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**BEFORE THE
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OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

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No. 11-I-705

IN THE MATTER OF:

ELIZABETH S. TAYLOR, M.D.
(Credential No. MD.15104R),
Respondent

**SECOND SUPERSEDING
CONSENT ORDER**

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, pursuant to 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 the course of this initial investigation, Dr. Taylor self-reported to the Healthcare Professionals' Foundation of Louisiana ("HPFL"), Physicians' Health Program ("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 males and female patients.²

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. (Dec. 9, 2013).

Since the entry of the Superseding Order, the LSBME has received reliable information that Dr. Taylor failed to fully and timely comply with the stipulations outlined in the Board's orders. Moreover, information obtained by the Board indicates that Dr. Taylor has engaged in additional conduct that would warrant disciplinary action, including writing a prescription without medical justification in violation of La. R.S. 37:1285(A)(6)³ and failing to keep appropriate medical records in violation of La. R.S. 37:1285(A)(13).⁴

Despite her apparent failure to comply with the terms of probation and subsequent violations, Dr. Taylor has repeatedly requested to end her probationary period. Based on the above-described information, however, an end to the probationary period is not appropriate at this time. Rather, the Board has determined that a second superseding consent order will properly serve the public interest.

Dr. Taylor acknowledges that the foregoing information would provide the Investigating Officer for the Board with probable cause to pursue formal administrative proceedings against her for violations of the Consent Order and Superseding Consent Order and of the Act, La. R.S. 37:1285(A)(6); (13), and further, 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. 49:951 *et seq.*, Dr. Taylor nonetheless, hereby waives her right to notice and formal adjudication and, pursuant to La. R.S. 49:955(D), consents to the entry of the Second Superseding Consent Order set forth hereinafter. By her subscription hereto, Dr. Taylor also acknowledges that she waives any right to which she may be entitled under the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La. R.S. 49:951 *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 Second Superseding 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. 49:960. Dr. Taylor expressly acknowledges that the

³ Under La. R.S. 37:1285(A)(6), the Board may take action against a medical license for "[p]rescribing, dispensing, or administering legally controlled substances or any dependency-inducing medication without legitimate medical justification therefor or in other than a legal or legitimate manner."

⁴ Under La. R.S. 37:1285(A)(13), the Board may take action against a medical license for "[u]nprofessional conduct, including but not limited to, . . . intentionally falsifying or fraudulently altering records, or failing to create or maintain medical records."

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 Second Superseding 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. 49:955(D);

IT IS ORDERED that the license of Elizabeth S. Taylor, M.D. is and shall remain **ON PROBATION** for the conduct described above for a period one (1) year from the effective date of this Second Superseding Consent Order; and provided further that Dr. Taylor's license to practice medicine and her continuing exercise of the rights and privileges granted to her thereby, shall be conditioned upon and subject to her acceptance of and strict compliance with the following terms, conditions, and restrictions:

- (1) 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 Second Superseding Consent Order and her PHP monitoring agreement.
- (2) 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.

- (3) Notification of Order and Authorization.** Dr. Taylor shall provide a copy of this Second 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.
- (4) Practice Monitoring.** Dr. Taylor shall, within one (1) month from entry of this Second Superseding Consent Order, enter into a contract or arrangement with another physician (the "Practice Monitor"), who has been pre-approved in writing by the Board or the HPFL. The Practice Monitor shall be a physician who is in good standing with the Board. For the duration of the probationary period, the Practice Monitor shall review no less than twelve (12) medical records quarterly and provide quarterly written reports to the HPFL attesting to whether Dr. Taylor's care of her patients is within established clinical boundaries and standards of care. The Practice Monitor also shall notify the HPFL of any incidents of inappropriate conduct involving boundaries or disruptive or inappropriate workplace behavior. Any and all fees, costs or expenses incurred by Dr. Taylor in connection with this monitoring requirement shall be borne by Dr. Taylor. Practice monitoring of Dr. Taylor shall not conclude until the Board or its designee has received at least four consecutive positive quarterly reports from the Practice Monitor. After the Board or its designee has received four consecutive positive quarterly reports, Dr. Taylor may petition the Board to terminate this condition of probation, which request the Board in its sole discretion may grant or deny. In the event the Board denies such a request, the practice monitoring will continue at the Board's discretion or until this probation is terminated.
- (5) 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. 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 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.
- (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) **Probation Monitoring Fee.** For each year of the probation, Dr. Taylor shall pay the Board an annual probation monitoring fee of Three Hundred (\$300.00) Dollars. On May 2, 2020, Dr. Taylor paid the annual probation monitoring fee required under her previous orders for the current year. Her first payment under this Second Superseding Consent Order shall be due on May 18, 2021. All subsequent annual payments shall be due on or before May 18 for each year Dr. Taylor remains on probation.
- (8) **Effect of Violation/Sanction.** By her subscription hereto, Dr. Taylor acknowledges that upon her receipt of written notification that the Board has received reliable information indicating her failure to comply with the requirements set forth by this Second Superseding Consent Order in any respect shall, without the need for formal hearing or for providing her with any right to which she may otherwise be entitled pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La. R.S. 49:951, *et seq.*, or which otherwise may be afforded to her by law, constitute her irrevocable consent to the immediate or continued suspension of her license to practice medicine in this state pending a hearing before the Board and the conclusion of the administrative proceeding by issuance of a final decision following administrative adjudication of such charges.
- (9) **Certification of Compliance with Probationary Terms.** At least sixty (60) days prior to the conclusion of the probationary period imposed herein, Dr. Taylor shall file a written request for termination of probation in accordance with this paragraph. As a precondition to her request for termination of probation, Dr. Taylor shall provide the Board with an executed affidavit certifying that she has complied with each of the terms of probation imposed upon her by this Second Superseding Consent Order. The probationary period and all of its terms and conditions shall be, and shall be deemed to be, extended and continued in full force and effect pending Dr. Taylor's compliance with the requirements of this provision.
- (10) **Effective Date.** This Second Superseding 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 any violation of or failure to strictly comply with this Order by Dr. Taylor shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for such action against Dr. Taylor's license to practice medicine in this state as the Board may deem appropriate, as if such violation were enumerated among the causes provided in La. R.S. 37:1285.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Second Superseding Consent Order entered by and between Dr. Taylor and the Board shall amend the previous orders effective May 20, 2013,

and December 9, 2013, which shall remain effective except as to terms that have been modified by this Second Superseding Consent Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Second Superseding Consent Order shall be and shall be deemed to be a public record.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this 29th day of March, 2021.

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD
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By: 

RODERICK V. CLARK, M.D.,
M.B.A.
President

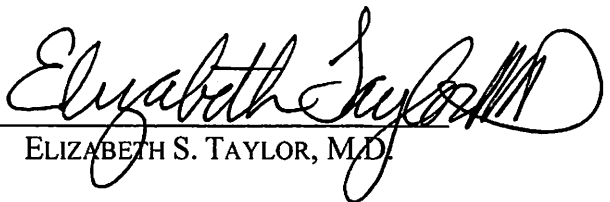
Acknowledgment and Consent on Following Page

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT
AND CONSENT**

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH 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 Second Superseding Consent Order and that all of 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 to entry of the above and foregoing Order without duress and of my own free will and accord, this 11th day of February, 2021.


ELIZABETH S. TAYLOR, M.D.

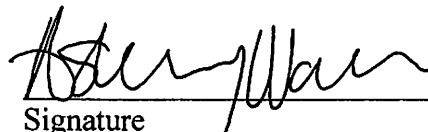
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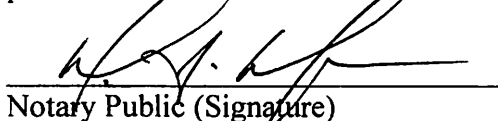

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this
11th day of February, 2021, in the
presence of the two stated witnesses.


Notary Public (Signature)

Name: Mark A. Mouton

Notary/Bar No.: 141026

Commission expires: Lifetime



Mark A. Mouton
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