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In the Matter Of : No. 91-I-041
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JERI LYNN RASCH, M.D. :
(Certificate No. 013324), :
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Respondent. : **CONSENT**
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_____ X **ORDER**

The Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners ("Board") has developed apparently reliable information indicating that Jeri Lynn Rasch, M.D. ("Dr. Rasch"), a physician licensed to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana, suffers from the recurrent use and abuse of drugs.

Accordingly, based upon the foregoing, the Board has probable cause for filing a formal Administrative Complaint against Dr. Rasch, charging her with violations of the Louisiana Medical Practice Act, to wit: LSA-R.S. § 37:1285A(5) "[h]abitual or recurring abuse of drugs;" and LSA-R.S. § 37:1285A(25) "[i]nability to practice medicine...with reasonable skill or safety to patient because of...excessive use or abuse of drugs."

During the course of it's investigation, the Board received apparently reliable information indicating that the Respondent voluntarily sought admission of herself to Charter Forest Hospital ("Treatment Facility") under the management and care of various physicians for treatment her drug addiction and psychological diagnosis. As of this date, Dr. Rasch remains in active treatment for these conditions.

As evidenced by her subscription hereto, Dr. Rasch admits that she has suffered from the recurrent use and abuse of drugs. Nevertheless, on the basis of information provided to and received by the Board, and with Dr. Rasch's knowledge and consent, the Board is persuaded that the conditions from which Respondent suffers may be susceptible to effective medical treatment, resulting in restoration of Dr. Rasch's capacity to engage in

the practice of medicine with reasonable skill and safety of patients, providing that Dr. Rasch strictly observes and complies with reasonable and appropriate restrictions on and conditions to maintenance of her medical licensure. In consideration on this finding, accordingly, and on the recommendation of the Investigating Officer respecting the pending investigation, the Board has concluded that its responsibility to insure the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of this state against the unprofessional, unqualified and unsafe practice of medicine, LSA-R.S. § 37:1261, will be effectively served by entry of the order set forth hereinafter by consent.

Recognizing her right to have notice of the allegations and charges asserted against her, to administrative adjudication of such charges pursuant to LSA-R.S. §§ 49:955-58, and to a final decision rendered upon written findings of fact and conclusions of law, Dr. Rasch, nonetheless, hereby waives her right to notice of charges and formal adjudication and, pursuant to LSA-R.S. § 49:955D, consents to entry of the Order set forth hereinafter. By her subscription hereto, Dr. Rasch 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 to and discuss with the Board the nature and the results of the investigation.

Accordingly, in consideration of the foregoing and, pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by the LSA-R.S. § 37:1285 and LSA-R.S. § 49:955D;

IT IS ORDERED that the license of Jeri Lynn Rasch, M.D. to engage in the practice of medicine in the state of Louisiana, as evidenced by Certificate No. 013324, be, and the same is hereby, effective as of the date hereof, **SUSPENDED**; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Board's reinstatement of Dr. Rasch's license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana, shall be subject to her acceptance and strict compliance with the following terms, conditions and restrictions:

(a) *Inpatient Treatment.* Dr. Rasch shall, at her own expense, continue in inpatient evaluation and treatment for her drug abuse and such other conditions or diseases from which she may be diagnosed to suffer at the Treatment Facility. Dr. Rasch shall continue under such inpatient treatment at the Treatment Facility until her discharge therefrom by her treating physicians.

(b) *Outpatient Treatment and Aftercare.* Prior to or upon discharge from inpatient treatment, Dr. Rasch shall enter into and execute a treatment contract with the Treatment Facility providing for such continuing outpatient treatment and aftercare monitoring as may be prescribed or recommended for Dr. Rasch by the Treatment Facility. Dr. Rasch shall be responsible for providing the Board with a copy of such treatment contract within 10 days of her discharge from the Treatment Facility.

(c) *Board Access to Inpatient Treatment Records and Reports.* Dr. Rasch shall, and does by her subscription hereto, authorize the Treatment Facility and any physician under whose care she may come at such institution, and any physician who may hereafter evaluate, diagnose or treat her to provide the Board with copies of all medical records relating to Dr. Rasch's history, examination, evaluation, diagnosis, treatment and

prognosis and to provide the Board with written and verbal reports relative thereto.

(d) *Psychiatric Evaluation/Treatment.* Dr. Rasch shall, at her own expense, submit to such examination and treatment as may be ordered or recommended by a psychiatrist, approved by the Board in writing. Such evaluation and/or treatment may be initiated at the Treatment Facility; otherwise, such evaluation and/or treatment shall begin no later than 15 days following discharge from the Treatment Facility. Consistent with, and as an expressed condition hereof, Dr. Rasch shall authorize, approve and cause to be submitted to the Board by said psychiatrist written evaluations, at least quarterly, during the course of her treatment, setting forth said physician's findings relative to Dr. Rasch's diagnosis, prognosis, treatment and fitness, as well as her capacity to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients.

(e) *Notice of Discharge.* Dr. Rasch shall, within 3 days of her discharge from the inpatient treatment identified hereinabove, give the Board written notice thereof, and shall cause the Treatment Facility and her treating physicians to provide the Board, not later than 10 days following her discharge, with a complete copy of Dr. Rasch's medical records, together with her treating physicians' discharge diagnosis and prognosis and their prescription or recommendations for continuing outpatient and/or aftercare treatment, therapy and monitoring.

(f) *Personal Appearance Before Board.* Upon completion of her inpatient treatment at the Treatment Facility and notification of discharge from same as required hereinabove, Dr. Rasch shall contact the Board office and request a personal appearance before the Board at its next regularly scheduled meeting to permit the Board to consider her compliance with the terms of this Order and her then-current prognosis and diagnosis with respect to her substance abuse and/or psychiatric treatment.

(g) *Suspension of Practice/Reinstatement.* Dr. Rasch shall not practice medicine in any form in the state of Louisiana until and unless the Board issues and serves on Dr. Rasch a written order reinstating her license to practice medicine. As expressed conditions to the issuance of such Order, in addition to such other conditions as are set forth hereinabove and hereinafter, Dr. Rasch shall have been discharged from the Treatment Facility and shall have received the opinion of two physicians acceptable to the Board that Dr. Rasch is then capable of practicing medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients, based upon their personal examination, evaluation and diagnosis of Dr. Rasch.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that upon Dr. Rasch's compliance with and complete and continuing satisfaction of the terms, conditions and restrictions hereinabove set forth, her license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana shall be reinstated by the Board, **ON PROBATION**, for a period of (3) years from the date of her discharge from inpatient treatment at the Treatment Facility; provided, however, that such reinstatement of licensure, and Dr. Rasch's continuing exercise of the rights and privileges thereunder, shall

be conditioned upon her acceptance and strict compliance with the following terms, conditions and restrictions:

(a) *Periodic Outpatient/Aftercare Reports.* Following her discharge from the inpatient treatment, Dr. Rasch shall continue under treatment, consistent with the prescription and recommendations of her treating physicians at the Treatment Facility, under the care of a physician acceptable to the Board as Dr. Rasch's primary treating physician and Dr. Rasch shall authorize and cause such physician to submit to the Board, not less frequently than quarterly until such requirement is waived by the Board in writing, written reports on Dr. Rasch's then-current treatment program, diagnosis, prognosis, and her compliance with the terms and conditions of this Order and any aftercare agreement she may execute thereafter.

(b) *Aftercare Treatment Contract.* Following her discharge from inpatient treatment, Dr. Rasch shall enter into and execute a Treatment Contract with an Impaired Physicians Committee of the Louisiana State Medical Society, providing for her aftercare monitoring and treatment under the care of a specified treating physician acceptable to the Board and under the supervision of a monitoring physician designated by such Committee, and further providing for Dr. Rasch's regular attendance at Alcoholics Anonymous and/or Caduceus Club meetings.

(c) *Prohibition from Resuming the Practice of Anesthesiology.* Upon the reinstatement of her medical licensure consistent with the terms, conditions and restrictions identified hereinabove, Dr. Rasch shall not, at any time for the remainder of her medical career, unless specifically authorized by the Board in writing, return to or engage in any fashion, in the practice of anesthesiology.

(d) *Continuing Medical Education.* Dr. Rasch shall obtain not less than 50 credit hours per year for each of three successive years following entry of this Order through attendance at and participation in continuing medical education (CME) programs accredited by and qualifying for the Physician's Recognition Award of the American Medical Association, and she shall obtain such award within three years from the date of her discharged from the Treatment Facility. On or before each of the three successive anniversary dates of her discharge from inpatient treatment, Dr. Rasch shall cause to be submitted to the Board written certification of the CME programs and credits completed by her during the preceding 12 months. The third such certification shall include an additional certification evidencing Dr. Rasch's completion of all requirements for the Physician's Recognition Award.

(e) *Cooperation with Board's Probation Officer.* Dr. Rasch shall immediately notify the Board's Probation Officer of any change in her current home and professional addresses and telephone numbers and she shall direct all reports required pursuant to this Consent Order to the attention of the Probation Officer. Dr. Rasch may expect and does hereby authorize, scheduled and/or unscheduled visits by the Probation Officer during the period of her probation and she shall cooperate with him on all

matters, including random drug screens for the presence of drugs, and any inquiries pertaining to the conditions of her probation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any violation of the terms, conditions and restrictions set forth hereinabove shall be deemed just cause for the suspension or revocation of the medical licensure of Jeri Lynn Rasch, M.D. or for such other disciplinary action as the Board deems appropriate, as if such violation were enumerated among the causes provided in LSA-R.S. § 37:1285.

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

New Orleans, Louisiana, this 22nd day of August, 1991.

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF
MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

By: *Elmo J. Laborde M.D.*
ELMO J. LABORDE, M.D.
President

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
AND CONSENT**

I, JERI LYNN RASCH, M.D., hereby acknowledge, approve, accept and consent to entry of the above and foregoing Order, this 15 day of August, 1991.

Jeri Lynn Rasch M.D.
JERI LYNN RASCH, M.D.

WITNESS:

Linda A. M. Brown

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| In The Matter Of | No. 90-I-041 |
| JERI LYNN RASCH, M.D. (Certificate No. 013324), | SUPERSEDING CONSENT ORDER |
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By Consent Order entered herein on August 23, 1991 (the "Consent Order"), the license of Jeri Lynn Rasch, M.D. was suspended, subject to reinstatement by order of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") upon the physician's strict compliance with and satisfaction of various terms, conditions and provisions stipulated in such order.¹ As acknowledged by Dr. Rasch in such order, Dr. Rasch, a Keithville physician then suffered and for some time prior thereto had suffered from recurrent abuse of and dependency on controlled substances.

As entered by the Board and acknowledged by Dr. Rasch, the Consent Order conditioned the reinstatement of Dr. Rasch license on her successful completion of approved inpatient treatment at the Charter Forest Hospital, submission to continuing outpatient treatment thereafter as prescribed by her inpatient treatment program and pursuant to a treatment contract to be executed with the Impaired Physicians Program of the Louisiana Medical Society, and the Board's receipt of the written opinion of two physicians acceptable to the Board that her prognosis for continued abstinence from the use of controlled substances was good and that the physician was then capable of practicing medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients. The Consent Order further stipulated additional probationary conditions and restrictions which would be effective upon reinstatement of Dr. Rasch's licensure on probation.

Pursuant to the Consent Order, Dr. Rasch appeared before the Impaired Physicians Committee of the Board on October 30, 1991. Dr. Rasch's compliance with the terms and conditions of the Consent Order were evidenced, including the provision of required reports and records, and the Board received the opinion of two physicians to the effect stipulated. Accordingly, with the concurrence and recommendation of its Impaired Physicians Committee, it having been demonstrated that Dr. Rasch has satisfied the conditions of the Consent Order requisite to reinstatement of her medical license on probation, in accordance with the Consent Order and pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. § 37:1285 and La. Rev. Stat. § 49:955(D), and with Dr. Rasch's consent as acknowledged by her subscription hereto,

¹Consent Order, In Re; Jeri Lynn Rasch, M.D., No. 90-I-018 (La. State Bd. Med. Exam., Aug. 23, 1991).

IT IS ORDERED that the license of Jeri Lynn Rasch, M.D., to engage in the practice of medicine in the state of Louisiana, as evidenced by certificate no. 013324, be, and the same is hereby, REINSTATED ON PROBATION for a period of three years from the date hereof; *provided, however*, that such reinstatement of licensure and Dr. Rasch's continuing exercise of rights and privileges thereunder shall be conditioned upon her acceptance of and strict compliance with the following terms, conditions and restrictions:

(a) **Continuing Outpatient Treatment and Aftercare.** Dr. Rasch shall continue in, abide with and comply in all respects with the outpatient treatment program prescribed or recommended by her treating physicians and counselors at the treatment program at Charter Forest Hospital, Shreveport, Louisiana, under the care of a physician acceptable to the Board as her primary treating physician, and shall maintain strict compliance with the terms and provisions of her Substance Abuse Treatment Contract with the Louisiana State Medical Society Impaired Physicians Program. Dr. Rasch shall authorize and cause her treating and monitoring physicians to submit to the Board, not less frequently than quarterly throughout the probationary period, written reports on Dr. Rasch's then-current treatment program diagnosis, course of treatment, prognosis, her maintenance of abstinence from mood-altering chemicals, her fitness and ability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients, and her compliance with the terms, conditions and restrictions of this Order and any aftercare agreement she may execute hereafter.

(b) **Practice of Anesthesiology Prohibited.** Dr. Rasch shall not, during her lifetime, unless specifically authorized by the Board in writing, engage in the practice of anesthesiology in any form in the state of Louisiana. This prohibition shall survive the term of probation ordered herein and remain in effect so long as Dr. Rasch shall hold any form of license or permit to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana.

(c) **Maintenance of Complete Abstinence.** Dr. Rasch shall, for the duration of her life, maintain complete and total abstinence from the use of mood-altering drugs or substances except as may be prescribed by a treating physician other than herself for a *bona fide* medical condition.

(d) **Continuing Medical Education.** Dr. Rasch shall obtain not less than 50 credit hours per year for five years through attendance at and participation in continuing medical education programs (CME) accredited by and qualifying for the Physician's Recognition Award of the American Medical Association, and she shall obtain such award within three years from the date hereof. On or before November 1 of each year during the term of probation ordered hereby, Dr. Rasch shall cause to be submitted to the Board written certification of the CME programs and credits completed by her during the preceding 12 months.

(e) **Cooperation with Board's Probation Officer.** Dr. Rasch shall immediately notify the Board's Probation Officer of any change in her current home or professional addresses and telephone numbers, and she shall direct all reports required pursuant to this Order to the attention of the Probation Officer. Dr. Rasch shall permit and accommodate scheduled and/or unscheduled visits by the Probation Officer during the term of probation, and she shall cooperate with him on all matters, including random drug screens and any inquiries pertaining to her compliance with the conditions of her probation.

(e) **Personal Appearance Before Impaired Physicians Program Committee.** Dr. Rasch shall personally appear before the Impaired Physicians Program Committee of the Board at its meeting preceding expiration of the probationary term ordered hereunder.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any violation of or failure of strict compliance with any of the restrictions set forth by this Order by Dr. Rasch shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of

such violation or failure, for the revocation and cancellation of Dr. Rasch's license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana; and

New Orleans, Louisiana, this 26th day of November, 1991.

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF
MEDICAL EXAMINERS

By: Elmo J. Laborde M.D.
ELMO J. LABORDE, M.D.
President

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
AND CONSENT

I, JERI LYNN RASCH, M.D., hereby acknowledge, approve, accept and consent to entry of the above and foregoing Order, this 19 day of November, 1991.

Jeri Lynn Rasch M.D.
JERI LYNN RASCH, M.D.

Witness:

Jessie M Beebe