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In The Matter of:	:	
	:	CONSENT ORDER
CHARLES P WERNER, MD	:	FOR REPRIMAND
<i>Certificate No. MD.14301R</i>	:	
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<i>Respondent</i>	:	_____
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An investigation was conducted by the Investigating Officer of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") of Charles P. Werner, MD ("Dr. Werner"), a physician, who at all times pertinent was practicing in and around Shreveport, Louisiana. The investigation revealed that Dr. Werner allowed mid-level providers in his clinic to utilize his prescription pad to write controlled substance prescriptions for multiple patients receiving chronic pain therapy. An investigation of Dr. Werner's clinic was undertaken by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, resulting in Dr. Werner's surrendering of his DEA registration.

Dr. Werner has fully cooperated with the Board and acknowledges that proof of the foregoing information upon an administrative evidentiary hearing could establish grounds under the Louisiana Medical Practice Act, La. Rev. Stat. §§37:1261 et. seq., ("the Act") for the imposition of such terms, conditions and restrictions on his license to practice medicine in this state as the Board may deem appropriate, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §37:1285A (13) and (22).¹ 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 medicine, 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.

¹ The board may refuse to issue, or may suspend or revoke any license or permit, or impose probationary or other restrictions on any license or permit issued pursuant to this Part for the following causes: (13) Unprofessional conduct, including but not limited to, ..., improperly delegating or supervising, exercising undue influence, enabling the unauthorized practice of medicine, practicing or enabling practice by an impaired provider, failing to practice within the scope of education, training, and experience, intentionally falsifying or fraudulently altering records, or failing to create or maintain medical records; and (22) Utilizing a physician's assistant without approval and recordation as required by law or permitting a physician's assistant, within his employment, to conduct activities outside of the designated scope of the assistant's approval and registration..

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. Werner 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. Werner also 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. Werner 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. Werner 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. §37:1285 and La. Rev. Stat. §49:955(D);

IT IS ORDERED that the Charles P. Werner, MD is hereby *Officially Reprimanded* for the conduct described hereinabove.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Dr. Werner shall not serve as a supervising physician or enter into any collaborative practice agreements with any Physician Assistant or Nurse Practitioner. This prohibition contained herein shall remain in effect so long as Dr. Werner shall hold any form of license or permit to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana. Notwithstanding the above, after passage of five (5) years from the effective date of this Order, Dr. Werner may petition the Board to terminate this condition, which request the Board in its sole discretion may grant or deny.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within one hundred eighty (180) days from the effective date of this Order, Dr. Werner 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. Werner shall participate in and successfully complete the Board's course on Physician Assistant rules.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within one (1) year from the effective date of this Order, Dr. Werner shall pay to the Board a fine in the amount of One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars.

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. Werner shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for such further action against Dr. Werner's license to practice medicine 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. §37:1285.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Consent Order shall be, and shall be deemed to be, a public record. New Orleans, Louisiana, this 25 day of Oct, 2021.

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By: _____

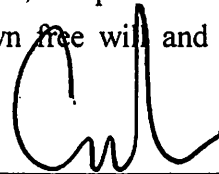

Lester W. Johnson, MD
President

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AND CONSENT**

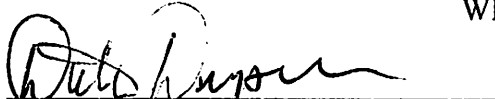
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I, CHARLES P. WERNER, MD, hereby acknowledge that I have had the opportunity to seek the advice and guidance of legal counsel with respect to this Consent Order for Reprimand and that all of its terms and conditions have been fully explained to me 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 29 day of July, 2021.



CHARLES P. WERNER, MD,

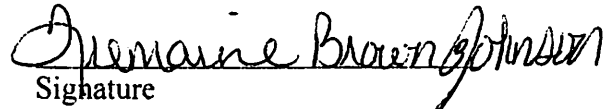
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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 29 day of July, 2021,
in the presence of the two stated witnesses.



Notary Public (Signature & Seal)

ROBERT W. KOVACS #53963

Printed Name & Notary or Bar Number

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