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**In the Matter of:**

**No. 19-I-444**

**JOHN ALLEN, DPM**

*Certificate No. DPM.PD315R*

**CONSENT ORDER  
FOR REPRIMAND**

*Respondent*

An investigation was conducted by the Investigating Officer of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") of John Allen, DPM ("Dr. Allen"), a podiatrist, who at all times pertinent was practicing podiatry in and around Hammond, Louisiana. The investigation reveals that Dr. Allen prescribed a schedule IV controlled substance to three patients in violation of Louisiana Podiatric Practice Act, La. Rev. Stat. §§37:624A(8) and (19), constituting sufficient cause under the Act for such action against his license to practice podiatry in the state of Louisiana as the Board might deem appropriate.<sup>1</sup>

Dr. Allen acknowledges that proof of the foregoing information upon an administrative evidentiary hearing could establish grounds under the Act for the imposition of such terms, conditions and restrictions on his license to practice podiatry in this state as the Board may deem appropriate, pursuant to Louisiana Podiatric Practice Act, La. Rev. Stat. §37:624A(8) and (19) In consideration of this finding, accordingly, and on the recommendation of the Investigating Officer respecting the pending investigation, 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 podiatry, will be effectively served by entry of the Order set forth hereinafter by consent.

Recognizing his right to have notice and administrative adjudication of any charges that may be filed in this matter, at which time he would be entitled to be represented by legal counsel, to call witnesses and to present evidence on his own behalf in defense or in mitigation of any 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., Dr. Allen nonetheless, hereby waives his right to notice and 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. Allen also

<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to the Louisiana Podiatric Practice Act, La. Rev. Stat. §§37:624A (8) and (19), respectively, the Board may revoke, suspend, or impose other action against the license of a podiatrist as a result of (8) 'Prescribing, dispensing, or administering legally controlled substances or any dependency-inducing medication . . . in other than a legal or legitimate manner;' and (19) '[U]nprofessional conduct.'

acknowledges that he waives any right to which he may be entitled pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La. Rev. Stat. §§49:951 et seq., or which otherwise may be afforded to him by law, to contest his agreement to or the force and effect of this document in any court or other forum relating to the matters referred to herein. By his subscription hereto, Dr. Allen also hereby authorizes the Investigating Officer designated by the Board with respect hereto 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. Allen expressly acknowledges that the disclosure of information to the Board by the Investigating Officer shall be without prejudice to the Investigating Officer's authority to pursue formal administrative charges against him or to the Board's capacity to adjudicate such charges should the Board decline to approve this Consent Order. Accordingly, in consideration of the foregoing and pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by La. Rev. Stat. §37:624 and La. Rev. Stat. §49:955(D);

**IT IS ORDERED** John Allen, DPM is hereby *Officially Reprimanded* for the conduct described hereinabove.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that within one hundred eighty (180) days from the effective date of this Order, Dr. Allen shall participate in and successfully complete a course of study, pre-approved by the Board, which addresses ethics and professionalism.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that within one hundred eighty (180) days from the effective date of this Order, Dr. Allen shall participate in and successfully complete fifty (50) hours of uncompensated community service, which is preapproved by the Board.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that any violation or failure of strict compliance with any of the terms or restrictions set forth by this Order by Dr. Allen shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for such further action against Dr. Allen's license to practice podiatry in the state of Louisiana as the Board may deem appropriate, as if such violations were enumerated among the causes provided in La. Rev. Stat. §37:624A.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that this Consent Order shall be, and shall be deemed to be, a public record. New Orleans, Louisiana, this 31<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2020.

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD  
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

  
**Roderick V. Clark, MD, MBA**  
*President*

***Acknowledgment and Consent Follows on Next Page***

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT  
AND CONSENT**

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF Tangipahoa

I, JOHN ALLEN, DPM, hereby acknowledge that I have had the opportunity to seek the advice and guidance of legal counsel with respect to this Consent Order for Reprimand and that all of its terms and conditions have been fully explained to me and/or that I fully understand them. I further acknowledge that I approve, accept and consent to entry of the above and foregoing Order without duress and of my own free will and accord, this 1 day of July, 2020.

*John Allen*  
JOHN ALLEN, DPM

WITNESSES:

*Billie Prine*  
Signature

*Kenneth Carpenter*  
Signature

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1 day of July, 2020,  
in the presence of the two stated witnesses.

*James Whittington*  
Notary Public (Signature & Seal)

James G. Whittington ID# 58434  
Printed Name & Notary or Bar Number  
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