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BEFORE THE LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

No. 2017-I-943; 2019-I-267

IN THE MATTER OF:

CONSENT ORDER

EDMOND EDWIN WOOD, M.D.

(Credential No. MD.021203),

Respondent

Edmond Edwin Wood, M.D. (“Dr. Wood”) is a physician licensed to practice medicine in the State of Louisiana by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the “Board”) pursuant to the Louisiana Medical Practice Act (the “Act”), La. R.S. 37:1261 *et seq.*, as evidenced by Credential No. MD.021203. Dr. Wood also has been licensed to practice medicine in Alabama, Mississippi, Florida, and Colorado. The above-entitled proceedings were docketed for investigation upon receipt of allegations that one of Dr. Wood’s employees who previously held a medical license was holding himself out as a physician to patients. Dr. Wood has had no prior cases before the Board.

Investigation of the captioned matters was assigned to the Director of Investigations (the “Investigating Officer” or “DOI”) for the Board. The investigation revealed that Dr. Wood hired an unlicensed medical employee, Paul Nathan (“Mr. Nathan”), to work at his clinic in Independence, LA (the “Clinic”). Mr. Nathan was a formerly licensed physician¹ and used his position at the Clinic to perform diagnostic procedures and at times held himself out to be a physician. The investigation also revealed that on several dates when Dr. Wood apparently issued prescriptions, he was scheduled to work as a Locum with Temporary Privileges at a hospital in Winnfield, Alabama.

During the investigation, the DOI learned that the Drug Enforcement Administration (“DEA”) was conducting a criminal investigation into Dr. Wood and Mr. Nathan. The Board suspended its investigation while the DEA conducted its criminal investigation. In his March 12, 2019 interview with the DEA, Dr. Wood apparently admitted that Mr. Nathan was employed as a counselor for him, should not have been holding himself out to be a physician, and should not have been involved in any manner with prescriptions. However, due to Mr. Nathan’s actions, Dr. Wood voluntarily surrendered his DEA license on August 7, 2019. The DEA investigation was concluded with no action taken against Dr. Wood.

¹ *Interim Consent Order*, In the Matter of Paul Eli Nathan, M.D., Case No. 08-I-052 (July 21, 2008).

As evidenced by his subscription hereto, Dr. Wood 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 Act,² 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.³

Recognizing his right to have notice and administrative adjudication of any charges that may be filed in this matter, at which time Dr. Wood 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. Wood, nonetheless, hereby waives his right to notice of charges, formal adjudication and written decision and pursuant to La. R.S. 49:975(D), consents to entry of the Order set forth hereinafter. Moreover, by his subscription hereto, Dr. Wood also waives any right to which he may be entitled pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La. R.S. 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 the Board's investigation or this document in any court or other forum or body relating to the matters referred to herein. By his subscription hereto, Dr. Wood 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. Further, Dr. Wood 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 filing and adjudication of an Administrative Complaint against him, or to the Board's capacity to adjudicate any charges that may be filed in this matter should the Board decline to approve this 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 Edmond Edwin Wood, M.D., to practice medicine in the State of Louisiana, as evidenced by Credential No. MD.021203, is hereby placed ***ON PROBATION*** for a period of three (3) years (the "probationary period"), provided that the continuing exercise of any rights and privileged thereunder shall be conditioned upon his acceptance of and strict compliance with the following terms, conditions, and restrictions:

² La. R.S. 37:1285(A)(13), (18) ("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...(13) Unprofessional conduct, including but not limited to...improperly delegating or supervising...[and] enabling the unauthorized practice of medicine...(18) Knowingly performing any act which, in any way, assists an unlicensed person to practice medicine, or having professional connections with or lending one's name to an illegal practitioner.").

³ 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. La. Admin. Code tit. 46, pt. XLV, §§ 9714; 9716.

- (1) **Practice Monitoring.** Prior to the Effective Date of this Order, Dr. Wood shall enter into a contract or arrangement with a third-party physician Practice Monitor(s), who has been pre-approved in writing by the Board or its designee. The Practice Monitor(s) shall review Dr. Wood's treatment records as well as charting documentation and provide a determination as to whether Dr. Wood's treatment complies with the applicable standards of care. This review shall consist of a review of at least 10 patient charts. The Practice Monitor(s) shall be a Louisiana licensed physician and provide quarterly written reports to the Board. If at any time Dr. Wood obtains reinstatement of his DEA license, the Practice Monitor(s) shall include in the reports a review of his prescribing practices.
- (2) **Continuing Medical Education.** Dr. Wood shall, within one hundred and twenty (120) days of the Effective Date of this Order, provide confirmation that he has successfully completed continuing medical education ("CME") courses on medical record keeping and ethics that are acceptable to and have been approved by the Board or its designee in writing prior to scheduling or completing the courses.
- (3) **Board Approved Practice.** Dr. Wood shall not engage in the practice of medicine other than at and within the course and scope of a practice setting approved in writing by the Board or its designee. The Board, in its sole discretion, shall approve Dr. Wood's practice setting prior to his practice there.
- (4) **Fine.** Dr. Wood shall, within one hundred and twenty (120) days of the effective date of this Order, pay to the Board a fine in the amount of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No/100 (\$2,500.00).
- (5) **Laws and Rules for Louisiana Physicians Online Course; Verification.** Within one hundred and twenty (120) days of the effective date of this Order, Dr. Wood 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. Wood 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.
- (6) **Notification of Order and Authorization.** Dr. Wood shall provide a copy of this Consent Order to each hospital, clinic, facility or other employer or prospective employer at which or for whom he provides services as a physician in this state, and upon request of the Board's probation officer Dr. Wood shall immediately execute and provide, as may be necessary, authorization to obtain any and all peer review records or other employment records pertaining to Dr. Wood from any hospital, institution or other health care entity where Dr. Wood has or has had privileges.
- (7) **Cooperation with Board's Probation and Compliance Officer.** Dr. Wood shall immediately notify the Board's Probation and Compliance Officer of any change in his current home and/or professional addresses and telephone numbers and he shall direct all matters required pursuant to this Consent Order to the attention of the Probation and

Compliance Officer, with whom he shall cooperate on all matters and inquiries pertaining to his compliance with the terms and conditions of this Consent Order, specifically including without limitation providing cooperation and assistance to the Board or its designee in obtaining any records or reports required by this Consent Order.

- (8) **Absence from the State/Practice/Effect on Probation.** Should Dr. Wood at any time be absent from the State of Louisiana, relocate to and/or take up residency in another state or country for a period of sixty (60) days or more or otherwise cease to practice medicine in this state for any reason, he will so advise the Board or its designee in writing. In such instance, the probation ordered herein and all terms, conditions and restrictions thereof shall be deemed interrupted and extended and shall not commence again until Dr. Wood notifies the Board in writing that he has resumed practicing as a physician in Louisiana.
- (9) **Probation Monitoring Fee.** For each year of the probation, Dr. Wood shall pay the Board an annual probation monitoring fee of Three Hundred (\$300.00) Dollars. Payment of the initial fee shall be due not later than sixty (60) days from the Effective Date of this Order. All subsequent annual payments shall be due on or before the anniversary date of the initial fee payment.
- (10) **Effect of Violation/Sanction.** By his subscription hereto, Dr. Wood acknowledges that his receipt of written notification that the Board has received reliable information indicating his failure to comply with the requirements set forth by this Consent Order in any respect shall, without the need for formal hearing or for providing him with any right to which he may otherwise be entitled pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La. R.S. 49:950, *et seq.*, or which otherwise may be afforded to him by law, constitute his irrevocable consent to the immediate suspension of his license to practice as a physician in this state pending a hearing before the Board and the conclusion of the administrative proceeding by issuance of a final decision following administrative adjudication of such charges.
- (11) **Certification of Compliance with Probationary Terms.** No sooner than sixty (60) days prior to the conclusion of the probationary period imposed herein, Dr. Wood may petition the Board for relief from the probationary status and/or any of the above terms, which petition the Board may, in its sole discretion, grant, grant in part, or deny. As an express condition to the consideration of such petition for relief, Dr. Wood shall provide the Board with an affidavit certifying that he has complied with each of the terms of probation imposed by this Order. The probationary period and all of its terms and conditions shall be, and shall be deemed to be, extended and continued in full force and effect pending Dr. Wood's compliance with the requirements of this provision.
- (12) **Effective Date.** 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 any violation or failure of strict compliance with any of the terms, conditions or restrictions set forth by this Order by Dr. Wood shall be deemed

adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for the revocation and cancellation of Dr. Wood's license to practice medicine 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. R.S. 37:1285.

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 24th day of March, 2025.

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By: _____

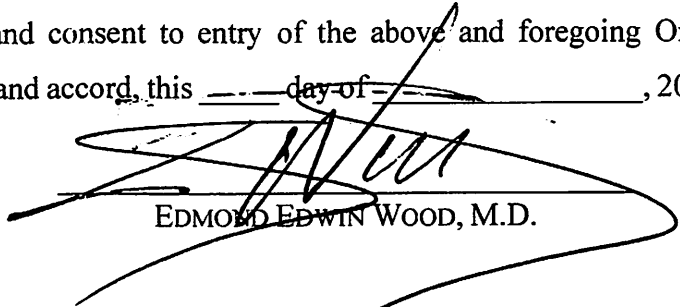

RODERICK V. CLARK, M.D., MBA
President

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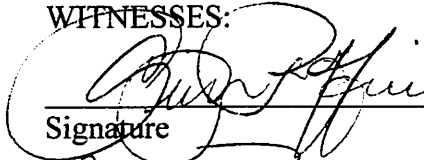
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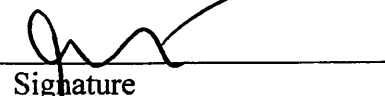
STATE OF Louisiana
PARISH/COUNTY OF Orleans

I, EDMOND EDWIN WOOD, 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 day of , 2025.

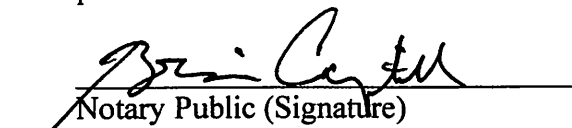

EDMOND EDWIN WOOD, M.D.

WITNESSES:


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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 11th day of February, 2025, in the presence of the two stated witnesses.


Notary Public (Signature)

**BRIAN CAPITELLI
NOTARY PUBLIC #27398
State of Louisiana
My Commission is Issued for Life**

Name: Brian Capitelli
Notary/Bar No.: 27398
Commission expires: to death