

BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

STATE OF GEORGIA

GEORGIA COMPOSITE
MEDICAL BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF:

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FEB 05 2016

NARENDRA NAGAREDDY, M.D.,

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License No. 046703,

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DOCKET NUMBER:
2016 0038

Respondent.

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INTERIM PUBLIC CONSENT ORDER

By agreement of the Georgia Composite Medical Board ("Board") and Narendra Nagareddy, M.D. ("Respondent"), the following disposition of this matter is entered into pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. §50-13-13(a)(4), as amended.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1.

Respondent is licensed to practice medicine in the State of Georgia and was so licensed at all times relevant to the matters asserted herein. Respondent's license expires July 31, 2017.

2.

On or about January 14, 2016, Respondent was arrested in Clayton County, Georgia, and charged with Unlawful Prescribing/Ordering in violation of O.C.G.A. 16-13-43(f). The charge(s) relate to information that on or about February 20, 2014, Respondent allegedly prescribed or ordered the dispensing of a controlled substances which was not while acting in the usual course of professional practice and was not for a legitimate medical purpose, resulting in a patient death. While bond was initially denied, bond was subsequently granted with a condition that Respondent not practice medicine.

3.

On or about January 14, 2016, Respondent executed a Voluntary Surrender of Controlled Substance Privileges regarding schedule II-V controlled substances “as an indication of [his] good faith in desiring to remedy any incorrect or unlawful practices on [his] part”.

4.

For the purposes of entering into this Interim Consent Order, Respondent does not contest the findings of fact above. Respondent understands that by doing so, he is not admitting the truth of any of the findings or acknowledging any impropriety, but is agreeing that the Board may enter an interim order based on the findings without the necessity of receiving evidence in support thereof. Respondent makes no admission herein and reserves the right to contest allegations against him in any civil, criminal or other proceedings before another state’s lawful licensing authority.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent's current status as the subject of an investigation by law enforcement relative to his conduct of medicine constitutes sufficient grounds for the imposition of interim action by the Board upon Respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of Georgia under O.C.G.A. Ch. 34, T. 43, as amended, O.C.G.A. § 43-1-19(a) and the Rules of the Georgia Composite Medical Board. O.C.G.A. 50-13-13 recognizes the validity of consent agreements or orders. Respondent waives any further conclusions of law with respect to this matter.

ORDER

The Board, having considered the particular facts and circumstances of this case, hereby orders, and the Respondent hereby agrees, as follows:

1.

Respondent agrees that Respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of Georgia shall remain suspended until resolution of the criminal charges pending against Respondent and the conclusion of an administrative hearing in this matter. During the period of suspension, Respondent shall not practice medicine in the State of Georgia. If Respondent practices medicine in the State of Georgia without the prior express written permission of the Board, Respondent's license shall be subject to revocation, upon substantiation thereof. The Respondent also acknowledges and agrees that the Board shall show that Respondent's license is suspended on its data bank and may respond to public inquiries that Respondent's license is suspended.

2.

During the period of suspension, Respondent shall continue to obtain continuing education as required by O.C.G.A. § 43-34-3 and the Rules and Regulations of the Board and shall continue to pay the license renewal fee by and before each expiration date as established by the Board. Failure to obtain the continuing education and pay the license renewal fee shall be grounds for the administrative revocation of Respondent's license without a hearing as provided by O.C.G.A. § 43-1-19(1), with reinstatement within the discretion of the Board. Respondent acknowledges that when considering the reinstatement of an administratively revoked license, the Board has authority to review any investigative file relating to the Respondent.

3.

In the event that Respondent's criminal bond conditions are lifted or otherwise modified regarding the prohibition on Respondent's practice of medicine, Respondent may petition the Board in writing to lift or modify the suspension of his license. Any decision shall be in the sole discretion of the Board and the denial of Respondent's petition shall not constitute a contested case under the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act and Respondent shall not be entitled to a hearing.

4.

The Respondent shall notify the Board of the resolution of the criminal charges against Respondent within twenty (20) days of such resolution. Upon notification there has been a resolution to the criminal charges, the Board shall initiate disciplinary proceedings or otherwise resolve this matter. The Board reserves the right to add additional charges if and when disciplinary proceedings are initiated.

5.

This Interim Consent Order shall be considered a public record of the Board and shall be disseminated as such.

6.

Nothing in this Interim Consent Order precludes the Respondent from subsequently entering into a final settlement of the above-referenced matter by the surrender of his license or a final consent order between the parties.

7.

Approval of this Interim Order by the Board shall in no way be construed as condoning Respondent's alleged conduct and shall not be construed as a waiver of any of the lawful rights possessed by the Board or Respondent to finally adjudicate this matter.

8.

Respondent acknowledges that he is represented by counsel and that he has read and understands the contents of this Interim Consent Order. Respondent understands that he has the right to a hearing in this matter, and Respondent freely, knowingly and voluntarily waives such right at this time in accordance with the terms set forth herein by entering into this Interim Consent Order. Respondent further understands and agrees that a representative of the Department of Law may be present during the presentation of this Interim Consent Order and that the Board shall have the authority to review the investigative file and all relevant evidence in considering this Interim Consent Order. Respondent understands that this Interim Consent Order will not become effective until approved and docketed by the Georgia Composite Medical Board. Respondent further understands that this Interim Consent Order shall not prejudice the ability of the Board to finally adjudicate this matter or constitute an admission against interest in this proceeding. Respondent consents to the terms contained herein.

Approved this 5TH day of FEBRUARY, 2016.

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

(BOARD SEAL)

BY: Alice House
ALICE HOUSE, M.D.
Chairperson

ATTEST:


ROBERT JEFFERY
Interim Executive Director

CONSENTED TO:


NARENDRA NAGAREDDY, M.D
Respondent

[As to Respondent's signature:]
Sworn to and subscribed before me
This 2nd day of February, 2016.


NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires: January 22, 2017

