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No. 12-I-767

IN THE MATTER OF:

KIMBERLY DAWN LAW, M.D.
(Certificate No. 199987)
Respondent

CONSENT ORDER FOR REPRIMAND

The above-entitled proceeding was docketed for investigation by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") following the receipt of information concerning Kimberly D. Law, M.D. ("Dr. Law"), a physician who at all times pertinent was licensed by the Board and engaged in the practice of medicine in and around Shreveport, Louisiana. Such information indicates that Dr. Law served as a psychiatrist for an inpatient psychiatric hospital, until she resigned in August 2012. Her resignation followed an inspection of the facility by the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals ("DHH") which resulted in a determination of immediate patient jeopardy.

A review of the hospital records reveal that individuals were admitted to the facility under Dr. Law's care for substance abuse or psychiatric disorders. In nearly every instance, initial orders were given *via* telephone and thereafter the physician had little involvement with patient care; rather, treatment planning was typically prepared by a non-physician member of the staff and a majority of the care rendered by a nurse practitioner with whom Dr. Law did not have a collaborative practice agreement. Patient records also reveal instances where an "Internet" visit was conducted without insuring compliance with the Board's telemedicine rules,¹ and that several patients were admitted to or maintained in the facility without complying with the requirements of Louisiana law relative to psychiatric admissions.

Investigation of the captioned matter was assigned to Director of Investigations ("DOI") for the Board. The DOI's review and analysis of the matter confirms to her satisfaction that just cause exists for recommending that a formal Administrative Complaint be filed against Dr. Law, charging her with enumerated violations of the Louisiana Medical Practice Act, La. Rev. Stat. §37:1261 *et seq.* (the "Act").²

¹LAC 46XLV7501-7521.

²Pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §37:1285A(13), (14) and (30), the Board may take action against the license of a physician as a result of: '[U]nprofessional conduct;' '[C]ontinuing or recurring medical practice which fails to satisfy the prevailing and usually accepted standards of medical practice in this state;' and '[V]iolation of any rules and regulations of the Board, or any provisions of this Part.'

As evidenced by her subscription to this Order, Dr. Law acknowledges that proof of the foregoing information upon administrative evidentiary hearing could establish grounds under the Act for the suspension, revocation or imposition of such other terms, conditions or restrictions as the Board might deem appropriate on her license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana.

Recognizing her right to have notice of such any charges asserted against her, to administrative adjudication of such charges, 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. Rev. Stat. §§49:951 *et. seq.* Dr. Law, nonetheless, hereby waives her right to notice of charges and formal adjudication and pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §49:955(D) consents to entry of the Order set forth hereinafter. Dr. Law further acknowledges and waives any right to which she may be entitled pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La. Rev. Stat. §§49:951 *et. seq.*, or which otherwise may be afforded to her by any 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. Law also hereby authorizes the DOI to present this Consent Order to the Board for its consideration and to fully disclose to and discuss with the Board the nature and results of the investigation and she waives any objection to such disclosures under La. Rev. Stat. §49:960. Dr. Law expressly acknowledges that the disclosure of information to the Board by the DOI shall be without prejudice to the DOI's authority to file a formal Administrative Complaint against her or to the Board's capacity to adjudicate such Complaint should the Board decline to approve this Consent Order.

Based upon the foregoing information, as well as the recommendation of the DOI, the Board has concluded that its responsibility to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of this state, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §37:1261, 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. Rev. Stat. §37:1285 and La. Rev. Stat. §49:955(D);

IT IS ORDERED that Kimberly Dawn Law, M.D. is hereby **OFFICIAL REPRIMANDED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that for a period of one (1) year from the date of this Order, Dr. Law shall not enter into a collaborative or supervisory practice agreement with a mid-level provider *i.e.*, a nurse practitioner or physician assistant; *provided, however*, that his provision shall not preclude Dr. Law from employing nurses or other medical personnel to assist in her practice during such period as long as she is present and directing their activities appropriate to their level of expertise and ability.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Dr. Law shall pay a fine in the amount of Two Thousand (\$2,000.00) Dollars to the Board within ninety (90) days of the date of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Dr. Law shall successfully complete a course on professionalism and medical ethics that is pre-approved by the Board within ninety (90) days of the date of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the failure to comply with this Order by Dr. Law shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for such further

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the failure to comply with this Order by Dr. Law shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for such further action as the Board deems appropriate, as if such violations were enumerated among the causes provided in La. Rev. Stat. §37:1285A.

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

Signed in New Orleans, Louisiana, and effective this 17th day of March
2014.

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF
MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

BY: Mark Dawson
MARK H. DAWSON, M.D.
President

***Acknowledgement and Consent
on Following Page***

STATE OF Louisiana
PARISH/COUNTY OF Cade

ACKNOWLEDGMENT
AND CONSENT

I, KIMBERLY DAWN LAW, M.D., hereby acknowledge, approve, accept and consent to entry of the above and foregoing Order, this 27th day of February, 2014.

Kimberly D. Law, MD
KIMBERLY DAWN LAW, M.D.

WITNESSES:

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Sworn to and subscribed before me at Shreveport, Louisiana this 27th day of February, 2014, in the presence of the two stated witnesses.

S.P. Davis, Sr
Notary Public (Printed Name) and Seal

[Signature] 091741
Notary (Signature) & Bar/Notary No.

