

**BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE MEDICAL BOARD**

**IN THE MATTER OF:     KENNETH GREGORY STEPHENS, M.D.**

**EMERGENCY ORDER OF SUSPENSION AND NOTICE OF HEARING**

Pursuant to ACA §25-15-201, and ACA § 25-15-211, both of the Administrative Procedure Act, and ACA § 17-95-410 of the Medical Practices Act, the Arkansas State Medical Board issues the following Emergency Order of Suspension and Notice of Hearing charging Kenneth Gregory Stephens, M.D., with alleged violations of the Medical Practices Act, more specifically, ACA § 17-95-409(a)(2)(e), that is, a violation of the laws of the United States and the State of Arkansas regulating the possession, distribution and use of schedule drugs and narcotics and ACA § 17-95-409(a)(2)(h), that is, the habitual use of habit forming drugs. The allegations upon which the above charges are based are as follows:

I.

Kenneth Gregory Stephens, M.D., is a licensed physician in the State of Arkansas under the provisions of the Medical Practices Act.\

II.

Kenneth Gregory Stephens, M.D., is a licensed physician in the State of Louisiana under the provisions of the Medical Practices Act.

III.

On or about the 6<sup>th</sup> of August 2014, the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners wrote to the Arkansas State Medical Board informed them that Kenneth Gregory Stephens, M.D., is under investigation for possible impairment.

III.

As a result of the above charges the Board entered into a Consent Order with Kenneth

Gregory Stephens, MD, on January 1, 2015, that he would remain compliant with his Louisiana Monitoring contract, attend courses in prescribing and boundaries as approved by the Arkansas State Medical Board, pay costs of \$1,521.25 within two years, and if he relocated to Arkansas, his Louisiana monitoring contract would be transferred to the Arkansas Medical Foundation.

IV.

The Louisiana Physician's Health Committee reported that Kenneth Gregory Stephens, MD, has been non-compliant with his monitoring contract by testing positive for opiates, and not complying with Louisiana's direction that he be re-evaluated; he has also requested that his monitoring be transferred to the Arkansas Medical Foundation. The Arkansas Medical Foundation directed Kenneth Gregory Stephens, MD, to contact the Arkansas State Medical Board re his current status, but as of the current date, he has not done so.

V.

Pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act, A.C.A. 25-15-211(c) upon an affirmative vote of the majority of the Arkansas State Medical Board, the Board finds that the acts of Kenneth Gregory Stephens, MD., described hereinabove, exhibits a danger to the public and his continued practice of medicine. Therefore, the license to practice medicine in the State of Arkansas of Kenneth Gregory Stephens, M.D., is suspended on an emergency basis, pending a disciplinary hearing in this matter or further Orders of the Board.

WHEREFORE, IT IS CONSIDERED, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED, by the Arkansas State Medical Board that the license to practice medicine in the State of Arkansas of Kenneth Gregory Stephens, M.D., is suspended on an emergency basis, pending a disciplinary hearing in this matter or further Orders of the Board.

IT IS FURTHER CONSIDERED, ORDERED, AND ADJUDGED, by the Arkansas State Medical Board, that a hearing should be conducted to determine whether Kenneth Gregory Stephens, M.D., has violated the Medical Practices Act. If it is found that he has, in fact, violated the Medical Practices Act, then the Board should determine whether the license of Kenneth Gregory Stephens, M.D., to practice medicine in the State of Arkansas, should be revoked or suspended, or whether other sanctions should be imposed pursuant to the authority granted the Board in ACA §17-95-410. Said hearing will be conducted on the 4 day of August, 2016 at 2 o'clock p.m. at a meeting of the Arkansas State Medical Board at the offices of the Board, 1401 W. Capitol, Suite 340, Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas.

Kenneth Gregory Stephens, M.D., is hereby advised that he may be represented by counsel at the hearing, and that he will be given the opportunity to examine all of the evidence offered to the Board, cross-examine witnesses, and offer evidence and witnesses in his own behalf. **Kenneth Gregory Stephens, M.D., is further advised that any additional records and/or exhibits that you as a Respondent wish to present to the Board at your hearing MUST be supplied to the Board no later than 20 days prior to the hearing date. Failure to do so can result in the Board refusal to allow the information or documentation to be presented by the Respondent.**

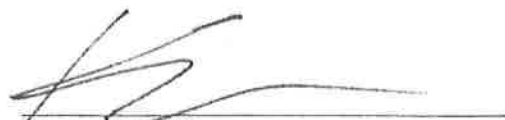
**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

ARKANSAS STATE MEDICAL BOARD

  
Joseph M. Beck, M.D., Chairman

6/16/16  
Date

Approved as to Form:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Kevin M. O'Dwyer', written over a horizontal line.

Kevin M. O'Dwyer  
Attorney for the Arkansas State Medical Board