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BEFORE THE LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

No. 11-I-705

**IN THE MATTER OF:
ELIZABETH S. TAYLOR, M.D.**

**THIRD SUPERSEDING CONSENT
ORDER**

*(Credential No. MD.15104R),
Respondent*

Elizabeth S. Taylor, M.D. ("Dr. Taylor") is, and at all times present hereto has been, a physician licensed to practice medicine in the State of Louisiana, under the Louisiana Medical Practice Act ("the Act"), La. R.S. 37:1261 *et seq.*, as evidenced by credential No. MD.15104R. Dr. Taylor has practiced psychiatry in and around Baton Rouge, New Orleans, Slidell, Houma, Thibodeaux, and Alexandria, Louisiana.

Dr. Taylor has previously been the subject of disciplinary action by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") relating to her professional conduct. Specifically, by Consent Order effective May 20, 2013, Dr. Taylor's license to practice medicine was placed on probation for three (3) years due to boundary violations with a patient in violation of the Act as described in the 2013 Consent Order.¹ See La. R.S. 37:1285(A)(13); La. Admin. Code. tit. 46, Pt. XLV, § 7603(A)(1). During this initial investigation, Dr. Taylor self-reported to the Healthcare Professionals' Foundation of Louisiana (the "HPFL"), Physicians' Health Program (the "PHP"), where she submitted to a Board-approved evaluation and treatment. The initial Consent Order required Dr. Taylor to continue treatment with PHP, limited her practice to the treatment of female patients, and required Dr. Taylor to establish a monitoring program. That Consent Order also imposed other additional stipulations, including attending Continuing Medical Education ("CME") courses, and cooperating with the Board's Probation and Compliance Officer. Based on the PHP's recommendation, a Superseding Order, effective December 9, 2013, allowed Dr. Taylor to pursue medical practice with both male and female patients.² Dr. Taylor's December 9, 2013

¹ *Consent Order*, In the Matter of Elizabeth Taylor, M.D., Cert. No. 15104R, No. 11-I-705, La. State Bd. Med. Exam. (May 20, 2013).

² *Superseding Order*, In the Matter of Elizabeth Taylor, M.D., Cert. No. 15104R, No. 11-I-705, La. State Bd. Med. Exam. (May 20, 2013).

Superseding Order was followed by yet another Superseding Order, effective March 29, 2021,⁵ extending her probationary period for another year due to her failure to follow and abide by the stipulations outlined within the 2013 Consent Order as well additional violations under the Act.

One of the stipulations within Dr. Taylor's 2013 Consent Order and Second Superseding Order required Board approval of her practice setting prior to commencing work. The Board summarily suspended Dr. Taylor's medical license on or about February 7, 2023 after receiving apparently reliable information that she had been providing telemedicine services for a facility in Baton Rouge since November 2022 without the Board being made aware and approving of this practice setting. Dr. Taylor previously requested Board approval of an unrelated practice setting also entailing the provision of telemedicine services, which the Board denied during its meeting on September 26, 2022.

Predicated upon the foregoing information, Lawrence H. Cresswell, III, D.O., J.D., Director of Investigations (the "Investigating Officer") and the Investigative Officer assigned by the Board with respect to this matter, determined reasonable cause existed such that a formal Administrative Complaint could be filed against Dr. Taylor for violating the Act and associated Board Rules, specifically, La. R.S. 37:1285(A)(13);⁶ 37:1285(30) and La. Admin. Code. tit. 46, Pt. XLV, §§ 7507(A)(1) & (2); § 7517(A).⁷

Dr. Taylor likewise acknowledges that the foregoing information would provide the Investigating Officer with probable cause to pursue formal administrative proceedings against her, and that proof of such information upon administrative evidentiary hearing could establish grounds under the Act for the suspension, revocation or imposition of such other terms, conditions, or restrictions on her license to practice medicine in the State of Louisiana as the Board may determine appropriate.

Recognizing her right to have notice and administrative adjudication of any charges that may be filed in this matter, at which time she would be entitled to be represented by legal counsel, to call witnesses and to present evidence on her own behalf in defense or in mitigation of the charges made, and to a decision thereon by the Board based upon written findings of fact and conclusions of law, pursuant to La. R.S. 49:950, *et seq.*, Dr. Taylor nonetheless hereby waives her

⁵ *Second Superseding Order*, In the Matter of Elizabeth Taylor, M.D., Cert. No. 15104R, No. 11-I-705, La. State Bd. Med. Exam. (March 29, 2021).

⁶ A physician violates the Act when he or she engages in "unprofessional conduct," a statutory term encompassing a broad array of misconduct, including "failing to cooperate with the Board."

⁷ The Act violation under La. R.S. 37:1285(A)(30) relates to the latter two Board Rules relating to Telemedicine, specifically, the inability for a physician to engage in such practice with a restricted license. See La. R.S. 37:1285(A)(30) (Act violation for physician to violate any rules or regulations of the Board); La. Admin. Code. tit. 46, Pt. XLV, § 7507(A)(1) & (2) ("The practice of medicine is deemed to occur at the location of the patient. Therefore, ***no physician shall utilize telemedicine to provide medical services to patients located in this state unless the physician: 1. holds an unrestricted Louisiana medical license; or 2. holds a telemedicine permit as provided in §408 of these rules***") (emphasis added); La. Admin. Code. tit. 46, Pt. XLV, § 7517(A) (violating Board's Telemedicine Rules constitutes both "unprofessional conduct" as well as "conduct in contravention of the board's rules, in violation of R.S. 37:1285(A)(30)").

right to notice and formal adjudication and, pursuant to La. R.S. 49:975(D),⁸ consents to the entry of the Order set forth hereinafter. By her subscription hereto, Dr. Taylor also acknowledges that she waives any right to which she may be entitled pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La. R.S. 49:950 *et seq.*, or which otherwise may be afforded to her by law, to contest her agreement to or the force and effect of this document in any court or other forum relating to the matters referred to herein. By her subscription hereto, Dr. Taylor also hereby authorizes the Investigating Officer designated by the Board with respect hereto to present this Consent Order to the Board for its consideration and to fully disclose and to discuss with the Board the nature and result of the investigation and waives any objection to such disclosures under La. R.S. 49:977.2.⁹ Dr. Taylor expressly acknowledges that the disclosure of information to the Board by the Investigating Officer shall be without prejudice to the Investigating Officer's authority to pursue formal administrative charges against her or to the Board's capacity to adjudicate such charges should the Board decline to approve this Consent Order.

Based upon the information provided, and upon the recommendation of the Investigating Officer, the Board hereby concludes that, consistent with its mandate under La. R.S. 37:1261, the interests of public health, safety, and welfare will be effectively served by entry of the Order set forth hereinafter by consent. Accordingly, in consideration of the foregoing and pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by La. R.S. 37:1285 and La. R.S. 49:975(D);¹⁰

IT IS ORDERED that Elizabeth S. Taylor, M.D. be **OFFICIALLY REPRIMANDED** by the Board for her conduct.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the license of Elizabeth S. Taylor, M.D., Credential No. MD.15104R, to engage in the practice of medicine be **REINSTATED** and placed **ON PROBATION** for a period of two (2) years (the "probationary period") commencing on the effective date of this Order, provided however, that Dr. Taylor's continuing exercise of any rights and privileges granted thereby, shall be conditioned upon and subject to her acceptance of and strict compliance with the following terms, conditions, and restrictions:

- (1) **Board Approved Practice.** Dr. Taylor shall not engage in the practice of medicine other than at and within the course and scope of a clinical practice setting approved in writing by the Board, **and she fully understands that she is prohibited from engaging in any medical practice setting utilizing Telemedicine, either in full or in part, during the probationary period, and that the Board shall not approve of any such proposed practice setting during the probationary period.** Dr. Taylor shall not work in a solo practice setting. Dr. Taylor's medical practice shall remain within the role of medication management, assessment, or intake clinical interviewing. Dr. Taylor shall work with adults only and shall not be engaged in the treatment of children or adolescents. Dr. Taylor shall, moreover, be limited in

⁸ This statute within the APA previously had been codified under La. R.S. 49:955(D) and has since been redesignated per legislative amendment during the 2022 general session. 2022 La. Sess. Law Serv. Act 663 (S.B. 67) (WEST).

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¹⁰ See *supra* footnote 8.

her availability to work to the extent that she shall have two days per week on which she is not on call and is not required to work.

- (2) **Continuing Treatment, Participation in PHP, Reports to Board.** Dr. Taylor shall continue to maintain a monitoring agreement with the HPFL PHP. Dr. Taylor shall continue in, abide by and strictly adhere to all recommendations for ongoing treatment and monitoring which are or may be contained in her PHP monitoring agreement and any amendments thereto, or any subsequent agreement or amendments thereto which may be recommended by the PHP, including but not limited to any recommendations regarding outpatient therapy or treatment or submission to polygraph examinations or other recommended testing, as well as those recommended by her treating physicians and those prescribed by any health care provider involved in her care. Dr. Taylor shall, in addition, continue to authorize and cause her treating and monitoring physicians and/or PHP to submit to the Board, not less frequently than quarterly throughout the probationary period, written reports on her treatment program, diagnosis, prognosis and compliance with the terms, conditions, and restrictions of this Third Superseding Consent Order and her PHP monitoring agreement.
- (3) **Board Access to Treatment Records and Reports.** Dr. Taylor shall and does by her subscription hereto authorize any physician, healthcare professional or any institution at which she undergoes treatment, as well as any physician under whose care she may come at such an institution, who has or may hereafter evaluate, diagnose, treat or monitor her, to provide the Board with copies of all medical reports relating to Dr. Taylor's history, examination, evaluation, diagnosis, treatment and prognosis and to provide the Board with written and verbal reports relative thereto. Dr. Taylor expressly waives any privilege that may otherwise be afforded the disclosure of such records pursuant to state or federal law and acknowledges that she shall immediately provide the Board written authorization to obtain such records upon request.
- (4) **Notification of Order and Authorization.** Dr. Taylor shall provide a copy of this Third Superseding Consent Order to each hospital, clinic, facility or other employer or prospective employer at which or for whom she provides services as a physician in this state, and upon request of the Board's probation officer Dr. Taylor shall immediately execute and provide, as may be necessary, authorization to obtain any and all peer review records or other employment records pertaining to Dr. Taylor from any hospital, institution or other health care entity where Dr. Taylor has or has had privileges.
- (5) **Practice Monitoring.** The terms and conditions related to the Practice Monitoring provision contained within Dr. Taylor's Second Superseding Consent Order (¶ 4) are hereby fully incorporated into this Third Superseding Consent Order by reference, and continued in full force and effect for the duration of the extended probationary period.
- (6) **Treatment of Self, Family Members, Co-Workers Prohibited.** Except as may be necessitated by an emergency or life-threatening medical condition, Dr. Taylor shall

not, for the remainder of her medical career, undertake to treat, dispense, prescribe or administer any medication, controlled or non-controlled substances, nor render any medical care to her children, spouse, or any member of her immediate family, or anyone with whom she works. In addition, Dr. Taylor shall arrange for other physicians to attend to her own health care needs.

- (7) **Couse on Ethics/Professionalism.** Within twelve (12) months of the effective date of this Order, Dr. Taylor shall attend and successfully complete a course (or courses) on Ethics/Professionalism, with a list of approved courses available for review on the Board's website at <https://a.storyblok.com/f/150540/x/bfa0e6dafa/board-approved-cme-courses-7-14-2022.pdf>. On or before the expiration of twelve (12) months from the effective date of the Order, Dr. Taylor shall cause to be submitted to the Board or its designee written certification of satisfaction of the requirements of this provision. Dr. Taylor understands that the Continuing Medical Education ("CME") requirement contained within this paragraph is in addition to, and not in lieu of, any other CME requirements contained within her monitoring agreement with the HPFL.
- (8) **Online Laws and Rules Course for Louisiana Physicians.** Within six (6) months of the effective date of this Order, Dr. Taylor shall complete the free online course "Laws and Rules for Louisiana Physicians," which may be accessed through the following link, <https://www.lsbme.la.gov/content/board-orientations-online-courses>. Verification that Dr. Taylor has satisfied this provision may be submitted via a certificate of completion from CE Broker. Dr. Taylor shall print out a hardcopy/print PDF of the certificate of completion produced through CE Broker, the same of which she shall either mail or email to her assigned Probation Compliance Office.
- (9) **Cooperation with Board's Probation and Compliance Officer and HPFL.** Dr. Taylor shall immediately notify the Board's Probation and Compliance Officer of any change in her current home/professional addresses, telephone numbers and/or email addresses, and she shall direct all matters required pursuant to this Order to the attention of the Probation and Compliance Officer. Dr. Taylor shall cooperate with the Probation and Compliance Officer and the HPFL on all matters and inquiries pertaining to her compliance with the terms and conditions of this Order, specifically including without limitation providing cooperation and assistance to the Board, its designee, or the HPFL in obtaining any records required under this Third Superseding Consent Order.
- (10) **Absence from the State/Practice/Effect on Probation.** Should Dr. Taylor at any time be absent from the State of Louisiana, relocate to and/or take up residency in another state or country, or discontinue practicing as a physician for a period of thirty (30) days or more she shall so advise the Board in writing. In such instance, the probationary period and all terms, conditions and restrictions thereof shall be deemed interrupted and extended and shall not commence again until Dr. Taylor notifies the Board in writing that she has resumed the practice of medicine in Louisiana.

- (11) **Probation Monitoring Fee.** For each year during the probationary period, Dr. Taylor shall pay the Board an annual probation monitoring fee of Three Hundred (\$300.00) Dollars. Per Dr. Taylor's prior Consent Orders such annual payments shall be due on or before May 18 for each year Dr. Taylor remains on probation, with the next payment being due on or prior to May 18, 2023.
- (12) **Payment of Fine.** Within one-hundred eighty (180) days of the effective date of this Third Superseding Consent Order, Dr. Taylor shall pay to the Board a fine in the amount of five-thousand dollars (\$5,000).
- (13) **Self-Reporting of Violations.** Dr. Taylor shall immediately self-report in writing to the Board or its designee any violation or failure to adhere to the terms, conditions, or restrictions of this Third Superseding Consent Order. Furthermore, Dr. Taylor shall immediately self-report in writing to the Board any personal action or inaction which constitutes a violation of the Act in accordance with La. R.S. 37:1285(A)(31).
- (14) **Additional Probationary Terms.** In addition to such other terms and conditions as are placed upon her license to practice medicine by this Third Superseding Consent Order, Dr. Taylor hereby consents to, agrees with and acquiesces in the imposition of any additional terms, conditions or restrictions, as well as the length and nature thereof, including, but not limited to, restrictions as to the nature, scope, location and supervision of her practice, additional treatment, reports and evaluations, and an extension of her probationary period, which the Board in its sole discretion may deem necessary and appropriate to impose thereon.
- (15) **Effect of Violation/Sanction.** By her subscription hereto, and after being provided notice of the option to retain legal counsel of her choice to represent her interest, at her own expense, under La. Admin. Code, tit. 46, pt. XLV, §§ 9709(B)(3)(b) and 9711(B), and after being provided with an opportunity to review all non-confidential and non-privileged files and records pertaining to the Board's case against her under La. R.S. 37:1285.2(F)(1)(a), Dr. Taylor voluntarily, knowingly and intelligently consents and agrees that her receipt of written notification that the Board has received reliable information indicating her failure to comply with the requirements set forth by this Third Superseding Consent Order in any respect shall be deemed the equivalent of an enumerated violation provided in La. R.S. 37:1285(A), without the need for formal hearings or for providing her with any right to which she may otherwise be entitled pursuant to under the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La. R.S. 49:950 *et seq.*, or which otherwise might be afforded to Dr. Taylor by law or rule, and shall constitute her irrevocable consent to the immediate suspension of her license to practice medicine in this state, or to such other action against Dr. Taylor's license to practice medicine in the State of Louisiana as the Board may deem appropriate.
- (16) **Certification of Compliance with Probationary Terms.** At least sixty (60) days prior to the conclusion of the probationary period imposed herein, Dr. Taylor shall provide the Board with an affidavit certifying that she has complied with each of the terms of probation imposed by this Third Superseding Consent Order. The

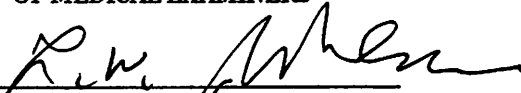
probationary period and all its terms, conditions and restrictions shall be, and shall be deemed to be, extended, and continued in full force and effect either pending Dr. Taylor's compliance with the requirements of this provision, or in accordance with ¶ 14 referenced *supra*.

(17) **Effective Date.** This Consent Order shall be effective as of the date it is approved and accepted by the Board as shown by the signature of the Board's representative below.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Consent Order shall be and shall be deemed to be a **PUBLIC RECORD**, and shall likewise be reported on the Board's website, <https://www.lsbme.la.gov/>, under "Disciplinary Actions."

New Orleans, Louisiana, this 27th day of March,
2023.

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

By: 
LESTER W. JOHNSON, M.D.
President

(Acknowledgement and Consent on following page)

ACKNOWLEDGMENT
AND CONSENT

STATE OF Louisiana
PARISH/COUNTY OF Terrebonne

I, **ELIZABETH S. TAYLOR, M.D.**, hereby acknowledge that I have had the opportunity to seek the advice and guidance of legal counsel with respect to this Third Superseding Consent Order and that all its terms and conditions have been fully explained to me and/or that I fully understand them. I further acknowledge that I approve, accept, and consent, with such consent being voluntary, knowing, and intelligent, to entry of the above and foregoing Order without duress and of my own free will and accord, this 8th day of March, 2023.

Elizabeth Taylor
ELIZABETH S. TAYLOR, M.D.

WITNESSES:

Vidal Prograis
Signature

Tina Scott
Signature

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Typed Name

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th day of March, 2023, in the presence of the two stated witnesses.

Mark A. Mouton
Notary Public (Signature)

Name: Mark A. Mouton

Notary/Bar No.: 141026

Commission expires: 2024



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