NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CONDUCT



IN THE MATTER

OF

DAVID LEVY, M.D.

CONSENT

ORDER

BPMC No. 03-241

Upon the proposed agreement of **DAVID LEVY**, **M.D.**, (Respondent) for Consent Order, which application is made a part hereof, it is agreed and

ORDERED, that the application and the provisions thereof are hereby adopted and so ORDERED, and it is further

ORDERED, that this order shall be effective upon issuance by the Board, which may be accomplished by mailing, by first class mail, a copy of the Consent Order to Respondent at the address set forth in this agreement or to Respondent's attorney by certified mail or upon transmission via facsimile to Respondent or Respondent's attorney, whichever is earliest.

SO ORDERED.

DATED:

MICHAEL A. GONZALEZ, R.

Vice Chair

State Board for Professional Medical Conduct

STATE OF NEW YORK : DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CONDUCT

IN THE MATTER

CONSENT

OF

AGREEMENT

DAVID LEVY, M.D., CO-03-08-3672-A

AND ORDER

DAVID LEVY, M.D., (Respondent) deposes and says:

That on or about March 30, 1979, I was licensed to practice as a physician in the State of New York, having been issued License No. 137581 by the New York State Education Department.

My current address is 4906 Wood Street, Erie, PA 16509, and I will advise the Director of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct of any change of my address within thirty (30) days thereof.

I understand that the New York State Board of Professional Medical Conduct has charged me with two (2) specifications of professional misconduct.

A copy of the Statement of Charges is annexed hereto, made a part hereof, and marked as Exhibit "A."

I do not contest the two (2) specifications, in full satisfaction of the charges against me. I, hereby, agree to the following penalties:

Five (5) year suspension of my New York state license, stayed with five (5) years probation in accordance with Exhibit B, and contingent upon my compliance with all conditions in the June 24, 2003, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of State, Bureau of Professional and Occupational

Affairs, State Board of Medicine, Consent Agreement and Order.

I shall comply fully with the June 24, 2003, Consent Agreement and Order of the Pennsylvania Board and any extension of modification thereof.

I shall provide a written authorization for the Pennsylvania Board to provide the Director of OPMC with any/all information or documentation as requested by OPMC to enable OPMC to determine I am in compliance with the Pennsylvania Order.

I shall submit semi-annually a signed Compliance Declaration to the Director of OPMC, which truthfully attests whether I have been in compliance with the Pennsylvania Order during the declaration period specified.

Should I practice medicine in New York state or in any other jurisdiction where that practice is predicated on my New York state medical license to practice prior to fully satisfying the Pennsylvania Order, I shall be subject to whatever limitations, or further conditions the Director, in his-reasonable discretion, may imposed

I further agree that the Consent Order for which I, hereby, apply shall impose the following conditions:

That, except during periods of actual suspension, Respondent shall maintain active registration of Respondent's license with the New York State Education Department Division of Professional

Licensing Services, and pay all registration fees. This condition shall be in effect beginning thirty days after the effective date of the Consent Order and will continue while the licensee possess his/her license; and

That Respondent shall fully cooperate in every respect with the Office of Professional Medical Conduct (OPMC) in its administration and enforcement of this Order and in its investigation of all matters regarding Respondent. Respondent shall respond in a timely manner to each and every request by OPMC to provide written periodic verification of Respondent's compliance with the terms of this Order. Respondent shall meet with a person designated by the Director of OPMC as directed. Respondent shall respond promptly and provide any and all documents and information within Respondent's control upon the direction of OPMC. This condition shall be in effect beginning upon the effective date of the Consent Order and will continue while the licensee possesses his/her license.

I, hereby, stipulate that any failure by me to comply with such conditions shall constitute misconduct as defined by New York State Education Law §6530(29).

I agree that in the event that I am charged with professional misconduct in the future, the agreement and order shall be admitted into evidence in that proceeding.

I, hereby, make this Application to the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct (the Board) and request that it be granted.

I understand that, in the event that this Application is not granted by the Board, nothing contained herein shall be binding upon me or construed to be an admission of any act of

misconduct alleged or charged against me, such Application shall not be used against me in any way and shall be kept in strict confidence during the pendency of the professional misconduct disciplinary proceeding; and such denial by the Board shall be made without prejudice to the continuance of any disciplinary proceeding and the final determination by the Board pursuant to the provisions of the Public Health Law.

I agree that, in the event the Board grants my Application, as set forth herein, an order of the Chairperson of the Board shall be issued in accordance with same. I agree that such order shall be effective upon issuance by the Board, which may be accomplished by mailing, by first class mail, a copy of the Consent Order to me at the address set forth in this agreement or to my attorney or upon transmission via facsimile to me or my attorney, whichever is earliest.

I am making this Application of my own free will and accord and not under duress, compulsion or restraint of any kind or manner, in consideration of the value to me of the acceptance by the Board of this Application, allowing me to resolve this matter without the various risks and burdens of a hearing on the merits. I knowingly waive any right I may have to contest the Consent Order for which I, hereby, apply, whether administratively or judicially, and ask that the Application be granted.

AFFIRMED:

DATED:

DAVID LEVY, M.D.

Respondent

The undersigned agree to the attached application of the Respondent and to the proposed penalty based on the terms and conditions thereof.

DATE: 4/5/03

ROBERT BOGAN

Associate Counse

Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

DATE: 9/10/03

DENNIS J. GRAZIANO

Director

Office of Professional Medical Conduct

STATE OF NEW YORK : DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CONDUCT

IN THE MATTER

STATEMENT

OF

OF

DAVID J. LEVY, M.D. CO-03-08-3672-A

CHARGES

DAVID J. LEVY, M.D., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York state on March 30, 1979, by the issuance of license number 137581 by the New York State Education Department.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- A. On or about June 24, 2003, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of State, Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs, State Board of Medicine (hereinafter "Pennsylvania Board"), by a Consent Agreement and Order (hereinafter "Pennsylvania Order"), indefinitely suspended Respondent's license to practice medicine and stayed the suspension in favor of five (5) years Probation under terms and conditions, based on writing prescriptions for Schedule III and IV drugs in the names of others for his own use and the use of his wife, both of whom were addicted to one or more of the above described drugs, opioid dependence, and an anxiety disorder.
- B. The conduct resulting in the Pennsylvania Board disciplinary actions against Respondent would constitute misconduct under the laws of New York state, pursuant to the following sections of New York State law:
 - 1. New York Education Law §6530(2) (practicing the profession fraudulently);
 - 2. New York Education Law §6530(3) (negligence on more than one occasion);
 - New York Education Law §6530(4) (gross negligence);
- 4. New York Education Law §6530(7) (practicing the profession while impaired by drugs or mental disability);

- 5. New York Education Law §6530(8) (being dependent on or a habitual abuser of narcotics, barbiturates, amphetamines, hallucinogens, or other drugs having similar effects);
 - 6. New York Education Law §6530(20) (moral unfitness); and/or
- 7. New York Education Law §6530(32) (failure to maintain a record for each patient that accurately reflects the evaluation and treatment of the patient).

SPECIFICATIONS FIRST SPECIFICATION

Respondent violated New York State Education Law §6530(9)(b) by having been found guilty of improper professional practice or professional misconduct by a duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of another state where the conduct upon which the finding was based would, if committed in New York state, constitute professional misconduct under the laws of New York state, in that Petitioner charges:

1. The facts in Paragraphs A and/or B.

SECOND SPECIFICATION

Respondent violated New York State Education Law §6530(9)(d) by having his license to practice medicine suspended or having other disciplinary action taken by a duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of another state, where the conduct resulting in the suspension or other disciplinary action would, if committed in New York state, constitute professional misconduct under the laws of New York state, in that Petitioner charges:

2. The facts in Paragraphs A and/or B.

TED: , 2003

Albany. New York

RIAN M MURPHY

Chief Counsel

Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

Exhibit B Terms of Probation

- 1. Respondent shall conduct himself in all ways in a manner befitting his professional status, and shall conform fully to the moral and professional standards of conduct and obligations imposed by law and by his profession.
- 2. Respondent shall submit written notification to the New York State Department of Health addressed to the Director, Office of Professional Medical Conduct (OPMC), Hedley Park Place, 433 River Street Suite 303, Troy, New York 12180-2299; said notice is to include a full description of any employment and practice, professional and residential addresses and telephone numbers within or without New York State, and any and all investigations, charges, convictions or disciplinary actions by any local, state or federal agency, institution or facility, within thirty days of each action.
- 3. Respondent shall fully cooperate with and respond in a timely manner to requests from OPMC to provide written periodic verification of Respondent's compliance with the terms of this Order. Respondent shall personally meet with a person designated by the Director of OPMC as requested by the Director.
- 4. Any civil penalty not paid by the date prescribed herein shall be subject to all provisions of law relating to debt collection by New York State. This includes but is not limited to the imposition of interest, late payment charges and collection fees; referral to the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance for collection; and non-renewal of permits or licenses [Tax Law section 171(27)]; State Finance Law section 18; CPLR section 5001; Executive Law section 32].
- 5. Respondent's professional performance may be reviewed by the Director of OPMC. This review may include, but shall not be limited to, a review of office records, patient records and/or hospital charts, interviews with or periodic visits with Respondent and his staff at practice locations or OPMC offices.
- 6. Respondent shall maintain legible and complete medical records which accurately reflect the evaluation and treatment of patients. The medical records shall contain all information required by State rules and regulations regarding controlled substances.
- 7. Respondent shall comply with all terms, conditions, restrictions, limitations and penalties to which he or she is subject pursuant to the Order and shall assume and bear all costs related to compliance. Upon receipt of evidence of noncompliance with, or any violation of these terms, the Director of OPMC and/or the Board may initiate a violation of probation proceeding and/or any such other proceeding against Respondent as may be authorized pursuant to the law.