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BEFORE THE BOARD OF HEALING ARTS OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

KS State Board of Healing Arts

In the Matter of

Everette T. Sitzman, Jr., M.D.

Application for Change of Status

Of License to Practice Medicine and Surgery

From Inactive to Active

Kansas License No. 04-22079

KSBHA Docket No. 10-HA00020 OAH No. 10HA0003

JOURNAL ENTRY

NOW this February 19, 2010 the above captioned matter comes before the Board on the Motion of the parties to accept a Consent Order. The petitioner appears in person and by and through Charles R. Hay of Foulston, Siefkin, LLP. The respondent appears by and through Janith A. Lewis. There are no other appearances. The Board, having heard the statements of counsel, reviewed the file and being duly apprised of the premises makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

WHEREUPON, The members of the Board's disciplinary panel, Drs. Conley, Beezley, Leinwetter and Ms. Ice recuse themselves from these proceedings. Dr. Merle Hodges assumed the Chair of the hearing.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The petitioner and the respondent presented a detailed proposed Consent Order for consideration by the Board.
- 2. The petitioner presented the sworn testimony of Dr. Stevenson who described his medical practice, business arrangement with Dr. Sitzman and agreed to supervise Dr. Sitzman's psychiatric medical practice.

3. The petitioner was sworn as a witness and testified to the injuries caused

by his accident, his ability to practice psychiatric medicine and his agreement to practice

under the supervision of Dr. Stevenson.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Board approves Stages I and II of the Consent Order as proposed by

the parties as written.

2. The Board does not accept Stage III of the proposed Consent Order as

written.

3. The Board orders the parties to continue negotiations on the language of

Stage III of the proposed Consent Order.

4. The Board appoints Merle Hodges, M.D. as the Presiding Officer in this

matter to review the proposed Consent Order.

5. The Board grants the Presiding Officer the authority to enter a FINAL

ORDER on behalf of the Board in this matter pursuant to K.S.A. 77-514(g).

THEREFORE, after thoughtful consideration the Board:

1. GRANTS the MOTION TO ACCEPT CONSENT ORDER in part and

DENIES the MOTION TO ACCEPT CONSENT ORDER in part.

2. ORDERS the parties to renegotiate Stage III of the proposed Consent

Order.

3. APPOINTS Merle Hodges, M.D. as the Presiding Officer in this matter

with the authority to enter into a FINAL ORDER on behalf of the BOARD.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATE: February 24, 2010.

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CONSENT ORDER

COMES NOW, the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts, ("Board"), by and through Janith A. Lewis, Associate Litigation Counsel ("Petitioner"), and Everette T. Sitzman, Jr., M.D. ("Licensee"), by and through his attorney, Charles R. Hay, of Foulston Siefkin, LLP, and move the Board for approval of a Consent Order as a condition to granting active status of Licensee's license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Kansas. The Parties stipulate and agree to the following:

- Licensee's last known mailing address to the Board is: 4936 Somerset Drive,
 Prairie Village, Kansas 66207.
- 2. Licensee is or has been entitled to engage in the practice of medicine and surgery in the State of Kansas, having been issued License No. 04-22079 on approximately December 4, 1987. Licensee's license is currently inactive.
- 3. Licensee filed an application for change in status from inactive to active.
- 4. The Board is the sole and exclusive administrative agency in the State of Kansas authorized to regulate the practice of the healing arts, specifically the practice of medicine and surgery. K.S.A. 65-2801 et seq. and K.S.A. 65-2869.
- 5. This Consent Order and the filing of such document are in accordance with applicable law and the Board has jurisdiction to enter into the Consent Order as

provided by K.S.A. 77-505 and 65-2838. Upon approval, these stipulations shall constitute the findings of the Board, and this Consent Order shall constitute the Board's Final Order.

- 6. The Kansas Healing Arts Act is constitutional on its face and as applied in the case. Licensee agrees that, in considering this matter, the Board is not acting beyond its jurisdiction as provided by law.
- 7. Licensee voluntarily and knowingly waives his right to a hearing. Licensee voluntarily and knowingly waives his right to present a defense by oral testimony and documentary evidence, to submit rebuttal evidence, and to conduct cross-examination of witnesses. Licensee voluntarily and knowingly agrees to waive all possible substantive and procedural motions and defenses that could be raised if an administrative hearing were held.
- 8. The terms and conditions of the Consent Order are entered into between the undersigned parties and are submitted for the purpose of allowing these terms and conditions to become an Order of the Board. This Consent Order shall not be binding on the Board until an authorized signature is affixed at the end of this document. Licensee specifically acknowledges that counsel for the Board is not authorized to sign this Consent Order on behalf of the Board.
- 9. The Board has received information and investigated the same, and has reason to believe that there are grounds pursuant to K.S.A. 65-2836 (depaired K.S.A. 65-2836(j), to take action with respect to Licensee's request for a status change under the Healing Arts Act, K.S.A. 65-2801, et seq., as follows:

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b.	(confidential)
c.	(confidential)
d.	Licensee was previously licensed in Missouri. On or about May 1, 2009, Licensee was denied reinstatement by the Missouri Board of Registration for the Healing Arts ("Missouri Board"). He is appealing that decision.
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a. License was involved in a serious motorcycle accident in November 2006,

- 10. Licensee waives his right to dispute or otherwise contest the facts contained in the above paragraphs in any future proceeding before this Board.
- 11. A protective order is hereby entered to protect all confidential information under K.S.A. 65-2836 (confidential)
- 12. Pursuant to K.S.A. 65-2836(i) and K.S.A. 65-2836(j) the Board has grounds to deny, revoke, suspend, place on probation, limit, or censure Licensee's license.
- 13. According to K.S.A.65-2838(b), the Board has authority to enter into this Consent Order without the necessity of proceeding to a formal hearing.
- 14. All pending investigation materials regarding Licensee were fully reviewed and considered by the Board member(s) who serve on the Board's Disciplinary Panel.

 Disciplinary Panel No. 23 authorized and directed Board counsel to seek settlement of this matter with the provisions contained in this Consent Order.
- 15. In lieu of conducting a formal proceeding, Licensee, by signature affixed to this Consent Order, hereby voluntarily agrees to the following limitations and terms as a condition to being granted active status:

PRACTICE LIMITATIONS

- a. Licensee shall not practice medicine and surgery unless he complies with each of the following:
 - Licensee shall not engage in the solo practice of medicine and surgery.

ii. Licensee shall only practice in a supervised, structured environment in which all of Licensee's practice activities are overseen and supervised by Edward K. Stevenson, M.D., 5200 W. 94th Terrace, Suite 105, Prairie Village, KS 66207.

Stage One: Practice Observation

- iii. During the initial thirty (30) days of his association with Dr.Stevenson, Licensee shall only observe Dr. Stevenson's practice and shall not actively engage in any practice activities of his own.
- iv. At the end of the initial thirty (30) day period, Dr. Stevenson shall submit a written report to the Board's Compliance Coordinator outlining his assessment of Licensee's depth of knowledge and professional capability, based on discussions and analysis of specific cases which Licensee has surveyed during the observation period. Dr. Stevenson shall also detail his opinion as to whether Licensee should be allowed to practice on a limited basis and under his supervision.

Stage Two: Limited Practice

v. After the completion of the initial thirty (30) day period, and upon receipt of an affirmative opinion from Dr. Stevenson, Licensee shall be permitted to practice on a limited basis, for at least ninety (90) days as follows:

- All of Licensee's patients shall be selected and referred to him by Dr.
 Stevenson and shall be patients with psychiatric issues which Dr.
 Stevenson characterizes as "mild".
- Licensee shall not engage in more than thirty-five (35) hours of direct patient care each week.
- Licensee may only prescribe medications to patients under the supervision of Dr. Stevenson, who must pre-approve the specific medication, dosage, and duration of use.

Stage Three: Supervised Practice

- vi. At the end of the ninety (90) day limited period of practice, Dr. Stevenson shall submit a written report to the Board's Compliance Coordinator outlining his assessment of Licensee's professional performance and capability. Dr. Stevenson shall also detail his opinion as to whether Licensee should be allowed to continue practice under his supervision, but without restriction on patient type or hours spent in direct patient care. Thereafter, Licensee and Dr. Stevenson shall appear before the Board at the Board's next regularly scheduled meeting in order for the Board to determine whether or not Licensee may practice under Dr. Stevenson's supervision, but without restriction on patient type or hours spent in direct patient care.
- vii. Upon receipt of an affirmative opinion from Dr. Stevenson and approval of the Board, Licensee shall be permitted to practice under the continued supervision of Dr. Stevenson, without restriction as to patient type or hours of direct patient care, as Dr. Stevenson deems appropriate.
- viii. Licensee shall continue to only prescribe medications under the supervision and pre-approval of Dr. Stevenson which may be by protocol for medications which are not controlled substances.

- ix. Licensee shall follow all practice recommendations made by Dr.Stevenson.
- x. During the supervised practice period, Dr. Stevenson shall submit written quarterly reports (due on the first day of the respective month) to the Board's Compliance Coordinator.
- xi. Such reports shall include a summary of:
 - how many patients Licensee is providing direct care to in a five (5) day work week;
 - 2. how many hours, per five (5) day work week, Licensee is providing direct patient care;
 - the psychiatric illnesses and conditions that Licensee has been treating;
 - 4. whether Licensee is prescribing appropriate medications;
 - Dr. Stevenson's continuing assessment of Licensee's professional performance and capability.
- xii. Licensee is responsible for ensuring that Dr. Stevenson's reports are submitted by the quarterly deadlines.
- xiii. All reports shall be submitted to the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts, Attention: Compliance Coordinator, 235 S. Topeka Blvd., Topeka, Kansas 66603-3068.

LIMITATION TIMEFRAME

 b. The above practice limitations are not self-terminating. After a period of one (1) year of Stage Three Supervised Practice, Licensee may request termination of the practice limitation provisions. For any period of time that Licensee is not actively practicing medicine and surgery in Kansas, the limitations will remain in effect but will be tolled and not counted towards reducing the limitation timeframe.

PSYCHOPHARMACOLOGY CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

- c. On or before December 30, 2010, Licensee shall attend at least thirty (30) hours of psychopharmacology continuing medical education ("CME") coursework.
- d. The Nevada Psychiatric Association Annual Pharmacology Update course is approved for the number of CME hours Licensee receives. Licensee shall submit all pertinent information regarding additional courses he proposes to take to the Board's Compliance Coordinator.
- e. The Board designates Board Member Merle Hadges, M.D. to review and approve/disapprove any additional proposed educational courses required under this Consent Order.
- f. Licensee shall provide proof of attendance of all required hours of the approved psychopharmacology courses by submitting same, within thirty (30) days after completion, to the Board's Compliance Coordinator.

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- 16. Licensee's failure to comply with the provisions of the Consent Order may result in the Board taking further disciplinary action as the Board deems appropriate according to the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act and Kansas Healing Arts Act.
- 17. Nothing in this Consent Order shall be construed to deny the Board jurisdiction to investigate alleged violations of the Healing Arts Act, or to investigate complaints received under the Risk Management Law, K.S.A. 64-4921 et seq., that are known or unknown and are not covered under this Consent Order, or to initiate formal proceedings based upon known or unknown allegations of violations of the Healing Arts Act.
- 18. Licensee hereby releases the Board, its individual members (in their official and personal capacity), attorneys, employees and agents, hereinafter collectively

referred to as "Releasees", from any and all claims, including but not limited to those alleged damages, actions, liabilities, both administrative and civil, including the Kansas Act for Judicial Review and Civil Enforcement of Agency Actions, K.S.A. 77-601 et seq. arising out of the investigation and acts leading to the execution of this Consent Order. This release shall forever discharge the Releasees of any and all claims or demands of every kind and nature that Licensee has claimed to have had at the time of this release or might have had, either known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, and Licensee shall not commence to prosecute, cause or permit to be prosecuted, any action or proceeding of any description against the Releasees.

- 19. Licensee further understands and agrees that upon signature by Licensee, this document shall be deemed a public record and shall be reported to any reporting entities authorized to receive disclosure of the Consent Order.
- 20. This Consent Order, when signed by both parties, constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and may only be modified or amended by a subsequent document executed in the same manner by the parties.
- 21. Licensee agrees that all information maintained by the Board pertaining to the nature and result of any complaint and/or investigation may be fully disclosed to and considered by the Board in conjunction with the presentation of any offer of settlement, even if Licensee is not present. Licensee further acknowledges that the Board may conduct further inquiry as it deems necessary before the complete or partial acceptance or rejection of any offer of settlement.

- 22. Licensee, by signature to this document, waives any objection to the participation of the Board members and General Counsel in the consideration of this offer of settlement and agrees not to seek the disqualification or recusal of any Board member or General Counsel in any future proceedings on the basis that the Board member or General Counsel has received investigative information from any source which otherwise may not be admissible or admitted as evidence.
- 23. Licensee acknowledges that he has read this Consent Order and fully understands the contents.
- 24. Licensee acknowledges that this Consent Order has been entered into freely and voluntarily.
- 25. All correspondence or communication between Licensee and the Board relating to the Consent Order shall be by certified mail addressed to the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts, Attn: Janith A. Lewis, Associate Litigation Counsel, 235 S. Topeka Blvd., Topeka, Kansas 66603-3068.
- 26. Licensee shall obey all federal, state and local laws and rules governing the practice of medicine and surgery in the State of Kansas that may be in place at the time of execution of the Consent Order or may become effective subsequent to the execution of this document.
- 27. Upon execution of this Consent Order by affixing a Board authorized signature below, the provisions of this Consent Order shall become an Order under K.S.A. 65-2838. This Consent Order shall constitute the Board's Order when filed with the office of the Executive Director for the Board and no further Order is required.

28. The Board may consider all aspects of this Consent Order in any future matter regarding Licensee.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Consent Order and agreement of the parties contained herein is adopted by the Board as findings of fact and conclusions of law.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that upon meeting all technical requirements for such license status change, Licensee's status shall be changed to active.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

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IT IS SO ORDERED on this 24 day of February, 2010.

FOR THE KANSAS STATE BOARD OF HEALING ARTS:

Kathleen Selzler Vippers
Interim Executive Director

Date

Everette T. Sitzman, Jr., M.D.

Licensee

Date Jan 29, 2010

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, <u>Cathyfle Roun</u>, hereby certify that I served a true and correct copy of the Consent Order by United States mail, postage prepaid, on this <u>Agriculture</u>

February, 2010, to the following:

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- 1. The Kansas State Board of Healing Arts ("Board") at its February 19, 2010 meeting has granted the Presiding Officer the authority to issue a Final Order pursuant to K.S.A. 77-514(g).
- 2. The Presiding Officer has reviewed the language for the Consent Order as ordered by the Board at its February 19, 2010 meeting.
- 3. The Presiding Officer finds the Consent Order conforms to the order of the Board to protect the public and is incorporated by reference.

WHEREFORE, the MOTION of the parties to accept the CONSENT ORDER is GRANTED.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that this is a final order. A final order is effective upon service. A party to an agency proceeding may seek judicial review of a final order by filing a petition in the District Court as authorized by K.S.A. 77-601, et seq. Reconsideration of a final order is not a prerequisite to judicial review. A petition for judicial review is not timely unless filed within 30 days following service of the final order. A copy of any petition for judicial review must be served upon Kathleen Selzler Lippert, the Board's Acting Executive Director, at 235 SW Topeka Blvd., Topeka, KS 66603.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATE: February, 2010.

KANSAS STATE BOARD OF

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Merle Hodges, M.D., Presiding Officer

Kansas State Board of Healing Arts

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FINAL ORDER (Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-501 et seq.)

Pursuant to the authority granted to the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts ("Board") by K.S.A. 65-2801 et seq. and in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act K.S.A. 77-501 et seq., the Board hereby enters this Final Order in the above-captioned matter. Members of the Board serving on the Disciplinary Panel for this matter were recused from participation.

I. Findings of Fact

The Board has been shown the following facts:

- 1. Everette Sitzman, Jr. ("Licensee"), (confidential) Prairie Village, KS 66207, is licensed in the State of Kansas, License No. 04-22079, and was originally licensed on or about December 4, 1987.
- 2. Licensee was involved in a serious motorcycle accident in November 2006 which resulted in a severe traumatic brain injury to Licensee.
- Licensee voluntarily inactivated his license in the 2007-2008 renewal cycle following his accident.
- 4. On February 25, 2010, Licensee entered into a Consent Order with the Board setting forth terms and conditions for granting an active license to Licensee.
- 5. Pursuant to the terms of the Consent Order, Licensee agreed to limitations and terms, including, but not limited to:

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- II. Practice monitoring Licensee could not engage in the solo practice of medicine and surgery. Licensee was required to practice in supervised, structured environment and was to be overseen and supervised by Dr. Edward K. Stevenson, M.D. ("Dr. Stevenson")
- 6. Pursuant to the terms of the Consent Order, Licensee was also required to complete three steps:
 - II. Stage One: Practice Observation
 - III. Stage Two: Limited Practice
 - IV. Stage Three: Supervised Practice
- 7. Stage One required Licensee to observe Dr. Stevenson for thirty (30) days and prohibited Licensee from actively engaging in a practice of his own. At the end of the thirty (30) day period, Dr. Stevenson would submit a written report regarding Licensee's depth of knowledge and professional capability.
- 8. Stage Two permitted Licensee to practice on a limited basis for at least ninety (90) days with Dr. Stevenson selecting and referring patients with psychiatric issues characterized as "mild". Licensee was prohibited from engaging in more that thirty-five (35) hours of direct patient care per week.
- Dr. Stevenson would submit a written report to the Board outlining his
 assessment of Licensee's professional performance and capability after
 completion of Stage Two.
- 10. Dr. Stevenson has submitted two (2) written reports regarding Licensee's supervision. The first report was received on March 26, 2010 regarding the practice observation requirements of the Consent Order. The letter included

- Dr. Stevenson's affirmative opinion that Licensee should be permitted to proceed to Stage Two.
- 11. The second report was received on July 1, 2010 regarding Licensee's limited practice experience.
- 12. The second report includes Dr. Stevenson's affirmative opinion that Licensee should be permitted to continue supervised practice under Stage Three.
- 13. In addition, the Board has received additional information as required by the

 Consent Order including four (4) certificates of Continuing Medical

 Education in Psychopharmacology exceeding the required thirty (30) hours as
 set forth in the Consent Order. (confidential)

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14. Dr. Stevenson's July 1, 2010, second report opining that Licensee should be permitted to continue supervised practice under Stage Three served as the triggering event allowing Licensee to appear before the Board requesting permission to continue to Stage Three.

II. Applicable Law

- a. K.S.A. 65-2801
- b. K.S.A. 65-2836
- c. K.S.A. 65-2838
- d. K.S.A. 65-2869

III. Public Policy Statement

The public policy of regulating the practice of healing arts in the State of Kansas is set forth in K.S.A. 65-2801:

Recognizing that the practice of the healing arts is a privilege granted by legislative authority and is not a natural right of individuals, it is deemed

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necessary as a matter of policy in the interests of public health, safety and welfare, to provide laws and provisions covering the granting of that privilege and its subsequent use, control and regulation to the end that the public shall be properly protected against unprofessional, improper, unauthorized and unqualified practice of the healing arts and from unprofessional conduct by persons licensed to

IV. Conclusions of Law

Based upon the Findings of Fact enumerated in Paragraphs #1 through #14, the

Applicable Law and the Public Policy Statement set forth above:

THE BOARD HEREBY CONCLUDES AS FOLLOWS:

practice under this act.

15. Licensee entered into a Consent Order on February 25, 2010, which imposed

practice limitations and included supervision by Dr. Edward Stevenson.

16. On March 26, 2010, Dr. Stevenson provided a report indicating Licensee's

compliance with the practice limitations and stating his affirmative opinion

that Licensee should be allowed to proceed to Stage 2.

17. On July 1, 2010, the Board received Dr. Stevenson's second report indicating

Licensee's compliance with the practice limitations and stating his affirmative

opinion that Licensee should be allowed to proceed to Stage 3.

18. Licensee has complied with the terms of the Consent Order under Stages 1

and 2.

19. Licensee has complied with the terms of the Consent Order regarding an

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and psychopharmacology

continuing medical education.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, BY THE KANSAS STATE BOARD OF HEALING ARTS:

- 20. Licensee is hereby authorized to proceed to Stage 3 of the February 25, 2010, Consent Order.
- 21. The Board shall maintain jurisdiction over this matter to issue any Order(s) deemed necessary and appropriate.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 2 DAY OF 5, 2010, IN THE CITY OF TOPEKA, COUNTY OF SHAWNEE, STATE OF KANSAS.

Kathleen Selzler Lippert

Executive Director

Kansas State Board of Healing Arts

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Reconsideration of a Final Order is not a prerequisite to judicial review. A petition for judicial review is not timely unless filed within 30 days following service of the Final Order. A copy of any petition for judicial review must be served upon Kathleen Selzler Lippert, the Board's Executive Director, at 235 SW Topeka Blvd., Topeka, KS 66603.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing Final Order was served this day of representation of 2010 by depositing the same in the United States Mail, first-class postage prepaid and addressed to:

Everette Sitzman, M.D.

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF HEALING ARTS OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

KS State Board of Healing Arts

In the Matter of)	
Everette T. Sitzman, Jr., M.D.)	
)	KSBHA Docket No. 10-HA00020
Kansas License No. 04-22079)	
)	

FINAL ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO TERMINATE SUPERVISED PRACTICE

NOW, on this 12th day of August 2011, comes before the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts ("Board") the motion of Everette T. Sitzman, Jr., M.D. ("Licensee") for termination of supervised practice imposed under the terms of a Consent Order in Docket No. 10-HA00020. Licensee appears in person, and by and through his attorney, Charles R. Hay of Foulston Siefkin LLP. Janith A. Lewis, Associate Litigation Counsel, appears on behalf of the Respondent Board.

Pursuant to the authority granted to the Board by the Kansas Healing Arts Act, K.S.A. 65-2801, et seq., and in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act, K.S.A. 77-501, et seq., the Board hereby enters this Final Order following a conference hearing in the above-captioned matter. After reviewing the file, hearing the testimony and arguments of the parties, and being otherwise duly advised in the premises, the Board makes the following findings of fact, conclusions of law and order:

I. Findings of Fact

- 1. Everette T. Sitzman, Jr., M.D. ("Licensee"), is licensed to engage in the practice of medicine and surgery in the State of Kansas, License No. 04-22079, and has been so licensed since approximately December 4, 1987.
- Licensee's last known mailing address provided to the Board is: confidential
 Drive, Prairie Village, Kansas 66207.

Final Order Granting Motion To Terminate Supervised Practice Everette T. Sitzman, Jr., M.D. KSBHA Docket No. 10-HA00020 3. On or about February 25, 2010, Licensee entered into a Consent Order with the Board. Under the terms of the Consent Order, Licensee voluntarily agreed to adhere to certain practice limitations. The Consent Order set forth a three-stage supervision process to be completed by Licensee before removal of the practice limitations.

4. The terms of the Consent Order allow Licensee to request termination of the practice limitation provisions after a period of one (1) year of Stage Three Supervised Practice.

 The Consent Order further provides that Licensee's license status shall be changed to "active" upon a finding that Licensee has met all technical requirements.

6. On or about July 7, 2011, Licensee filed a Motion to Terminate Supervised Practice with the Board, pursuant to the terms of the Consent Order.

7. On July 8, 2011, the Respondent Board filed a Response to Licensee's Motion.

8. Licensee has demonstrated to the Board that he is currently in compliance with the requirements of the Consent Agreement, as follows:

a. Licensee has successfully completed all three stages of practice monitoring under the supervision and oversight of the appointed supervising physician.

b. Licensee's practice monitor has submitted the required monitoring reports and has recommended ending Licensee's supervision requirement and restoring Licensee's license to active status.

II. Applicable Law and Policy

9. K.S.A. 77-501 et seq. – Kansas Administrative Procedure Act.

10. K.S.A. 65-2801 et seq. – Kansas Healing Arts Act.

11. The public policy of regulating the practice of healing arts in the State of Kansas is set forth in K.S.A. 65-2801:

Recognizing that the practice of the healing arts is a privilege granted by legislative authority and is not a natural right of individuals, it is deemed necessary as a matter of policy in the interests of public health, safety and welfare, to provide laws and provisions covering the granting of that privilege and its subsequent use, control and regulation to the end that the public shall be properly protected against unprofessional, improper, unauthorized and unqualified practice of the healing arts and from unprofessional conduct by persons licensed to practice under this act.

III. Conclusions

Licensee has satisfactorily met all requirements of the Consent Order and has no further obligation for compliance.

IV. Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, BY THE KANSAS STATE BOARD OF HEALING ARTS, that Licensee has satisfied all terms and conditions of the Consent Order and that Licensee's motion to terminate supervised practice imposed by the Consent Order is hereby granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Board shall maintain jurisdiction over this matter to issue any future order(s) deemed necessary and appropriate.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 19 DAY OF 1011, IN THE CITY OF TOPEKA, COUNTY OF SHAWNEE, STATE OF KANSAS. , 2011, IN THE

Kathleen Selzler L

Executive Director

Kansas State Board of Healing Arts

Prepared and Approved by:

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Kansas State Board of Healing Arts

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Final Order was served this 22 day of August, 2011 by depositing the same in the

United States Mail, first-class, postage prepaid, and addressed to:

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