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STATE OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF MEDICINE

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,

Petitioner,

vs.

DOH CASE NO.: 2011-09457

LICENSE NO.: ME0097220

LAURA K. MORRIS, M.D.,

Respondent.

FINAL ORDER

THIS CAUSE came before the BOARD OF MEDICINE (Board) pursuant to Sections 120.569 and 120.57(4), Florida Statutes, on June 7, 2013, in Tampa, Florida, for the purpose of considering a Settlement Agreement (attached hereto as Exhibit A) entered into between the parties in this cause. Upon consideration of the Settlement Agreement, the documents submitted in support thereof, the arguments of the parties, and being otherwise fully advised in the premises,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the Settlement Agreement as submitted be and is hereby approved and adopted in toto and incorporated herein by reference with the following clarification:

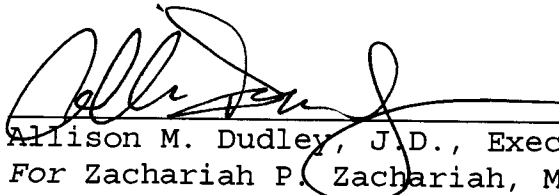
The costs set forth in Paragraph 3 of the Stipulated Disposition shall be set at \$4,232.16.

Accordingly, the parties shall adhere to and abide by all the terms and conditions of the Settlement Agreement as clarified above.

This Final Order shall take effect upon being filed with the Clerk of the Department of Health.

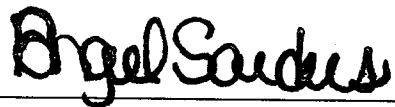
DONE AND ORDERED this 13th day of June, 2013.

BOARD OF MEDICINE


Allison M. Dudley, J.D., Executive Director
For Zachariah P. Zachariah, M.D., Chair

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Final Order has been provided by U.S. Mail to LAURA K. MORRIS, M.D., 4121 Rosas Avenue, Sarasota, Florida 34233; and by interoffice delivery to Doug Sunshine, Department of Health, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C-65, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3253 this 14th day of June, 2013.



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LAURA K. MORRIS, M.D.,

RESPONDENT.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT

Petitioner, Department of Health, by and through its undersigned counsel, files this Administrative Complaint before the Board of Medicine against the Respondent, Laura K. Morris, M.D., and alleges:

1. Petitioner is the state department charged with regulating the practice of medicine pursuant to Section 20.43, Florida Statutes; Chapter 456, Florida Statutes; and Chapter 458, Florida Statutes.

2. At all times material to this complaint, Respondent was a licensed physician within the State of Florida, having been issued license number ME 97220.

3. Respondent's address of record is 4121 Rosas Avenue, Sarasota, Florida 34233.

4. At all times material to this Complaint, Respondent was Board certified in Neurology and Psychiatry, and Pediatrics.

5. During all times relevant to this complaint, Respondent practiced at First Choice Pain Clinic SWFL, Pain Management Clinic License Number 401, located at 13100 Westlinks Terrace, Suite 12, Fort Myers, Florida 33913.

6. Respondent practiced medicine in the area of pain management. She engaged in the treatment of pain by prescribing or dispensing controlled substance medications.

7. From on or about December 27, 2007, through on or about December 17, 2008, Respondent prescribed the controlled substances Methadone, Roxycodone, and Xanax to patient J.S., for complaints of chronic knee, shoulder and back pain, and anxiety.

8. Methadone is an opioid prescribed to treat pain. According to Section 893.03(2), Florida Statutes, methadone is a Schedule II controlled substance that has a high potential for abuse and has a currently accepted but severely restricted medical use in treatment in the United States.

Abuse of methadone may lead to severe psychological or physical dependence.

9. Roxicodone is a brand name for oxycodone. Oxycodone is a semi-synthetic opioid that is prescribed to treat pain. According to Section 893.03(2), Florida Statutes, oxycodone is a Schedule II controlled substance that has a high potential for abuse and has a currently accepted but severely restricted medical use in treatment in the United States. Abuse of oxycodone may lead to severe psychological or physical dependence.

10. Xanax is a brand name for alprazolam. Alprazolam is a benzodiazepine prescribed to treat anxiety. According to Section 893.03(4), Florida Statutes, alprazolam is a Schedule IV controlled substance that has a low potential for abuse relative to the substances in Schedule III and has a currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States. Abuse of alprazolam may lead to limited physical or psychological dependence relative to the substances in Schedule III.

11. The standard of care required that the Respondent conduct a complete medical history of patient J.S., adequately assess patient J.S.'s condition, conduct adequate physical examinations of patient J.S., order

adequate laboratory tests and x-ray examinations of patient J.S., obtain urine drug screen analysis tests, and refer patient J.S. to specialists for consultation, to make an evidence based diagnosis of patient J.S.'s condition, develop a treatment plan, and justify the controlled substances prescribed to patient J.S.

COUNT I

12. Petitioner re-alleges and incorporates paragraphs one (1) through eleven (11) as if fully set forth herein.

13. Section 458.331(1)(t), Florida Statutes (2007-2008), provides that committing medical malpractice constitutes grounds for disciplinary action by the Board of Medicine. Medical Malpractice is defined in Section 456.50(g), Florida Statutes, as the failure to practice medicine in accordance with the level of care, skill, and treatment recognized in general law related to health care licensure. For purposes of Section 458.331(1)(t), Florida Statutes, the Board shall give great weight to the provisions of Section 766.102, Florida Statutes, which provides that the prevailing professional standard of care for a given health care provider shall be that level of care, skill, and treatment which, in light of all relevant

surrounding circumstances, is recognized as acceptable and appropriate by reasonably prudent similar health care providers.

14. Respondent failed to practice medicine with that level of care, skill and treatment, which is recognized by a reasonably prudent similar physician as being acceptable under similar conditions and circumstances, in the treatment of patient J.S., in one or more of the following ways:

- a. By failing to obtain a complete medical history;
- b. By failing to perform adequate physical examinations;
- c. By failing to perform diagnostic tests;
- d. By failing to obtain urine drug screens;
- e. By failing to develop an appropriate treatment plan;
- f. By prescribing excessive and inappropriate amounts of controlled substances without medical justification;
- g. By prescribing inappropriate combinations of controlled substances; and/or
- h. By failing to refer patient J.S. to other health care providers and specialists for evaluation and treatment.

15. Based on the foregoing, Respondent violated Section 458.331(1)(t), Florida Statutes (2007-2008), by committing medical malpractice in treating patient J.S.

COUNT II

16. Petitioner re-alleges and incorporates paragraphs one (1) through eleven (11) as if fully set forth herein.

17. Section 458.331(1)(q), Florida Statutes (2007-2008), subjects a licensee to discipline, including suspension, for prescribing, dispensing, administering, mixing, or otherwise preparing a legend drug, including any controlled substance, other than in the course of the physician's professional practice. For purposes of Section 458.331(1)(q), it shall be legally presumed that prescribing, dispensing, administering, mixing, or otherwise preparing legend drugs, including all controlled substances, inappropriately or in excessive or inappropriate quantities is not in the best interest of the patient and is not in the course of the physician's professional practice, without regard to his or her intent.

18. Respondent prescribed, dispensed, and/or administered controlled substances to patient J.S. other than in the course of her professional practice by prescribing, dispensing, and/or administering the

above described controlled substances inappropriately, without regard to patient J.S.'s best interests, in excessive and inappropriate quantities.

19. Based on the foregoing, Respondent violated Section 458.331(1)(q), Florida Statutes (2007-2008), by inappropriately prescribing excessive and inappropriate quantities of controlled substances to patient J.S.

COUNT III

20. Petitioner re-alleges and incorporates paragraphs one (1) through eleven (11) as if fully set forth herein.

21. Section 458.331(1)(m), Florida Statutes (2007-2008), subjects a licensee to discipline for failing to keep legible, as defined by department rule in consultation with the board, medical records that identify the licensed physician or the physician extender and supervising physician by name and professional title who is or are responsible for rendering, ordering, supervising, or billing for each diagnostic or treatment procedure and that justify the course of treatment of the patient, including, but not limited to, patient histories; examination results; test results; records of drugs prescribed, dispensed, or administered; and reports of consultations and hospitalizations.

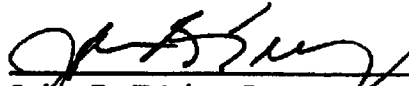
22. On or about the dates set forth above, Respondent failed to keep medical records that justified the course of treatment of patient J.S., including her failure to keep a legible patient history; examination results; test results; records of drugs prescribed, dispensed, or administered; and reports of consultations and hospitalizations.

23. Based on the foregoing, Respondent violated Section 458.331(1)(m), Florida Statutes (2007-2008), by failing to keep medical records that justified the course of treatment of patient J.S.

WHEREFORE, the Petitioner respectfully requests that the Board of Medicine enter an order imposing one or more of the following penalties: permanent revocation or suspension of Respondent's license, restriction of practice, imposition of an administrative fine, issuance of a reprimand, placement of the Respondent on probation, corrective action, refund of fees billed or collected, remedial education or any other relief that the Board deems appropriate.

SIGNED this 15 day of February, 2013.

John H. Armstrong, MD, FACS, FCCP
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NOTICE OF RIGHTS

Respondent has the right to request a hearing to be conducted in accordance with Section 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, to be represented by counsel or other qualified representative, to present evidence and argument, to call and cross-examine witnesses and to have subpoena and subpoena duces tecum issued on his or her behalf if a hearing is requested.

NOTICE REGARDING ASSESSMENT OF COSTS

Respondent is placed on notice that Petitioner has incurred costs related to the investigation and prosecution of this matter. Pursuant to Section 456.072(4), Florida Statutes, the Board shall assess costs related to the investigation and prosecution of a disciplinary matter, which may include attorney hours and costs, on the Respondent in addition to any other discipline imposed.

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LAURA K. MORRIS, M.D.,

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PRACTITIONER REGISTRATION
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SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Laura K. Morris, M.D., referred to as the "Respondent," and the Department of Health, referred to as "Department" stipulate and agree to the following Agreement and to the entry of a Final Order of the Board of Medicine, referred to as "Board," incorporating the Stipulated Facts and Stipulated Disposition in this matter.

Petitioner is the state agency charged with regulating the practice of medicine pursuant to Section 20.43, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 456, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 458, Florida Statutes.

STIPULATED FACTS

1. At all times material hereto, Respondent was a licensed physician in the State of Florida, having been issued license number ME 97220.

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2. The Department charged Respondent with an Administrative Complaint that was filed and properly served upon Respondent with violations of Chapter 458, Florida Statutes, and the rules adopted pursuant thereto. A true and correct copy of the Administrative Complaint is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

3. Respondent neither admits nor denies the allegations of fact contained in the Administrative Complaint for purposes of these proceedings only.

STIPULATED CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Respondent admits that, in her capacity as a licensed physician, she is subject to the provisions of Chapters 456 and 458, Florida Statutes, and the jurisdiction of the Department and the Board.

2. Respondent admits that the facts alleged in the Administrative Complaint, if proven, would constitute violations of Chapter 458, Florida Statutes, as alleged in the Administrative Complaint.

3. Respondent agrees that the Stipulated Disposition in this case is fair, appropriate and acceptable to Respondent.

STIPULATED DISPOSITION

1. **Letter Of Concern** - Respondent shall receive a Letter of Concern from the Board of Medicine.

2. **Fine** - The Board of Medicine shall impose an administrative fine of **seven thousand five hundred dollars and no cents (\$7,500.00)** against the license of Respondent, to be paid by Respondent to Payments, Department of Health, Compliance Management Unit, Bin C-76, P.O. Box 6320, Tallahassee, FL 32314-6320, within thirty (30) days from the date of filing of the Final Order accepting this Agreement. **All fines shall be paid by cashiers check or money order.** The Board office does not have the authority to change the terms of payment of any fine imposed by the Board.

RESPONDENT ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE TIMELY PAYMENT OF THE FINE IS HER LEGAL OBLIGATION AND RESPONSIBILITY AND RESPONDENT AGREES TO CEASE PRACTICING IF THE FINE IS NOT PAID AS AGREED TO IN THIS SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT, SPECIFICALLY: IF WITHIN 45 DAYS OF THE DATE OF FILING OF THE FINAL ORDER, RESPONDENT HAS NOT RECEIVED WRITTEN CONFIRMATION THAT THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE FINE HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY THE BOARD OFFICE, RESPONDENT AGREES TO CEASE PRACTICE UNTIL SUCH WRITTEN CONFIRMATION IS RECEIVED BY RESPONDENT FROM THE BOARD.

3. **Reimbursement of Costs** - Pursuant to Section 456.072, Florida Statutes, Respondent agrees to pay the Department for any costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this case. Such costs exclude the costs of obtaining supervision or monitoring of the practice, the cost of quality assurance reviews, and the Board's administrative cost directly associated with Respondent's probation, if any. The agreed upon amount of Department costs to be paid in this

case is currently **three thousand seven hundred twenty-one dollars and sixty- four cents (\$3,721.64)**, but shall not exceed **five thousand seven hundred twenty-one dollars and sixty- four cents (\$5,721.64)**. Respondent will pay costs to Payments, Department of Health, Compliance Management Unit, Bin C-76, P. O. Box 6320, Tallahassee, FL 32314-6320, within thirty (30) days from the date of filing of the Final Order in this cause. **All costs shall be paid by cashiers check or money order.** Any post-Board costs, such as the costs associated with probation, are not included in this agreement.

RESPONDENT ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE TIMELY PAYMENT OF THE COSTS IS HER LEGAL OBLIGATION AND RESPONSIBILITY AND RESPONDENT AGREES TO CEASE PRACTICING IF THE COSTS ARE NOT PAID AS AGREED TO IN THIS SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT, SPECIFICALLY: IF WITHIN 45 DAYS OF THE DATE OF FILING OF THE FINAL ORDER, RESPONDENT HAS NOT RECEIVED WRITTEN CONFIRMATION THAT THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE COSTS NOTED ABOVE HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY THE BOARD OFFICE, RESPONDENT AGREES TO CEASE PRACTICE UNTIL SUCH WRITTEN CONFIRMATION IS RECEIVED BY RESPONDENT FROM THE BOARD.

4. **Drug Course** - Respondent shall complete the course, "Prescribing Controlled Drugs: Critical Issues and Common Pitfalls of Misprescribing," sponsored by the University of Florida, or a Board-approved equivalent, within one year of the date of filing of the Final Order.

5. **Records Course** - Respondent shall complete the course, "Quality Medical Record Keeping for Health Care Professionals," sponsored by the Florida Medical Association, or a Board-approved equivalent, within one year of the date of filing of the Final Order.

6. **Restriction Language - Restriction on Practice (Controlled Substances)** - Respondent's practice is restricted in that Respondent may not prescribe Schedule II-IV controlled substances until Respondent completes the required drug course described in paragraph 4.

7. **Probation Language** - Effective on the date of the filing of the Final Order incorporating the terms of this Agreement, Respondent's license to practice medicine shall be placed on probation for a period of **one (1) year**. The purpose of probation is not to prevent Respondent from practicing medicine. Rather, probation is a supervised educational experience designed by the Board to make Respondent aware of certain obligations to Respondent's patients and the profession and to ensure Respondent's continued compliance with the high standards of the profession through interaction with another physician in the appropriate field of expertise. To this end, during the period of probation, Respondent shall comply with the following obligations and requirements:

(A) **Restrictions During Probation** - During the period of probation, Respondent's license shall be restricted as follows:

i. **Indirect Supervision** - Respondent shall practice only under the indirect supervision of a Board-approved physician, hereinafter referred

to as the "monitor", whose responsibilities are set by the Board. Indirect supervision does not require that the monitor practice on the same premises as Respondent, however, the monitor shall practice within a reasonable geographic proximity to Respondent, which shall be within 20 miles unless otherwise provided by the Board and shall be readily available for consultation. The monitor shall be Board Certified in Respondent's specialty area unless otherwise provided by the Board. In this regard, Respondent shall allow the monitor access to Respondent's medical records, calendar, patient logs or other documents necessary for the monitor to supervise Respondent as detailed below.

ii. **Required Supervision:**

a) If the terms of the Settlement Agreement include indirect monitoring of the licensee's practice or direct monitoring of the licensee's practice, Respondent shall not practice medicine without an approved monitor/supervisor, as specified by the Agreement, unless otherwise ordered by the Board.

b) The monitor/supervisor must be a licensee under Chapter 458, Florida Statutes, in good standing and without restriction or limitation on his license. In addition, the Board may reject any proposed monitor/supervisor on the basis that he has previously been subject to any disciplinary action against his medical license in this or any other jurisdiction is currently under investigation, or is the subject of a pending disciplinary action. The monitor/supervisor must be actively engaged in the same or similar specialty area unless otherwise provided by

the Board and be practicing within a reasonable distance of Respondent's practice, a distance of twenty (20) miles unless otherwise specifically provided for in the Settlement Agreement. The Board may also reject any proposed monitor/supervisor for good cause shown.

iii. **Mechanism For Approval Of Monitor/Supervisor:**

a) **Temporary Approval** - The Board confers authority on the Chairman of the Probation Committee to temporarily approve Respondent's monitor/supervisor. To obtain this temporary approval, Respondent shall submit to the Chairman of the Probation Committee the name and curriculum vitae of the proposed monitor/supervisor at the time this agreement is considered by the Board. **Once a Final Order adopting the Agreement is filed, Respondent shall not practice medicine without an approved monitor/supervisor. Temporary approval shall only remain in effect until the next meeting of the Probation Committee.**

b) **Formal Approval** - Respondent shall have the monitor/supervisor with Respondent at Respondent's first probation appearance before the Probation Committee. Prior to the consideration of the monitor/supervisor by the Probation Committee, Respondent shall provide to the monitor/supervisor a copy of the Administrative Complaint and Final Order in this case. Respondent shall submit a current curriculum vita and a description of current practice from the proposed monitor/supervisor to the Board office no later than fourteen (14) days before Respondent's first scheduled probation appearance.

Respondent's monitor/supervisor shall also appear before the Probation Committee at such other times as directed by the Probation Committee. It shall be Respondent's responsibility to ensure the appearance of the monitor/supervisor as directed. Failure of the monitor/supervisor to appear as directed shall constitute a violation of the terms of this Settlement Agreement and shall subject Respondent to disciplinary action.

iv. **Change In Monitor/Supervisor** - In the event that Respondent's monitor/supervisor is unable or unwilling to fulfill the responsibilities of a monitor/supervisor as described above, Respondent shall immediately advise the Probation Committee of this fact. Respondent shall immediately submit to the Chairman of the Probation Committee the name of a temporary monitor/supervisor for consideration. Respondent shall not practice pending approval of this temporary monitor/supervisor by the Chairman of the Probation Committee. Furthermore, Respondent shall make arrangements with his temporary monitor/supervisor to appear before the Probation Committee at its next regularly scheduled meeting for consideration of the monitor/supervisor by the Probation Committee. Respondent shall only practice under the auspices of the temporary monitor/supervisor (approved by the Chairman) until the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Probation Committee at which the issue of the Probation Committee's approval of Respondent's new monitor/supervisor shall be addressed.

v. **Responsibilities of the Monitor/Supervisor** - The Monitor shall:

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a) Review 25 percent of Respondent's active patient records at least once every month for the purpose of ascertaining compliance with the terms of restriction on practice and probation. The monitor shall go to Respondent's office once every month and shall review Respondent's calendar or patient log and shall select the records to be reviewed.

b) Review all of Respondent's patient records for patients treated for chronic non-malignant pain. In this regard, Respondent shall maintain a log documenting all such patients.

c) Submit reports on a triannual basis, in affidavit form, which shall include:

- 1) A brief statement of why Respondent is on probation;
- 2) A description of Respondent's practice (type and composition);
- 3) A statement addressing Respondent's compliance with the terms of probation;
- 4) A brief description of the monitor's relationship with Respondent;
- 5) A statement advising the Probation Committee of any problems which have arisen; and

6) A summary of the dates the monitor went to Respondent's office, the number of records reviewed, and the overall quality of the records reviewed, and the dates Respondent contacted the monitor.

d) Report immediately to the Board any violations by Respondent of Chapters 456 or 458, Florida Statutes, and the rules promulgated thereto.

e) Respondent's monitor shall appear before the Probation Committee at the first meeting of said committee following commencement of the probation, and at such other times as directed by the Committee. It shall be Respondent's responsibility to ensure the appearance of Respondent's monitor to appear as requested or directed. If the approved monitor fails to appear as requested or directed by the Probation Committee, **Respondent shall immediately cease practicing medicine until such time as the approved monitor or alternate monitor appears before the Probation Committee.**

f) **Monitoring Reports-** Respondent shall be responsible for ensuring that their respective monitor submits all required reports.

vi. **Reports from Respondent** - Respondent shall submit triannual reports, in affidavit form, the contents of which may be further specified by the Board, but which shall include:

- a) A brief statement of why Respondent is on probation;
- b) A description of practice location;
- c) A description of current practice (type and composition);
- d) A brief statement of compliance with probationary terms;
- e) A description of the relationship with monitoring physician;
- f) A statement advising the Board of any problems which have arisen; and
- g) A statement addressing compliance with any restrictions or requirements imposed.

vii. Continuity of Practice:

a) **Tolling Provisions** - In the event Respondent leaves the State of Florida for a period of thirty (30) days or more or otherwise does not engage in the active practice of medicine in the State of Florida, then certain provisions of Respondent's probation (and only those provisions of the probation) shall be tolled as enumerated below and shall remain in a tolled status until Respondent returns to active practice in the State of Florida:

- 1) The time period of probation shall be tolled;

2) The provisions regarding supervision whether direct or indirect by another physician and required reports from the monitor/supervisor shall be tolled;

3) The provisions regarding preparation of investigative reports detailing compliance with this Settlement Agreement shall be tolled; and

4) Any provisions regarding community service shall be tolled.

b) **Active Practice** - In the event that Respondent leaves the active practice of medicine for a period of one year or more, the Board may require Respondent to appear before the Board and demonstrate his ability to practice medicine with skill and safety to patients prior to resuming the practice of medicine in this State.

(B) **Obligations/Requirements of Probation** - During the period of probation, Respondent shall comply with the following obligations and requirements:

i. Respondent shall appear before the Probation Committee of the Board of Medicine at the first Committee meeting after probation commences, at the last meeting of the Committee preceding scheduled termination of the probation, and at such other times as requested by the Committee. Respondent shall be noticed by the Board staff of the date, time and place of the Committee meeting at which Respondent's appearance is required. Failure of

Respondent to appear as requested or directed or failure of Respondent to comply with **any** of the terms of this agreement shall be considered a violation of the terms of this Agreement, and shall subject Respondent to disciplinary action.

ii. **SUPERVISION OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS AND/OR ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANTS** - Respondent is required to notify, in writing, any physician assistant and/or anesthesiologist assistant which the Probationer supervises, of his or her probationary status. A copy of said written notification(s) shall be submitted to the Board's Compliance Officer within ten (10) days of entry of the Final Order.

8. **Additional terms:**

Respondent is permanently restricted from owning, operating or practicing in a "Pain Management Clinic," as that term is defined in section 458.3265, Florida Statutes (2012), and may from time-to-time be redefined in Florida Statutes and/or Florida Administrative Code.

STANDARD PROVISIONS

1. **Appearance:** Respondent is required to appear before the Board at the meeting of the Board where this Agreement is considered.

2. **No force or effect until final order** - It is expressly understood that this Agreement is subject to the approval of the Board and the Department. In this regard, the foregoing paragraphs (and only the foregoing paragraphs) shall

have no force and effect unless the Board enters a Final Order incorporating the terms of this Agreement.

3. **Continuing Medical Education** - Unless otherwise provided in this written agreement Respondent shall first submit a written request to the Probation Committee for approval prior to performance of said continuing medical education course(s). Respondent shall submit documentation in the form of certified copies of the receipts, vouchers, certificates, or other papers, such as physician's recognition awards, documenting completion of this medical course within one (1) year of the date of filing of the Final Order in this matter. All such documentation shall be sent to the Board of Medicine, regardless of whether some or any of such documentation was provided previously during the course of any audit or discussion with counsel for the Department. These hours shall be in addition to those hours required for renewal of licensure. Unless otherwise approved by the Board, said continuing medical education course(s) shall consist of a formal, live lecture format.

4. **Addresses** - Respondent must keep current residence and practice addresses on file with the Board. Respondent shall notify the Board within ten (10) days of any changes of said addresses.

5. **Future Conduct** - In the future, Respondent shall not violate Chapter 456, 458 or 893, Florida Statutes, or the rules promulgated pursuant thereto, or any other state or federal law, rule, or regulation relating to the practice or the ability to practice medicine. Prior to signing this agreement, the Respondent shall read

Chapters 456, 458 and 893 and the Rules of the Board of Medicine, at Chapter 64B8, Florida Administrative Code.

6. **Violation of terms considered** - It is expressly understood that a violation of the terms of this Agreement shall be considered a violation of a Final Order of the Board, for which disciplinary action may be initiated pursuant to Chapters 456 and 458, Florida Statutes.

7. **Purpose of Agreement** - Respondent, for the purpose of avoiding further administrative action with respect to this cause, executes this Agreement. In this regard, Respondent authorizes the Board to review and examine all investigative file materials concerning Respondent prior to or in conjunction with consideration of the Agreement. Respondent agrees to support this Agreement at the time it is presented to the Board and shall offer no evidence, testimony or argument that disputes or contravenes any stipulated fact or conclusion of law. Furthermore, should this Agreement not be accepted by the Board, it is agreed that presentation to and consideration of this Agreement and other documents and matters by the Board shall not unfairly or illegally prejudice the Board or any of its members from further participation, consideration or resolution of these proceedings.

8. **No preclusion of additional proceedings** - Respondent and the Department fully understand that this Agreement and subsequent Final Order incorporating same will in no way preclude additional proceedings by the Board

and/or the Department against Respondent for acts or omissions not specifically set forth in the Administrative Complaint attached as Exhibit A.

9. **Waiver of attorney's fees and costs** - Upon the Board's adoption of this Agreement, the parties hereby agree that with the exception of costs noted above, the parties will bear their own attorney's fees and costs resulting from prosecution or defense of this matter. Respondent waives the right to seek any attorney's fees or costs from the Department and the Board in connection with this matter.

10. **Waiver of further procedural steps** - Upon the Board's adoption of this Agreement, Respondent expressly waives all further procedural steps and expressly waives all rights to seek judicial review of or to otherwise challenge or contest the validity of the Agreement and the Final Order of the Board incorporating said Agreement.

SIGNED this 11th day of March, 2013.


Laura K. Morris, M.D.

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF Sarasota

Before me, personally appeared Laura K Morris, whose identity is known to me or by FL D. Lic (type of identification) and who, under oath, acknowledges that his/her signature appears above.

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 11 day of March
2013.



Megan Cleary
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: 4/9/16

APPROVED this 20 day of March, 2013.

John H. Armstrong, MD, FACS, FCCP
State Surgeon General & Secretary
of Health, State of Florida

By: John B. Fricke, Jr.
Assistant General Counsel
Department of Health