



LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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BEFORE THE LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF:

MUHAMMAD SHAHID, M.D.
(Credential No. MD.12656R),
Respondent

No. 2024-I-125

CONSENT ORDER

Muhammad Shahid, M.D. (“Dr. Shahid”) is a physician licensed to practice medicine in the State of Louisiana pursuant to the Louisiana Medical Practice Act (the “Act”), La. R.S. 37:1261 *et seq.*, as evidenced by Credential No. MD.12656R, who at all relevant times was engaged in the practice of emergency medicine in and around Amite, Louisiana.

The above-entitled proceeding was docketed for investigation by the Investigating Officer of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the “Board”) upon receipt of information indicating that Dr. Shahid, who has a prior history of opioid dependence and sedative misuse, may have had a return to use involving alcohol.

Dr. Shahid previously had successfully completed inpatient treatment at a Board-approved facility and completed a monitoring agreement with the Healthcare Professionals Foundation of Louisiana (the “HPFL”) in March 2016 for opioid dependency and sedative abuse. Dr. Shahid denies any use of opioids or sedatives since 2010.

On or around November 16, 2023, Dr. Shahid’s employer referred him to the HPFL due to disruptive behavior and possible impairment. The HPFL requested an evaluation, which Dr. Shahid attended later that month. The evaluators concluded that Dr. Shahid could not return to the practice of medicine with skill and safety until he completed inpatient treatment for alcohol use disorder and entered into a monitoring agreement with the HPFL.

Dr. Shahid subsequently attended and completed inpatient treatment at a Board-approved facility. Pursuant to his treatment providers’ recommendations, Dr. Shahid entered into a five-year monitoring agreement with the HPFL on February 21, 2024 (the “Agreement”). The treatment providers concluded that Dr. Shahid would be safe to return to practice, having completed all recommendations.

Based on the above, and provided that he complies with all of the terms and conditions in his HPFL monitoring agreement and otherwise outlined below, the Board finds sufficient support for the conclusion that Dr. Shahid is capable of practicing medicine with skill and safety to patients.

As evidenced by his subscription hereto, Dr. Shahid acknowledges the substantial accuracy of the foregoing information and that the reported information would provide the Investigating Officer with probable cause to pursue administrative proceedings against him for violations of the Louisiana Medical Practice Act (the "Act"), La. R.S. 37:1285(A)(5),¹ and that such information, if proven upon administrative evidentiary hearing, would establish sufficient cause to take action against his license to practice medicine in the State of Louisiana. In consideration of this finding, accordingly, and on the recommendation of the Investigating Officer, 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. R.S. 37:1261, will be effectively served by entry of the Order set forth hereinafter by consent.²

Recognizing his right to notice and administrative adjudication of any charges that may be asserted against him in these proceedings, at which time Dr. Shahid 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 the charges made and to a decision thereon by the Board based upon written findings of fact and conclusions of law pursuant to La. R.S. 49:975 *et seq.*, Dr. Shahid, nonetheless, hereby waives his right to notice and formal adjudication and, pursuant to La. R.S. 49:975(D), consents to entry of the Order set forth hereinafter. Dr. Shahid acknowledges that he hereby waives any right to which he may be entitled pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La. R.S. 49:950 *et seq.*, or which may be afforded to him by any other law to contest or appeal his agreement to or the force and effect of the Board's investigation or this Consent Order in any court or other forum. By his subscription hereto, Dr. Shahid 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. R.S. 49:977.2. Dr. Shahid expressly acknowledges that the disclosure of such information to the Board by the Investigating Officer shall be without prejudice to the Investigating Officer's authority to proceed with the adjudication of an administrative complaint against him or to the Board's capacity to adjudicate such complaint 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. R.S. 37:1285 and La. R.S. 49:975(D);

IT IS ORDERED that the license of Muhammad Shahid, M.D., to engage in the practice of medicine in the State of Louisiana, as evidenced by Credential No. MD.12656R, be and the same is hereby, **OFFICIALLY REPRIMANDED** for the above-described conduct.

¹ La. R.S. 37:1285(A)(5) ("The board may refuse to issue, or may suspend or revoke any license or permit, or impose probationary or other restrictions on any license, permit, or certificate issued pursuant to this Part or Part I-D of this Chapter for the following causes... (5) Habitual or recurring abuse of drugs, including alcohol, which affect the central nervous system and which are capable of inducing physiological or psychological dependence.").

² The Board has considered the guidelines for minimum and maximum disciplinary dispositions and the aggravating and mitigating circumstances apparent from the particular facts and circumstances of this matter. *See* La. Admin. Code tit. 46, pt. XLV, §§ 9714, 9716.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Dr. Shahid shall, within one hundred and twenty (120) days of the date of this Order, pay to the Board a fine in the amount of Two Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$2,000.00).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, within six (6) months of the effective date of this Order, Dr. Shahid shall complete the free online course "Laws and Rules for Louisiana Physicians," which may be accessed through the following link, <https://www.lsbme.la.gov/content/board-orientations-online-courses>. Upon completion of the course, Dr. Shahid shall complete the verification process and obtain a certificate of completion that will be submitted to the Board or its designee by the course provider.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Dr. Shahid shall continue to maintain and comply with his monitoring agreement with the HPFL for a period of no less than five (5) years from the Effective Date of the Agreement. Dr. Shahid agrees that the HPFL shall report any violation of his agreement to the Board or its designee. The Board may take disciplinary action against Dr. Shahid based on any future violation of his HPFL agreement, as if such violation was enumerated among the causes provided in La. R.S. 37:1285.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any violation of or failure of strict compliance with any of the terms set forth by this Order by Dr. Shahid shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for such other action against Dr. Shahid'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. R.S. 37:1285.


IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Consent Order shall be effective as of the date it is approved and accepted by the Board as shown by the signature of the Board's representative below.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Consent Order shall be, and shall be deemed to be, a public record, and shall likewise be available on the Board's website, <https://www.lsbme.la.gov/>, under "Disciplinary Actions", and shall be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank ("NPDB").

New Orleans, Louisiana, this 20th day of May, 2024.

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

By: _____


TERRIE R. THOMAS, M.D.
President

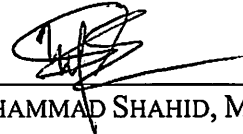
(Acknowledgment and Consent on Following Page)

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT
AND CONSENT**

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF St Tammany

I, MUHAMMAD SHAHID, M.D. hereby acknowledge that I have had the opportunity to seek the advice and guidance of legal counsel with respect to this Consent Order 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 19 day of April, 2024.



MUHAMMAD SHAHID, M.D.

WITNESSES:



Signature

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Signature

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19 day of April, 2024, in the presence of the two stated witnesses.



Notary Public (Signature)

Name: Joy Aubere

Notary/Bar No.: 67867

Commission expires: with life

