

BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

STATE OF GEORGIA

GEORGIA COMPOSITE  
MEDICAL BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF: )  
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SONDRALYN FACKLER, M.D., )  
License Number 44211, )  
 )  
Respondent. )

DOCKET NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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PUBLIC CONSENT ORDER

By agreement of the Georgia Composite Medical Board (“Georgia Board”) and SONDRALYN FACKLER, M.D. (“Respondent”), the following disposition of this disciplinary matter is entered pursuant to the provisions of the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act, 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 licensed at all times relevant to the matters stated herein.

2.

On or about August 17, 2016, Respondent referred a patient to another physician in order to pursue a non-professional and personal relationship with said patient. Respondent noted in said patient’s chart that she verbally informed said patient she would no longer be his treating physician. Sometime after the above-mentioned chart entry, Respondent engaged in a personal relationship with said patient, which lasted until sometime in October or November of 2016. Prior to the start of her personal involvement with said patient, Respondent did not terminate her doctor-patient relationship in writing as required by the Board’s rules.

3.

Respondent's aforementioned conduct departed from and failed to conform to the minimum standards of acceptable and prevailing medical practice and was a violation of Georgia's laws and the Board's rules. *See* Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. 360-3-.02 (Unprofessional Conduct).

4.

In mitigation, the following finding of facts exist:

- Respondent has fully cooperated with the Georgia Board's inquiry into this matter;
- Respondent voluntarily completed a boundaries course;
- The Board is not aware of any evidence that Respondent has ever engaged in any other boundary violation in her career as a physician;
- The Board's inquiry finds Respondent is genuinely remorseful and has taken steps voluntarily, at her time and expense, to address the violation set forth herein.

5.

Respondent agrees to the above findings of facts and waives any further findings of fact with respect to the above-styled matter.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent's conduct constitutes sufficient grounds for the imposition of discipline upon Respondent's license to practice as a physician in the State of Georgia under O.C.G.A. Title 43,

Chapters 1 and 34, as amended. Respondent hereby waives any further conclusions of law with respect to the above-styled matter.

ORDER

The Georgia Board, having considered all the facts and circumstances of this case, hereby orders, and Respondent hereby agrees, that the following sanctions shall be imposed upon Respondent's license to practice as a physician in the State of Georgia:

1.

Within **thirty (30) days** of the effective date of this Consent Order, Respondent shall submit to the Georgia Board a fine of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) to be paid in full by cashier's check or money order made payable to the Georgia Composite Medical Board. Said fine shall be sent to the Georgia Composite Medical Board, located at 2 Peachtree Street, NW, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Atlanta, GA 30303, to the attention of the Executive Director. Failure to pay the entire amount within (30) days of the effective date of this Consent Order shall be considered a violation of this Consent Order and shall result in further sanctioning of Respondent's license, upon substantiation thereof.

2.

Within **six (6) months** of the effective date of this Consent Order, Respondent shall successfully complete a continuing medical education ("CME") course focusing on Sexual Boundaries. Said CME may be completed online and shall be in addition to the CME required of all Georgia physicians. Respondent shall provide written evidence of successful completion of the CME to the Georgia Board within six (6) months of the effective date of this Order. Proof of successful completion of the CME shall be sent to the attention of the Executive Director, Georgia Composite Medical Board, 6th Floor, 2 Peachtree Street, NW, Atlanta, Georgia, 30303.

3.

In addition to and in conjunction with any other sanction contained herein, this Consent Order and dissemination thereof shall serve as a **public reprimand** of Respondent by the Georgia Board.

4.

Respondent also understands that pursuant to O.C.G.A. Title 43, Chapter 34A, the contents of this Consent Order shall be placed on Respondent's Physician Profile and reported as required by state and federal agencies, including but not limited to the National Practitioner Data Bank. Furthermore, by executing this Consent Order, Respondent hereby agrees to permit the Georgia Board to update the Physician's Profile reflecting this Consent Order.

5.

Respondent acknowledges that Respondent has read this Consent Order and understands its contents. Respondent understands that Respondent has the right to a hearing in this matter and freely, knowingly and voluntarily waives that right by entering into this Consent Order. Respondent understands and agrees that a representative of the Department of Law may be present during the Georgia Board's consideration of this Consent Order and that the Georgia Board shall have the authority to review the investigative file and all relevant evidence in considering this Consent Order. Respondent further understands that this Consent Order will not become effective until approved and docketed by the Georgia Board. Respondent understands that this Consent Order, once approved and docketed, shall constitute a public record, evidencing disciplinary action by the Georgia Board that may be disseminated as such. However, if this Consent Order is not approved, it shall not constitute an admission against interest in this proceeding, or prejudice the right of the Georgia Board to adjudicate this matter. Respondent

hereby consents to the terms and sanctions contained herein.

Approved this 5<sup>th</sup> ~~20~~ day of October ~~July~~, 2021.

**GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD**

(BOARD SEAL)



BY: *[Signature]*  
DESPINA DALTON, M.D. Chairperson

ATTEST: *[Signature]*  
LASHARN HUGHES, M.B.A.  
Executive Director

CONSENTED TO: *[Signature]*  
SONDRALYN FACKLER, M.D.  
Respondent

AS TO THE SIGNATURE OF  
SONDRALYN FACKLER, M.D.:  
Sworn to and subscribed before me  
This 20 day of July, 2021.

*[Signature]*  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
My Commission Expires:

