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Edward J. Quirk, M.D.

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Jude B. Mulvey, Esq.
NYS Department of Health
ESP-Corning Tower-Room 2512
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RE: In the Matter of Edward J. Quirk, M.D.

Dear Parties:

Enclosed please find the Determination and Order (No. 11-188) of the Hearing Committee in the above referenced matter. This Determination and Order shall be deemed effective upon the receipt or seven (7) days after mailing by certified mail as per the provisions of §230, subdivision 10, paragraph (h) of the New York State Public Health Law.

Five days after receipt of this Order, you will be required to deliver to the Board of Professional Medical Conduct your license to practice medicine together with the registration certificate. Delivery shall be by either certified mail or in person to:

Office of Professional Medical Conduct
New York State Department of Health
Hedley Park Place
433 River Street - Fourth Floor
Troy, New York 12180

If your license or registration certificate is lost, misplaced or its whereabouts is otherwise unknown, you shall submit an affidavit to that effect. If subsequently you locate the requested items, they must then be delivered to the Office of Professional Medical Conduct in the manner noted above.

As prescribed by the New York State Public Health Law §230, subdivision 10, paragraph (i), (McKinney Supp. 2007) and §230-c subdivisions 1 through 5, (McKinney Supp. 2007), "the determination of a committee on professional medical conduct may be reviewed by the Administrative Review Board for professional medical conduct." Either the licensee or the Department may seek a review of a committee determination.

Request for review of the Committee's determination by the Administrative Review Board stays penalties other than suspension or revocation until final determination by that Board. Summary orders are not stayed by Administrative Review Board reviews.

All notices of review must be served, by certified mail, upon the Administrative Review Board and the adverse party within fourteen (14) days of service and receipt of the enclosed Determination and Order.

The notice of review served on the Administrative Review Board should be forwarded to:

James F. Horan, Esq., Administrative Law Judge
New York State Department of Health
Bureau of Adjudication
Hedley Park Place
433 River Street, Fifth Floor
Troy, New York 12180

The parties shall have 30 days from the notice of appeal in which to file their briefs to the Administrative Review Board. Six copies of all papers must also be sent to the attention of Mr. Horan at the above address and one copy to the other party. The stipulated record in this matter shall consist of the official hearing transcript(s) and all documents in evidence.

Parties will be notified by mail of the Administrative Review Board's Determination and Order.

Sincerely,
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James F. Horan, Acting Director
Bureau of Adjudication

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Enclosure

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

IN THE MATTER

OF

EDWARD J. QUIRK, M.D.
CO-08-12-7660-A

DETERMINATION

AND

ORDER

BPMC #11-188

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A hearing was held on June 23, 2011 at the offices of the New York State Department of Health ("the Petitioner"). A Notice of Referral Proceeding, dated March 28, 2011, and an Amended Statement of Charges, dated April 1, 2011, were served upon the Respondent, **Edward J. Quirk, M.D.**

Pursuant to Section 230(10)(e) of the Public Health Law, **Jerry Waisman M.D.**, Chair, **Samuel F. Bosco, M.D.** and **Thomas W. King, Jr., M.P.A., P.E.**, duly designated members of the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct, served as the Hearing Committee in this matter. **David A. Lenihan, Esq.**, Administrative Law Judge, served as the Administrative Officer. The Petitioner appeared by **James E. Dering, Esq.**, General Counsel, by **Jude B. Mulvey, Esq.**, of Counsel. The Respondent, **Edward J. Quirk, M.D.**, did not appear, although duly served. Evidence was received and transcripts of these proceedings were made. After consideration of the entire record, the Hearing Committee issues this Determination and Order.

STATEMENT OF CASE

This case was brought pursuant to Public Health Law Section 230(10) (p). The statute provides for an expedited hearing when a licensee is charged solely with a violation of Education Law Section 6530(9). In such cases, a licensee is charged with misconduct based upon a prior criminal conviction in New York State or another jurisdiction, or upon a prior administrative adjudication regarding conduct that would amount to professional misconduct, if committed in New York. The scope of an expedited hearing is limited to a determination of the nature and severity of the penalty to be imposed upon the licensee.

In the instant case, the Respondent is charged with professional misconduct pursuant to Education Law §6530(9)(a)(ii) by having been convicted of committing an act constituting a crime under federal law, specifically, possession of a controlled substance. Respondent is also charged with violation New York Education Law §6530(9)(d) by having disciplinary action taken by a duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of another state, where the conduct resulting in the disciplinary action would, if committed in New York state, constitute professional misconduct under the laws of New York state. Copies of the Notice of Referral Proceeding and the Amended Statement of Charges are attached to this Determination and Order as Appendix 1.

WITNESSES

For the Petitioner: None

For the Respondent: None

FINDINGS OF FACT

The following Findings of Fact were made after a review of the entire record in this matter. Numbers below in parentheses refer to exhibits, denoted by the prefix "Ex." These citations refer to evidence found persuasive by the Hearing Committee in arriving at a particular finding. Conflicting evidence, if any, was considered and rejected in favor of the cited evidence. All Hearing Committee findings of fact were unanimous.

1. Edward J. Quirk, M.D., the Respondent, did not appear at the hearing and was duly served and notified of the hearing, by personal service of process, on April 8, 2011. (Petitioner's Exhibit 2.)
2. Edward J. Quirk, M.D., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York State on April 16, 1984, by the issuance of license number 157938 by the New York State Education Department (Petitioner's Ex. 4).
3. On or about October 3, 2008, in the United States District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Respondent was convicted upon his guilty plea to eleven (11) counts of Possession of a Controlled Substance, a class A misdemeanor, in violation of 21

USC 844(a). He was sentenced to a four (4) year term of probation, a \$275.00 assessment and a \$5,000.00 fine. (Petitioner's Ex. 6).

4. On or about November 30, 2008, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of State, State Medical Board (hereinafter "Pennsylvania Medical Board") by Consent Agreement and Order indefinitely suspended Respondent's license to practice medicine for no less than three (3) years, such suspension to be stayed, based upon his inability to practice the profession with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness, addiction to drugs, or alcohol. Respondent was placed on a three (3) year term of probation, with probation effective retroactive to December 2007. (Petitioner's Ex. 5).
5. The conduct resulting in the Pennsylvania Board disciplinary action against Respondent would constitute misconduct under the laws of New York State, pursuant to the following sections of New York State law:
 - i.) New York Education Law Sec. 6530(7) (practicing the profession while impaired by alcohol, drugs or physical disability).
6. The Respondent has completed the terms of his Pennsylvania Probation (Petitioner's Ex. 7) and his Pennsylvania medical license has been restored. (T. 6)

VOTE OF THE HEARING COMMITTEE

SPECIFICATIONS

FIRST SPECIFICATION

"Respondent violated New York Education Law §6530(9)(a)(ii) by having been convicted of committing an act constituting a crime under federal law..."

VOTE: Sustained (3-0)

SECOND SPECIFICATION

"Respondent violated New York Education Law §6530(9)(d) by having disciplinary action taken by a duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of another state, where the conduct resulting in the disciplinary action would, if committed in New York State, constitute professional misconduct under the laws of New York State..."

VOTE: Sustained (3-0)

HEARING COMMITTEE DETERMINATION

The Respondent did not appear at the hearing, either in person or by counsel. The Administrative Officer, after considering the documentary evidence, which included an Affidavit of Personal Service of the Notice of Referral Proceeding and the Amended Statement of Charges (Petitioner's Exhibit 2) ruled that the Petitioner had met the

requirements of law for service of process, that jurisdiction had been established over the Respondent and that the hearing could proceed on the merits notwithstanding the Respondent's absence.

The record in this case indicates that the Pennsylvania Medical Board had, by Consent Agreement, suspended the Respondent's medical license and placed him on probation for three years for his criminal conviction in Federal court. (See Exhibit 5)

The Respondent has not appeared by a New York Attorney for the present matter and the hearing commenced in his absence. It is noted that the Department's attorney has been in telephone contact with the Respondent (T. 5) and the Respondent was aware of this proceeding and he has chosen not to attend.

The record does not contain any evidence of mitigating circumstances, or remorse. The panel noted that the Respondent was aware of this proceeding and chose not to appear or be represented by counsel in New York. The panel was unanimous in finding that the charges were sustained. As to an appropriate penalty, the Hearing Committee was split in its decision. The panel considered the full range of penalties available. Two members of the panel voted to Suspend the Respondent's license for at least one year, indicating that the Respondent may thereafter petition for reinstatement and a lifting of the suspension upon a showing that he has completed his therapy and is no longer drug or alcohol dependent; one panel member voted to revoke the Respondent's license, indicating that the people of New York State would be best protected by a revocation of the Respondent's license.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The specifications of professional misconduct, as set forth in the Statement of Charges, are **SUSTAINED**.
2. The license of the Respondent to practice medicine in New York State is indefinitely **SUSPENDED** for a period of at least One (1) year.
3. After One year, the Respondent may petition the Board for a Modification Order staying the indefinite suspension of his license, upon a showing that Respondent is no longer drug or alcohol dependent and is ready and fit to practice medicine. Any Modification Order the Board may issue shall include terms of probation and/or further conditions on the Respondent's practice of medicine.
4. This Order shall be effective upon service on the Respondent in accordance with the requirements of Public Health Law Section 230(10)(h).

DATED: Poughquag, New York
July 26, 2011

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Jerry Walsman M.D., Char

Samuel F. Bosco, M.D.
Thomas W. King, Jr., M.P.A., P.E.,

To:

Edward J. Quirk, M.D.,

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Jude B. Mulvey, Esq., Attorney for Petitioner
Associate Counsel
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APPENDIX 1

STATE OF NEW YORK

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CONDUCT

IN THE MATTER

OF

EDWARD J. QUIRK, M.D.
CO-08-12-7660-A

NOTICE OF

REFERRAL

PROCEEDING

TO: EDWARD J. QUIRK, M.D.
REDACTED

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT:

An adjudicatory proceeding will be held pursuant to the provisions of New York Public Health Law §§230(10)(p) and New York State Administrative Procedures Act §§301-307 and 401. The proceeding will be conducted before a committee on professional conduct of the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct (Committee) on the 18th day of May, 2011, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the New York State Department of Health, Hedley Park Place, 433 River Street, 5th Floor, Troy, NY 12180.

At the proceeding, evidence will be received concerning the allegations set forth in the Statement of Charges, that is attached. A stenographic record of the proceeding will be made and the witnesses at the proceeding will be sworn and examined.

You may appear in person at the proceeding and may be represented by counsel who shall be an attorney admitted to practice in New York state. You may produce evidence and/or sworn testimony on your behalf. Such evidence and/or sworn testimony shall be strictly limited to evidence and testimony relating to the nature and severity of the penalty to be imposed upon the licensee. Where the charges are based on the conviction of state law crimes in other jurisdictions, evidence may be offered that would show that the conviction would not be a crime in New York State. The Committee also may limit the number of witnesses whose testimony will be received, as well as the length of time any witness will be permitted to testify.



If you intend to present sworn testimony, the number of witnesses and an estimate of the time necessary for their direct examination must be submitted to the New York State Department of Health, Division of Legal Affairs, Bureau of Adjudication, Hedley Park Place, 433 River Street, Fifth Floor South, Troy, NY 12180, ATTENTION: HON. JAMES F. HORAN, ACTING DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF ADJUDICATION (Telephone: (518-402-0748), (henceforth "Bureau of Adjudication") as well as the Department of Health attorney indicated below, no later than ten (10) days prior to the scheduled date of the Referral Proceeding, as indicated above.

Pursuant to the provisions of New York Public Health Law §230(10)(p), you shall file a written answer to each of the charges and allegations in the Statement of Charges not less than ten (10) days prior to the date of the hearing. Any charge or allegation not so answered shall be deemed admitted. You may wish to seek the advice of counsel prior to filing such answer. The answer shall be filed with the Bureau of Adjudication, at the address indicated above, and a copy shall be forwarded to the attorney for the Department of Health, whose name appears below. You may file a written brief and affidavits with the Committee. Six (6) copies of all papers you submit must be filed with the Bureau of Adjudication at the address indicated above, no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the scheduled date of the Referral Proceeding, and a copy of all papers must be served on the same date on the Department of Health attorney, indicated below. Pursuant to §301(5) of the State Administrative Procedure Act, the Department, upon reasonable notice, will provide, at no charge, a qualified interpreter of the deaf to interpret the proceedings to, and the testimony of, any deaf person. Pursuant to the terms of New York State Administrative Procedure Act §401 and 10 N.Y.C.R.R. §51.8(b), the Petitioner demands, hereby, disclosure of the evidence that Respondent intends to introduce at the hearing, including the names of witnesses, a list of and copies of documentary evidence, and a description of physical and/or other evidence that cannot be photocopied.

YOU ARE ADVISED, HEREBY, THAT THE ATTACHED CHARGES WILL BE MADE PUBLIC FIVE (5) BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THEY ARE SERVED.

Department attorney: Initial here _____

The proceeding may be held whether or not you appear. Please note that requests for adjournments must be made in writing to the Bureau of Adjudication, at the address indicated above, with a copy of the request to the attorney for the Department of Health, whose name appears below, at least five (5) days prior to the scheduled date of the proceeding. Adjournment requests are not routinely granted. Claims of court engagement will require detailed affidavits of actual engagement. Claims of illness will require medical documentation. Failure to obtain an attorney within a reasonable period of time prior to the proceeding will not be grounds for an adjournment.

The Committee will make a written report of its findings, conclusions as to guilt, and a determination. Such determination may be reviewed by the administrative review board for professional medical conduct.

SINCE THESE PROCEEDINGS MAY RESULT IN A DETERMINATION THAT SUSPENDS OR REVOKES YOUR LICENSE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE IN NEW YORK STATE AND/OR IMPOSES A FINE FOR EACH OFFENSE CHARGED, YOU ARE URGED TO OBTAIN AN ATTORNEY TO REPRESENT YOU IN THIS MATTER.

DATED: Albany, New York
March 28, 2011

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Deputy Counsel
Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

Inquiries should be addressed to:

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CONDUCT

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CO-08-12-7660-A

AMENDED
STATEMENT
OF
CHARGES

EDWARD J. QUIRK, M.D., Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York state on April 16, 1984, by the issuance of license number 157938 by the New York State Education Department.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

A. On or about October 3, 2008, in the United States District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Respondent was convicted upon his guilty pleas to eleven (11) counts of Possession of a Controlled Substance, a class A misdemeanor, in violation of 21 USC 844(a). He was sentenced, among others, to a four (4) year term of probation.

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SPECIFICATIONS OF MISCONDUCT

FIRST SPECIFICATION

Respondent violated New York Education Law §6530(9)(a)(ii) by having been convicted of committing an act constituting a crime under federal law, in that Petitioner charges:

1. The facts in Paragraph A.

SECOND SPECIFICATION

Respondent violated New York Education Law §6530(9)(d) by having his license to practice medicine suspended and/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 in New York State, in that Petitioner charges.

2. The facts in Paragraphs B and C.

DATED: *April 1*, 2011
Albany, New York

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PETER D. VAN BUREN
Deputy Counsel
Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct