

BEFORE THE
NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

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| In re: |) | |
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| John Shannon Sappington, 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 John Shannon Sappington, M.D. ("Dr. Sappington"). Dr. Sappington 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

The Board first issued Dr. Sappington a license to practice medicine in North Carolina on or about May 21, 1994, license number 9400628.

On January 3, 2018, the Board reinstated Dr. Sappington's North Carolina license to practice medicine by Consent Order.

Dr. Sappington also holds a medical license in Rhode Island. On April 11, 2018, Dr. Sappington entered into an Amended Consent Order ("Rhode Island Amended Consent Order") with the Rhode Island Board of Medical Licensure & Discipline ("Rhode Island Board").

On October 1, 2018, the Board was notified that the Rhode Island Board suspended Dr. Sappington's Rhode Island medical license on September 24, 2018, based on a conclusion that Dr. Sappington violated his Rhode Island Amended Consent Order by prescribing controlled substances without first checking the Rhode Island Prescription Drug Monitoring Program.

On October 9, 2018, the Board was notified that Dr. Sappington's Rhode Island medical license had been summarily suspended as a result of complaints being made to the Rhode Island Board about Dr. Sappington's prescribing to six (6) patients.

On October 16, 2018, Dr. Sappington entered into an Interim Non-Practice Agreement with this Board based on the two actions taken by the Rhode Island Board in October 2018. In the Interim Non-Practice Agreement, Dr. Sappington agreed that he would not practice medicine until he was given permission by this Board.

On February 13, 2019, Dr. Sappington agreed to a Surrender of License with the Rhode Island Board in lieu of further contesting the alleged violations.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Dr. Sappington's conduct, as described above, constitutes Dr. Sappington's North Carolina license to practice medicine being restricted or acted against by the licensing authority of another jurisdiction within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(13) which is grounds under that section of the North Carolina General Statutes for the Board to annul, suspend, revoke, condition, or limit Dr. Sappington's license to practice medicine or to deny any application he may make in the future.

PROCEDURAL STIPULATIONS

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

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

Dr. Sappington, with the advice of legal counsel, acknowledges that he has read and understands this Consent Order and enters into it voluntarily.

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

1. Dr. Sappington hereby SURRENDERS his North Carolina license to practice medicine, and the Board hereby accepts this voluntary surrender.

2. If Dr. Sappington 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.


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

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

5. Upon execution by Dr. Sappington 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 7th day
of May, 2019.

NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

By: 
Barbara E. Walker, D.O.
President

Consented to this the 30 day of April, 2019.


John Shannon Sappington, M.D.

State of Wyoming

County of Natrona

I, Jo Ann Stull, do hereby certify that John Shannon Sappington, 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 30th day of April, 2019.


Notary Public

(Official Seal)

My Commission Expires: 6-18-19

