

IN THE MATTER OF * BEFORE THE BOARD
SPENCER WARD, M.D. * OF PHYSICIAN QUALITY
Respondent * ASSURANCE
License No. D13919 * Case No. 91-0148

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ORDER TERMINATING PROBATION
AND REINSTATING LICENSE

On February 26, 1992, Spencer Ward, M.D. (the "Respondent"), entered into a Consent Order with the Board of Physician Quality Assurance (the "Board").¹ Pursuant to the terms of the Consent Order, Respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of Maryland was suspended. The Order further provided that the suspension of Respondent's medical license would be immediately stayed provided that Respondent complied with certain terms and conditions of probation. Under the terms of the Consent Order, Respondent was eligible to petition the Board for reinstatement of his medical license and termination of the conditions of probation one year after the date of the Consent Order, namely February 26, 1993, provided that Respondent had successfully completed the probationary conditions.

By letter dated March 12, 1993, Respondent requested reinstatement of his medical license and notified the Board that he had been in full compliance with the terms and conditions of probation set out in the Consent Order. On April 7, 1993, Respondent appeared before the Board's Case Resolution Conference

¹ The Consent Order is attached to and incorporated into this Order Terminating Probation.

Committee (the "CRC") to address the reinstatement of his license. On that date, the CRC resolved to recommend to the Board that Respondent's probation be terminated and that his license to practice medicine be reinstated without conditions. On May 26, 1993, the Board ratified the recommendation of the CRC to terminate Respondent's probation.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of Maryland was suspended by Consent Order dated February 26, 1992. The suspension was immediately stayed and Respondent's continued practice was subject to certain terms and conditions of probation.

2. The Consent Order provided that upon successful completion of the terms and conditions of probation, Respondent would be eligible to petition for termination of probation and reinstatement of his license one year after the date of the Consent Order, namely, February 26, 1993.

3. Respondent complied with all terms of the Consent Order issued by the Virginia Board of Medicine as required by Condition #1 of the Consent Order. The suspension of Respondent's Virginia medical license was terminated on October 16, 1992.

4. Respondent underwent psychotherapy with Lawrence I. Sank, Ph.D. as required by Condition #2 of the Consent Order.

5. Respondent signed necessary releases to allow the Board to obtain reports detailing Respondent's participation in

psychotherapy as required in Condition #3 of the Consent Order. By letter dated March 22, 1993, Dr. Sank notified the Board of Respondent's successful course of therapy.

6. Respondent signed necessary releases to allow the Board to obtain reports from Spring Grove Hospital as required by Condition #4 of the Consent Order. By letter dated March 16, 1993, the Clinical Director of Spring Grove Hospital notified the Board of Respondent's favorable performance at that facility.

7. By letter dated March 12, 1993, Respondent petitioned the Board for termination of probation and reinstatement of his license to practice medicine.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Board concludes as a matter of law that Respondent has complied with the conditions precedent for reinstatement of his medical license and termination of the terms and conditions of probation.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is this 15 day of June, 1993, by an affirmative vote of a majority of the full authorized membership of the Board considering this case

ORDERED that the SUSPENSION of the medical license of Spencer Ward, M.D., is hereby TERMINATED; and it is further

ORDERED that Respondent's license to practice medicine in

the State of Maryland is hereby REINSTATED; and it is further
ORDERED that the probation imposed by Consent Order dated
February 26, 1993, is hereby TERMINATED and is of no further
force or effect; and it is further

ORDERED that this Order is a PUBLIC DOCUMENT pursuant to
Maryland State Gov't Code Ann. § 10-611 et seq.

6/15/93
Date

Israel H. Weiner
Israel H. Weiner, M.D.
Chair