

BEFORE THE  
NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

In re: )  
 )  
Kerry Layne Balentine, M.D., ) CONSENT ORDER  
 ) REENTRY AGREEMENT  
Respondent. )

This matter is before the North Carolina Medical Board ("Board") on the application of Kerry Layne Balentine, M.D. ("Dr. Balentine") for a license to practice medicine and surgery. Dr. Balentine admits and the Board finds and concludes that:

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

The Board first issued Dr. Balentine a license to practice medicine on April 20, 2005, license number 2005-00514.

During the times relevant herein, Dr. Balentine practiced psychiatry in Shelby, North Carolina.

Dr. Balentine voluntarily surrendered her medical license on November 19, 2007.

Dr. Balentine's surrender preceded her entering into a Consent Order with the Board dated December 14, 2007, the details of which are contained therein.

On July 12, 2012, the Board reinstated Dr. Balentine's license.

On March 5, 2014, Dr. Balentine's license became inactive.

Dr. Balentine has had no patient care or clinical practice since surrendering her license on November 19, 2007.

At the Board's request, Dr. Balentine completed an assessment at the Center for Personalized Education for Physicians ("CPEP"). Following that assessment CPEP recommended Dr. Balentine undergo a comprehensive Educational Intervention and Education Plan ("Education Plan") as a component of her reentry into the practice of medicine.

Dr. Balentine has agreed to participate in an Education Plan administered by CPEP as a condition of her reentry into practice.

#### PROCEDURAL STIPULATIONS

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

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

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

Dr. Balentine would like to resolve this matter without the need for more formal proceedings.

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

ORDER

Now, therefore, with Dr. Balentine's consent, it is ORDERED that:

1. The Board shall issue Dr. Balentine's a license to practice medicine and surgery once she commences the Education Plan. This license is not limited or restricted.

2. The Education Plan shall begin within ninety (90) days of the execution date of this Consent Order. Dr. Balentine shall fulfill and complete all elements of the Education Plan within one (1) year from the date it begins. CPEP shall manage and administer the Education Plan and send progress reports to the Board's Compliance Coordinator. Dr. Balentine shall not practice medicine outside of the Education Plan until it is complete.

3. No later than thirty (30) days after completion of the Education Plan, Dr. Balentine shall ensure that, as applicable, CPEP shall deliver a letter to the Board's Compliance Coordinator indicating that Dr. Balentine has successfully completed the Education Plan.

4. Any failure to comply completely and specifically with all terms, conditions and provisions of this Reentry Agreement 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, revoke, condition, limit and/or otherwise take action against Dr. Balentine's license or to deny any application she might make in the future or then have pending for a license to practice medicine.

5. The timeframes, terms, provisions and conditions of the Reentry Agreement and Education Plan may be changed in the Board's Chief Medical Officer's discretion, except that written approval from the Chief Medical Officer is required if the timeframes provided in the Reentry Agreement and CPEP Reentry Plan are to be reduced in any way. Such Chief Medical Officer approval shall not be unreasonably withheld and shall be confirmed in writing or by electronic mail.

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

7. Dr. Balentine shall notify the Board in writing of any change in her residence or practice addresses within ten (10) days of the change.

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

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

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

11. Upon execution by Dr. Balentine 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 National Practitioner Data Bank.

By Order of the North Carolina Medical Board this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017.

NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

By: Eleanor E. Greene, MD  
Eleanor E. Greene, M.D.  
President

Consented to this the 24 day of March, 2017.

Kerry Layne Balentine  
Kerry Layne Balentine, M.D.

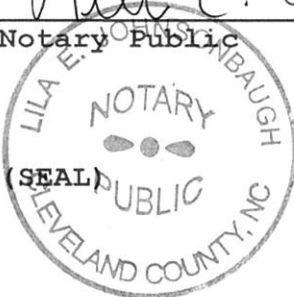
State of NC  
County of Cleveland

I, Lila E. Johnsonbaugh, a Notary Public for the above named County and State, do hereby certify that Kerry Layne Balentine, 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 24 day of March, 2017.

Lila E. Johnsonbaugh  
Notary Public



My Commission Expires: 09/11/2021