

BEFORE THE
NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

In re:)
)
Paulette Denise Lassiter, M.D.,) CONSENT ORDER
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Respondent.)

This matter is before the North Carolina Medical Board ("Board") regarding information provided to the Board concerning Paulette Denise Lassiter, M.D., ("Dr. Lassiter"). Dr. Lassiter makes the following admissions and the Board makes the following findings and conclusions:

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

The Board is a body duly organized under the laws of North Carolina and is the proper party to bring this proceeding under the authority granted it in Article 1 of Chapter 90 of the North Carolina General Statutes and the rules and regulations promulgated thereto.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Dr. Lassiter was first issued a license to practice medicine and surgery by the Board on or about October 19, 2000, license number 200001401.

At all times relevant hereto, Dr. Lassiter practiced psychiatry in Missouri.

Dr. Lassiter treated Patient A from 2012-2014 for alcoholism, depression, and anxiety. While treating Patient A, Dr. Lassiter engaged in a romantic relationship with Patient A.

Dr. Lassiter admits that her relationship with Patient A violated professional boundaries and the ethics of the psychiatric profession.

In addition to Patient A, Dr. Lassiter has engaged in inappropriate relationships with other former and current patients with whom she has had a varying degree of medical responsibility and involvement.

Dr. Lassiter was evaluated by Acumen Assessments, LLC ("Acumen") in March 2016. Acumen conducted a multidisciplinary clinical and forensic fitness to practice assessment of Dr. Lassiter and determined that she was not fit to practice clinical psychiatry.

On May 26, 2016, Dr. Lassiter voluntarily placed her medical license on inactive status.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Dr. Lassiter acknowledges that her relationships with Patient A and other patients, as described above, constitutes unprofessional conduct, including, but not limited to, departure from, or the failure to conform to, the standards of acceptable and prevailing medical practice or the ethics of the medical profession, within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a) (6)

and grounds exist under this section of the North Carolina General Statutes for the Board to annul, suspend, revoke, condition or limit Dr. Lassiter's license to practice medicine or to deny any application she might make in the future.

PROCEDURAL STIPULATIONS

Dr. Lassiter acknowledges and agrees that the Board has jurisdiction over her and over the subject matter of this case.

Dr. Lassiter knowingly waives her right to any hearing and to any judicial review or appeal in this case.

Dr. Lassiter acknowledges that she has read and understands this Consent Order and enters into it voluntarily.

Dr. Lassiter desires to resolve this matter without the need for more formal proceedings.

The Board has determined that it is in the public interest to resolve this case as set forth below.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, with Dr. Lassiter's consent, it is ORDERED that:

1. Dr. Lassiter's North Carolina license to practice medicine and surgery is hereby INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED.

2. Dr. Lassiter shall obey all laws. Likewise, she shall obey all rules and regulations involving the practice of medicine.

3. Dr. Lassiter shall notify the Board in writing of any change in her residence address within ten (10) days of the change.

4. Dr. Lassiter shall meet with the Board or members of the Board for an investigative interview at such times as requested by the Board.

5. If Dr. Lassiter fails to comply with any of the terms of this Consent Order, that failure shall constitute unprofessional conduct within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(6) and shall be grounds, after any required notice and hearing, for the Board to annul, suspend or revoke her license and to deny any application she might make in the future or then have pending for a license.

6. This Consent Order shall take effect immediately upon its execution by both Dr. Lassiter and the Board and it shall continue in effect until specifically ordered otherwise by the Board.

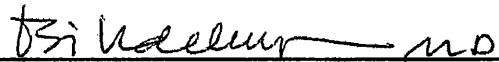
7. Dr. Lassiter hereby waives any requirement under any law or rule that this Consent Order be served on her.

8. Upon execution by Dr. Lassiter and the Board, this Consent Order shall become a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the North Carolina General Statutes and shall be subject to public inspection and dissemination pursuant to the provisions thereof. Additionally, it will be reported to persons,

entities, agencies and clearinghouses as required and permitted by law including, but not limited to, the Federation of State Medical Boards and the National Practitioner Data Bank.

By Order of the North Carolina Medical Board this the 19th day of October, 2016.

NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

By: 
Pascal O. Udekwu, M.D.
President

Consented to this the 18th day of October, 2016.

PD Lassiter
Paulette Denise Lassiter, M.D.

State of Kansas

County of Sedgewick

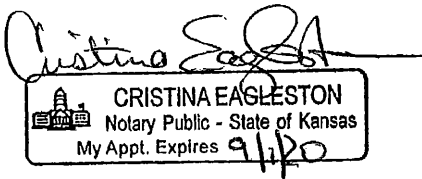
I, Cristina Eagleston, a Notary Public for the above named County and State, do hereby certify that Paulette Denise Lassiter, M.D. personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument.

Witness my hand and official seal

this the 18th day of October, 2016.

Notary Public

(SEAL)



My Commission Expires: _____