

STATE OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF MEDICINE

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Department of Health

By *Angel Sanders*
Deputy Agency Clerk

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,

Petitioner,

vs.

DOH CASE NO.: 2013-19218
LICENSE NO.: ME0091904

VERNON G. DORFMAN, 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 April 10, 2015, in Deerfield Beach, 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 \$3,000.00.

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 21 day of April, 2015.

BOARD OF MEDICINE



André Ourso, J.D., M.P.H., Executive Director
For James Orr, Jr., 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 VERNON G. DORFMAN, M.D., 260 95th Street, #203, Surfside Professional Bldg., Surfside, Florida 33154; to Darlene Stosik, Esquire, 3440 Hollywood Boulevard, Second Floor, Hollywood, Florida 33021; and by interoffice delivery to Yolonda Green, Department of Health, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C-65, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3253 this 22 day of April, 2015.



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SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Vernon G. Dorfman, 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 91904.
2. The Department charged Respondent with an Administrative Complaint that was filed and properly served upon Respondent alleging 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. For purposes of these proceedings, Respondent neither admits nor denies the allegations of fact contained in the Administrative Complaint.

STIPULATED CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Respondent admits that, in his capacity as a licensed physician, he 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.

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

STIPULATED DISPOSITION

1. **Letter of Concern** - The Board shall issue a Letter of Concern against Respondent's license.

2. **Fine** - The Board shall impose an administrative fine of ***One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00)*** against Respondent's license which Respondent shall pay to: Payments, Department of Health, Compliance Management Unit, Bln 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 ("Final Order"). **All fines shall be paid by cashier's check or money order.** Any change in the terms of payment of any fine

imposed by the Board must be approved in advance by the Probation Committee of the Board.

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

3. Reimbursement of Costs - Pursuant to Section 456.072, Florida Statutes, Respondent agrees to pay the Department for the Department's costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this case ("Department costs"). Such costs exclude the costs of obtaining supervision or monitoring of the practice, the cost of quality assurance reviews, any other costs Respondent incurs to comply with the Final Order, and the Board's administrative costs directly associated with Respondent's probation, if any. Respondent agrees that the amount of Department costs to be paid in this case is currently *Two Thousand Five Hundred Forty-Eight and Five Cents (\$2,548.05), but shall not exceed Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00).* Respondent will pay such Department 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. All costs shall be paid by cashier's check or money order. Any change in the terms of payment of costs imposed by the Board must be approved in advance by the Probation Committee of the Board.

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

4. Laws and Rules Course - Within eighteen (18) months of the date of filing of the Final Order, Respondent shall complete the course "Legal and Ethical Implications in Medicine: Physician's Survival Guide - Laws and Rules" administered by the Florida Medical Association, or a Board-approved equivalent, and shall submit documentation of such completion, in the form of certified copies of the receipts, vouchers, certificates, or other official proof of completion, to the Board's Probation Committee.

5. Drug Course - Within one (1) year of the date of filing of the Final Order, 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, and shall submit documentation of such completion, in the form of certified copies of the receipts, vouchers, certificates, or other official proof of completion, to the Board's Probation Committee.

6. **Records Course** - Within one (1) year of the date of filing of the Final Order, Respondent shall complete the course "Quality Medical Record Keeping for Health Care Professionals" sponsored by the Florida Medical Association, or a Board-approved equivalent, and shall submit documentation of such completion, in the form of certified copies of the receipts, vouchers, certificates, or other official proof of completion, to the Board's Probation Committee.

7. **Probation Language** - Effective on the date of the filing of the Final Order, Respondent's license to practice medicine shall be placed on probation for a period of two (2) years. 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 obligations and restrictions set forth in this Paragraph.

(a) **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, and actively engaged, in Respondent's specialty area unless otherwise provided by the Board. Respondent shall allow the Monitor access to Respondent's medical records, calendar, patient logs or other documents necessary for the Monitor to perform the duties set forth in this Paragraph.

(b) Restriction - Respondent shall not practice medicine without an approved Monitor, as specified in this Agreement, unless otherwise ordered by the Board.

(c) Eligibility of Monitor - The Monitor must be a licensee under Chapter 458, Florida Statutes, in good standing and without restriction or limitation on his/her license. In addition, the Board may reject any proposed Monitor on the basis that he/she has previously been subject to any disciplinary action against his/her medical license in this or any other jurisdiction, is currently under investigation, or is the subject of a pending disciplinary action. The Board may also reject any proposed Monitor for good cause shown.

(d) Temporary Approval Of Monitor - The Board confers authority on the Chairman of the Probation Committee to temporarily approve Respondent's Monitor. To obtain temporary approval, Respondent shall submit to the Chairman of the Probation Committee the name and curriculum vitae of the proposed monitor 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. Temporary approval shall only remain in effect until the next meeting of the Probation Committee.**

(e) Formal Approval Of Monitor - Prior to the consideration of the Monitor by the Probation Committee, Respondent shall provide a copy of the Administrative Complaint and Final Order in this case to the Monitor. Respondent shall submit a copy of the proposed Monitor's current curriculum vita and a description of his/her current practice to the Board office no later than fourteen (14) days before Respondent's first scheduled probation appearance. Respondent shall ensure that the Monitor is present with Respondent at Respondent's first appearance before the Probation Committee. **It shall be Respondent's responsibility to ensure the appearance of the Monitor as directed.** If the Monitor falls to appear as required, this shall constitute a violation of this Settlement Agreement and shall subject Respondent to disciplinary action.

(f) Change In Monitor - In the event that the Monitor is unable or unwilling to fulfill the responsibilities of a Monitor as described above, Respondent shall immediately advise the Probation Committee of this fact and submit the name of a temporary Monitor for consideration. **Respondent shall not practice pending approval of the temporary Monitor by the Chairman of the Probation Committee.** Furthermore, Respondent shall make arrangements with his temporary Monitor to appear before the Probation Committee at its next regularly scheduled

meeting. Respondent shall only practice under the auspices of the temporary Monitor (after approval by the Chairman) until the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Probation Committee at which the formal approval of Respondent's new Monitor shall be addressed.

(g) Responsibilities of Respondent - In addition to the other responsibilities set forth in this Agreement, Respondent shall be solely responsible for ensuring that:

(1) The Monitor submits tri-annual reports as required by this Agreement or directed by the Board;

(2) Respondent submits tri-annual reports as required by this Agreement or directed by the Board;

(3) The Monitor appears before the Probation Committee as required by this Agreement or directed by the Board; and

(4) Respondent appears before the Probation Committee as required by this Agreement or directed by the Board.

Respondent understands and agrees that if either the approved Monitor or the Respondent fails to appear before the Probation Committee as required, Respondent shall immediately cease practicing medicine until such time as both the approved Monitor (or approved alternate) and the Respondent appear before the Probation Committee.

(h) Responsibilities of the Monitor - The Monitor shall:

(1) Review ten (10%) percent or twenty (20) of Respondent's active patient records, whichever is greater, at least once every quarter for the purpose of ascertaining whether Respondent's medical practice prescribing practices are conducted in accordance with prevailing standards of medical practice. The Monitor shall go to the Respondent's office once every quarter and shall review Respondent's calendar or patient log and Prescription Log referred to in sub-paragraph 7.(n) below and shall select the records to be reviewed.

(2) Maintain contact with Respondent on a frequency of at least once per quarter. In the event that Respondent does not timely contact the Monitor, the Monitor shall immediately report this fact in writing to the Probation Committee.

(3) Submit reports to the Probation Committee on a tri-annual basis, in affidavit form, which shall include:

- a. A brief statement of why Respondent is on probation;
- b. A description of Respondent's practice (type and composition);
- c. A statement addressing Respondent's compliance with the terms of probation;
- d. A brief description of the Monitor's relationship with Respondent;
- e. A statement advising the Probation Committee of any problems that have arisen; and
- f. A summary of the dates the Monitor went to Respondent's office, the number of records reviewed, the overall quality of the records reviewed, and the dates Respondent contacted the Monitor pursuant to Subparagraph (h)(3), above.

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

(i) Respondent's Required Appearance Before Probation Committee -

Respondent shall appear before the Probation Committee at the **first** meeting of said Committee following commencement of the probation, at the **last** meeting of the Committee preceding scheduled termination of the probation, and at such other times as directed 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 directed, and/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.**

(j) Monitor's Required Appearance - Respondent's Monitor/Supervisor

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 directed. **If the approved Monitor fails to appear as directed by the Probation Committee, Respondent shall immediately cease practicing medicine until such time as the approved Monitor or alternate approved monitor appears before the Probation Committee.**

(k) Reporting by Respondent - Respondent shall submit tri-annual reports, in affidavit form, the contents of which may be further specified by the Board, but which shall include:

- (1) A brief statement of why Respondent is on probation;
- (2) A description of practice location;
- (3) A description of current practice (type and composition);
- (4) A brief statement of compliance with probationary terms;
- (5) A description of the relationship with the Monitor/Supervisor;
- (6) A statement advising the Board of any problems that have arisen; and
- (7) A statement addressing compliance with any restrictions or requirements imposed.

(l) Tolling Provisions - In the event Respondent physically leaves the State of Florida for a period of thirty (30) days or more or otherwise does not engage full-time 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 direct and indirect supervision and required reports from the monitor 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.

(m) 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.

(n) Prescription Log - Respondent shall maintain, in a format that is acceptable to the Probation Committee, a log of all ordering, prescribing, administering and/or dispensing of all controlled substances and all non-scheduled psychoactive, mood-altering and/or abusable drugs. The log shall include the following information: the drug, the dose, the patient, the diagnosis, the date that the drug was prescribed, and such other information related to ordering, prescribing, administering and/or dispensing as may be requested by the Probation Committee. This log shall be subject to review by the Monitor (see paragraph 7.(h)(1) above) and Respondent shall make this log immediately available to the Probation Committee, upon demand.

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 Agreement Respondent shall first submit a written request to the Probation Committee for approval prior to performance of said CME course(s). Respondent shall submit documentation to the Board's Probation Committee of having completed a CME course 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 filing of the Final Order in this matter. All such documentation shall be sent to the Board's Probation Committee, 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. CME hours required by this Agreement shall be in addition to those hours required for renewal of licensure. Unless otherwise approved by the Board's Probation Committee, such CME course(s) shall consist of a formal, live lecture format.

4. **Addresses** - Respondent must provide current residence and practice addresses to the Board. Respondent shall notify the Board in writing within ten (10) days of any changes of said addresses and shall also comply with all statutory requirements related to practitioner profile and licensure renewal updates.

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** - 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 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 Department 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.

[Signatures appear on the following page.]

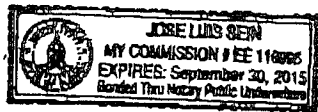
SIGNED this 15th day of JANUARY, 2015.



Vernon G. Dorfman, M.D.

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF DADE

BEFORE ME personally appeared VERNON DORFMAN, whose identity is known to me or who produced DRIVERS LICENSE (type of identification) and who, under oath, acknowledges that his signature appears above.

SWORN TO and subscribed before me this 15th day of JANUARY, 2014.

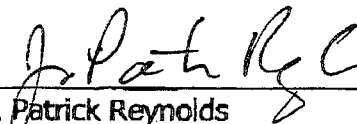



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My Commission Expires: SEPT 30, 2015

APPROVED this 16th day of January, 2015.

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

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RESPONDENT.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT

Petitioner, Department of Health, by and through undersigned counsel, files this Administrative Complaint before the Board of Medicine against Respondent, Vernon G. Dorfman, M.D., and in support thereof 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 medical doctor within the state of Florida, having been issued license number ME 91904.

3. Respondent's address of record is 260 95th Street, #203, Surfside, Florida 33154.

4. At all times material to this Complaint, Respondent was board certified in Psychiatry by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology.

5. The New York Board of Professional Medical Conduct ("New York Board") is the agency regulating professional misconduct in the practice of medicine for the licensing authority in the State of New York.

6. On or about November 5, 2013, the New York Board issued Order No. 13-362, which adopted the terms of an attached Consent Agreement. The Order became effective November 13, 2013.

7. The New York Board's action was based on allegations that the Respondent failed to render and/or note appropriate evaluation and/or treatment of patients and prescribed medications for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), including Adderall and Vyvanse, to these patients in an inappropriate manner and/or without noting adequate basis in his medical records.

8. Section 458.331(1)(b), Florida Statutes (2013), provides that having a license or the authority to practice medicine revoked, suspended, or otherwise acted against, including the denial of licensure, by the licensing authority of any jurisdiction, including its agencies and subdivisions, is grounds for discipline.

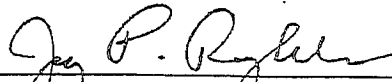
9. On or about November 13, 2013, the New York Board of Professional Medical Conduct took action against the Respondent's license by entering Order No. 13-362, which included a Censure and Reprimand and three (3) years of probation. As part of his probation, Respondent must, among other things, have a practice monitor and maintain a log of all ordering, prescribing, administering and/or dispensing of all controlled substance and all non-scheduled psychoactive, mood-altering and/or abusable drugs.

10. Based on the foregoing, Respondent has violated Section 458.331(1)(b), Florida Statutes (2013), by having his license or his authority to practice medicine acted against by the licensing authority, including its agencies and subdivisions, of another jurisdiction.

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 and/or any other relief that the Board deems appropriate.

SIGNED this 21st day of March, 2014.

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



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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.