

BEFORE THE
NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

In re:)
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William Leighton Anixter, 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 William Leighton Anixter, M.D. ("Dr. Anixter"). Dr. Anixter 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 to it in Article 1 of Chapter 90 of the North Carolina General Statutes and the rules and regulations promulgated thereto.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Dr. Anixter was first issued a license to practice medicine by the Board on or about August 8, 1987, license number 31426.

At all times relevant hereto, Dr. Anixter practiced psychiatry in Asheville, North Carolina.

In November 2017, the Board received a complaint alleging that Dr. Anixter committed a professional sexual boundary violation with Patient A in 2006 and 2007.

Dr. Anixter admits that he engaged in an intimate personal relationship with Patient A prior to her becoming a patient in October and November 2006. Dr. Anixter also admits that on one occasion he allowed Patient A and her children to stay at his home overnight and that he hired Patient A to do landscaping work at his medical practice.

In December 2007, Dr. Anixter began treating Patient A as her psychiatrist.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Dr. Anixter's conduct, as described above, constitutes unprofessional conduct 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. Anixter's license to practice medicine or to deny any application he might make in the future.

PROCEDURAL STIPULATIONS

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

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

Dr. Anixter acknowledges that he has read and understands this Consent Order and enters into it voluntarily.

Dr. Anixter 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. Anixter's consent, it is ORDERED that:

1. Dr. Anixter's North Carolina license to practice medicine is hereby SUSPENDED for a period of six (6) months from the date of this Consent Order. The Suspension is hereby IMMEDIATELY STAYED upon the following terms and conditions.

2. Dr. Anixter shall immediately contact the Center for Personalized Education for Physicians ("CPEP") to schedule a comprehensive examination in the ProBE: Ethics and Boundaries Program ("ProBE"). The examination shall be scheduled within thirty (30) days of the execution of this Consent Order.

3. Dr. Anixter shall cooperate fully with the CPEP staff and shall promptly submit to any further examinations deemed necessary by his assessors.

4. Dr. Anixter shall authorize and request his assessors to communicate with the Board and to send a copy of the examination report and all other examination center records to the Board's

Compliance Coordinator, North Carolina Medical Board, P. O. Box 20007, Raleigh, N.C., 27619-0007 or compliance@ncmedboard.org.

5. Dr. Anixter shall sign any waivers or releases that ProBE requires to communicate with the Board regarding the results of its examination.

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

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

8. Upon request, Dr. Anixter shall provide the Board with any information the Board deems necessary to verify compliance with the terms and conditions of this Consent Order.

9. If Dr. Anixter 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 his license to practice medicine and to deny any application he might make in the future or then have pending for a license to practice medicine.

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

11. Dr. Anixter hereby waives any requirement under any law or rule that this Consent Order be served on him.

12. Upon execution by Dr. Anixter 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 26th day of July, 2018.

NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

By: 

Timothy E. Lietz, M.D.
President

Consented to this the 23 day of July, 2018.

William Leighton Anixter, M.D.
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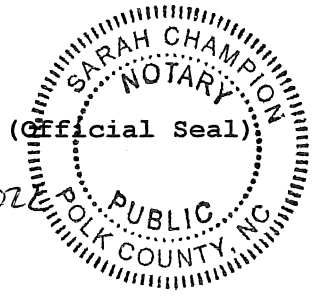
State of North Carolina

County of Polk

I, Sarah Champion, do hereby certify that William Leighton Anixter, 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 23 day of July, 2018.

Sarah Champion
Notary Public



My Commission Expires: March 18, 2022