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: **No. 2015-I-867**
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In The Matter Of :
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ROBERT ANCIRA, M.D. : **CONSENT ORDER**
(Certificate No. 012137) : **FOR REPRIMAND**
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Predicated upon apparently reliable information, an investigation was conducted by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board"), of the prescription practices of Robert Ancira, M.D. ("Dr. Ancira"), a physician who at all pertinent times was licensed and engaged in the practice of psychiatry in New Orleans, Louisiana. The results of the investigation indicate that Dr. Ancira prescribed controlled substances without medical justification and in a manner that was not consistent with the Board's rules for the treatment of non-cancer-related chronic or intractable pain and obesity.¹

During the investigation documents, medical and prescription records were obtained and reviewed by Board staff. Investigation of the captioned matter was assigned to the Investigating Officer ("I/O") for the Board, who met with Dr. Ancira to discuss the events in question. The I/O's review and analysis confirms that Dr. Ancira's conduct may implicate one or more violations of Louisiana Medical Practice Act (the "Act"), La. Rev. Stat. §37:1261-92.

Dr. Ancira, who cooperated fully with the Board's investigation, informed the I/O that he has discontinued providing care to patients for chronic pain or obesity. He does not admit to any violation of the Act; nonetheless, he acknowledges that the reported information, if true, could establish grounds under the Act for such action against his license to practice medicine in this state as the Board may determine to be appropriate, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §§37:1285A(6), (14) and (30).² In consideration of the

¹LAC 46:XLV.6915- 6923; 6901- 6913.

²Pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §37:1285A, the Board may revoke, suspend, or impose probationary or other restrictions on the license of a physician as a result of: '(6) [P]rescribing . . . legally controlled substances . . . without legitimate medical justification therefor or in other than a legal or legitimate manner;' '(14) "[C]ontinuing or recurring medical practice which fails to satisfy the prevailing and usually accepted standards of medical practice in this state;' and '(30) [V]iolation of any rules and regulations of the board, or any provisions of this Part.'

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foregoing, and on the recommendation of the I/O respecting the pending investigation, the Board has concluded that its responsibility to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of this state against the unprofessional, unqualified and unsafe practice of medicine, La. Rev. Stat. §37:1261, will be effectively served by entry of the Order set forth hereinafter, by consent.

Recognizing his right to have notice and administrative adjudication of any charges that may be filed in this matter against him, at which time he would be entitled to be represented by legal counsel, to call witnesses and to present evidence on his 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. Ancira nonetheless, hereby waives his right to notice and formal adjudication and pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §49:955(D), consents to entry of the Order set forth hereinafter. By his subscription hereto Dr. Ancira also acknowledges that he waives any right to which he may be entitled pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La. Rev. Stat. §§49:951 *et seq.* or which otherwise may be afforded to him by law, to contest his agreement to or the force and effect of this document in any court or other forum relating to the matters referred to herein. By his subscription hereto, Dr. Ancira also hereby authorizes the I/O designated by the Board with respect to this matter 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 he waives any objection to such disclosures under La. Rev. Stat. §49:960. Dr. Ancira expressly acknowledges that the disclosure of information to the Board by the I/O shall be without prejudice to the I/O's authority to pursue formal administrative charges against him or to the Board's capacity to adjudicate such charges should the Board decline to approve this Consent Order.

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 Robert Ancira, M.D. is hereby *Officially Reprimanded* for the conduct described hereinabove.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within six (6) months of the effective date of this Order Dr. Ancira shall take and provide written confirmation to the Board that he has successfully completed a course of study, approved in advance by the Board or its designee, on medical ethics and professionalism.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Dr. Ancira shall, within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this Order, pay to the Board a fine in the amount of Two Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$2,000.00).

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF ORLEANS

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT
AND CONSENT**

I, ROBERT ANCIRA, M.D., hereby acknowledge, approve, accept and consent to entry of the above and foregoing Order, this 22nd day of SEPTEMBER, 2016.



ROBERT ANCIRA, M.D.

WITNESSES:


Signature

TABITHA R. BURGESS
Printed Name

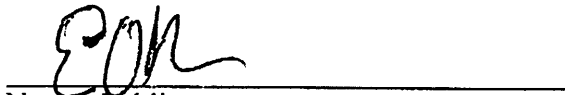
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Sworn to and subscribed before me at NEW ORLEANS, Louisiana this 22ND day of SEPTEMBER, 2016, in the presence of the two stated witnesses.


Notary Public

ERIC OLIVER PERSON
Printed Name

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**ERIC OLIVER PERSON
Notary Public
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My Commission is for Life.**

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

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 10th day of Oct., 2016.

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF
MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

BY:



J. MICHAEL BURDINE, M.D.
President

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