INTERIM**
: **CONSENT ORDER**
Respondent :
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This matter is before the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") in connection with an ongoing and pending investigation conducted by the Investigating Officer of the Board regarding Annie Kay LaHood Jarrett, P.A. ("Ms. Jarrett"), a physician assistant who at all pertinent times has been licensed and engaged in practice in and around Shreveport, Louisiana.

Apparently reliable information gathered to date indicates that Ms. Jarrett obtained prescription medications by using another physician assistant's name to phone in prescriptions for herself, and she also used the prescribing name of a physician who had not authorized, nor had knowledge of these prescribing practices. Further, Ms. Jarrett was prescribed medications for various medical conditions by many different medical providers, including physician friends from her school or employment setting who were not her primary care providers. In addition, although her employment agreement was terminated with three different supervising physicians, she failed to timely notify the board of these changes.

On her own behalf, Ms. Jarrett self-reported the above incidents to the Board and agreed to follow all recommendations of the Board. Thereafter, at the direction of the Investigating Officer, Ms. Jarrett submitted to an outpatient evaluation at a Board approved facility, with recommendations at discharge for a full five day inpatient evaluation. Investigation of the physician assistant's conduct is ongoing and continuing.

Predicated upon the information outlined above, the Investigating Officer assigned by the Board with respect to this matter has determined that reasonable cause exists for recommending that a formal Administrative Complaint be filed against Ms. Jarrett, charging her with violation of the Louisiana Physician Assistant Practice Act ("the Act"), pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §37:1360.33,¹ and the Board's Rules pertaining to Physician Assistants, La. Adm. C., La. Adm.

¹The Louisiana Physician Assistant Practice Act, La. Rev. Stat. 37:1360.33 provides that the Board may discipline any physician assistant who "(3) Violates any provision of this Part or any regulations adopted by the board pertaining to this

C. 46: XLV§4513.A².

As evidenced by her subscription hereto, Ms. Jarrett acknowledges the right to have written notification of any charges that may be asserted, as well as the right to have evidence of such charges asserted during an administrative hearing at which time she will be entitled to be represented by legal counsel, to call witnesses and to present evidence 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.* Irrespective of such rights, Ms. Jarrett, nonetheless, hereby consents to the indefinite suspension of her license to practice as a physician assistant in this state, with reinstatement thereof subject to the terms and conditions of this Order. By her subscription hereto, Ms. Jarrett authorizes the Investigating Officer designated by the Board with respect hereto to present this Interim Consent Order to the Board for its consideration and to fully discuss with and disclose to the Board the nature and extent of such charges and she waives any objection to such disclosures under La. Rev. Stat. §49:960. Ms. Jarrett expressly acknowledges that disclosure of such information to the Board by the Investigating Officer shall be without prejudice to the Investigating Officer's authority to prosecute administrative charges which may be filed in this matter following completion of the current investigation or to the Board's capacity to adjudicate such charges.

Accordingly, in consideration of the foregoing and pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by La. Rev. Stat. Board by La. Rev. Stat. §37:1360.34 and La. Rev. Stat. § 49:955(D);

IT IS ORDERED that the license of Annie Kay LaHood Jarrett, P.A to engage in practice as a physician assistant in the State of Louisiana, as evidenced by Certificate No. A10506, be and the same is hereby, effective as of the date hereof, **INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Annie Kay LaHood Jarrett, P.A. shall not practice as a physician assistant in any form in the State of Louisiana until and unless the Board issues and serves a written decision reinstating her license to practice following: (1) receipt of satisfactory documentation supporting that Ms. Jarrett has successfully completed recommended in-patient evaluation, that she is in compliance with any treatment recommendations, and that her treating physicians have determined that she is capable of returning to practice with skill and safety to patients; **and** (2) a meeting at the Board office with the Director of Investigations; **and** (3) the conclusion of an administrative hearing and final decision by the Board on any charges that may be filed in this matter; alternatively, by the Board's acceptance of a final Consent Order or other disposition of the current investigation.

Part;" and "(5) Is a habitual user of intoxicants or drugs to such an extent that he is unable to safely perform as a physician assistant."

² La. Adm. C. §46:4513A provides that the Board may refuse to issue, suspend or revoke a license to practice as a PA as the result of: "(5) [H]abitual or recurring use of morphine, opium, cocaine, drugs having a similar effect, or other substances which may induce physiological or psychological dependence;" "(13) [I]nability to perform or function as a physician assistant with reasonable skill or safety to patients because of medical illness or deficiency ; . . . excessive use or abuse of drugs . . .;" "(16) [V]iolation of any provision of this Chapter, or of rules or regulations of the board or statute pertaining to physician assistants."

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any violation or failure of strict compliance with any of the terms, conditions or restrictions set forth by this Order by Ms. Jarrett shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for the revocation and cancellation of Ms. Jarrett's license to practice as a physician assistant in the State of Louisiana or for such other action as the Board may deem appropriate, as if such violations were enumerated among the causes provided in La. Rev. Stat. § 37:1360.33.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Interim Consent Order shall be, and shall be deemed to be, a public record.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this 14 day of Feb, 2011.

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

BY:

Mark H Dawson

MARK H. DAWSON, M. D.
President

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT
AND CONSENT

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF CADDO

I, ANNIE KAY LAHOOD JARRETT, P.A., hereby acknowledge, approve, accept and consent to entry of the above and foregoing Order, this 07 day of Feb., 2011.

AKJ Jarrett, P.A.
ANNIE KAY LAHOOD JARRETT, P.A.

WITNESSES:

Karin Mossett
Signature

Erin Moseley
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Sworn to and subscribed before me at SHREVEPORT, Louisiana, this 7TH day of FEBRUARY, 2011, in the presence of the two stated witnesses.

[Signature]
Notary Public (Signature)

Printed Name/Notary #

