

BEFORE THE
NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

In re:)	
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Lawrence Merial Raines, III, 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 Lawrence Merial Raines, III, M.D. ("Dr. Raines"). Dr. Raines 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. Raines was first issued a license to practice medicine by the Board on or about September 17, 1994, license number 9401309.

At all times relevant hereto, Dr. Raines practiced adult and addiction psychiatry in Cary, North Carolina.

On February 18, 2019, Dr. Raines entered into a Consent Order ("2019 Consent Order") based on his failure to respond to Board

inquiries in a reasonable time and manner as required by N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(14). The 2019 Consent Order is incorporated herein by reference.

The discipline imposed by the 2019 Consent Order included:

1. Dr. Raines' license to practice medicine in North Carolina is hereby SUSPENDED for 1 (one) year. The suspension is immediately STAYED subject to the following conditions:

a. Dr. Raines shall maintain a contract with the North Carolina Professionals Health Program and abide by its terms.

b. Dr. Raines shall meet with the Board or members of the Board for an investigative interview at its January 2019 meeting and at such other times as requested by the Board.

c. Dr. Raines shall respond to all inquiries within 14 days from the date of a written request by Board staff.

2. Dr. Raines is FINED one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) to be paid within 30 days.

On March 21, 2019, Dr. Raines attended an investigative interview with members of the Board. At the time of the investigative interview, Dr. Raines was not in compliance with the

conditions of his 2019 Consent Order. Following the interview, the Board determined that:

1. Dr. Raines must be in full compliance with the 2019 Consent Order, including maintaining a contract with NCPHP and payment of the fine, by March 29, 2019.
2. Failure to be in compliance with the 2019 Consent Order by March 29, 2019, would result in the Board issuing charges.
3. Dr. Raines be ordered to submit himself for further assessment at Acumen Assessments ("Acumen").

Dr. Raines paid the one thousand dollar (\$1000.00) fine on March 22, 2019.

The Board ordered Dr. Raines for further assessment at Acumen on March 26, 2019. Dr. Raines was assessed by Acumen June 3, 2019 through June 6, 2019. The Board received the assessment report from Acumen on July 22, 2019.

The assessment concluded that Dr. Raines was conditionally fit to practice medicine, provided he can fully comply with their recommendations and the system of accountability that the Board and/or NCPHP deem appropriate. Specifically, Acumen recommended the following:

1. Dr. Raines should request a meeting with NCPHP to update his monitoring contract and identify a plan

for accountability within seven (7) days of the report.

2. Any failure to fully comply with the stipulations put forth by NCPHP or the Board would render Dr. Raines unfit to practice medicine and he should immediately disengage himself from practice until reassessment finds him fit to resume.

On or about August 1, 2019, the Board's Compliance Coordinator contacted NCPHP to determine if Dr. Raines had made contact with their agency as recommended by Acumen. On August 6, 2019, the CEO of NCPHP reported to the Board's Compliance Coordinator that Dr. Raines had not made contact with NCPHP.

On August 6, 2019, the Board's Compliance Coordinator contacted Dr. Raines regarding his obligation to contact NCPHP as recommended by Acumen. Dr. Raines did not respond to the Board's Compliance Coordinator.

On August 15, 2019, the Board's Compliance Coordinator contacted Dr. Raines a second time regarding his obligation to contact NCPHP as recommended by Acumen. Dr. Raines did not respond to the Board's Compliance Coordinator.

On August 16, 2019, the Board's Compliance Coordinator contacted NCPHP to determine if Dr. Raines had made contact with their agency as recommended by Acumen. On August 20, 2019, NCPHP

reported to the Board's Compliance Coordinator that Dr. Raines had not made contact with NCPHP.

On August 21, 2019, NCPHP attempted to contact Dr. Raines by email and by leaving a voice message on his cell phone. Dr. Raines did not respond to NCPHP's voice message or email. Dr. Raines has since contacted NCPHP and resumed his monitoring contract.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Dr. Raines acknowledges that his failure to comply with the provisions in the 2019 Consent Order as outlined 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. Raines' license to practice medicine or to deny any application he might make in the future.

PROCEDURAL STIPULATIONS

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

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

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

Dr. Raines 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. Raines' consent, it is ORDERED that:

1. Dr. Raines' North Carolina license to practice medicine is hereby INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED.

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

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

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

5. If Dr. Raines 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.

6. This Consent Order shall take effect immediately upon


its execution by both Dr. Raines and the Board, and it shall continue in effect until specifically ordered otherwise by the Board.

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

8. Upon execution by Dr. Raines 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 3rd day of December, 2019.

NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

By: 

Bryant A. Murphy, M.D.
President

Consented to this the 03 day of DECEMBER, 2019.

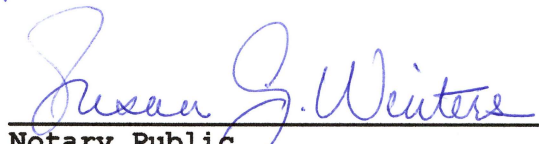

Lawrence Merial Raines, III, M.D.

State of NC

County of Chatham

I, Susan G. Winters, do hereby certify that
Lawrence Merial Raines, III, 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 3 day of
Dec, 2019.


Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 9.12.2022

