

BEFORE THE
NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

In re:)
)
Patricia Kimberly Boyer, 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 Patricia Kimberly Boyer, M.D. ("Dr. Boyer"). Dr. Boyer 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. Boyer was first issued a license to practice medicine by the Board on or about September 18, 1993, license number 9300426.

At all times relevant hereto, Dr. Boyer practiced psychiatry and geriatric psychiatry in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Patient A presented to Dr. Boyer on or around late 1999. Patient A reported being in an abusive marriage in addition

to experiencing other psychological stressors. Dr. Boyer provided psychotherapy and medication management for Patient A.

Later, and after several years of treating Patient A, Dr. Boyer and Patient A entered into a consensual relationship and that relationship continued until it ended sometime in 2017. Dr. Boyer reports that she discussed ending her physician-patient relationship with Patient A because of a lack of therapeutic progress. Dr. Boyer further reports that this conversation occurred prior to her and Patient A entering into a personal relationship. As a board-certified psychiatrist, Dr. Boyer knew, or should have known, that the ethics of the psychiatric profession forbade not only intimate relationships between psychiatrists and current patients, but also former patients.

Over the course of her relationship with Patient A, Dr. Boyer continued to treat Patient A "off the books," meaning without medical documentation. Dr. Boyer's "off the books" care included writing multiple prescriptions for Patient A, including controlled substances. None of these prescriptions were documented in any patient chart.

Dr. Boyer has expressed remorse for her actions and has fully cooperated with the investigation conducted by the Board.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Dr. Boyer's conduct, as described above, constitutes unprofessional conduct, within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. §

90-14(a)(6), including, but not limited to, a departure from, or the failure to conform to the ethics of the medical profession, or the committing of any act contrary to honesty, justice, or good morals, which is grounds under that section of the North Carolina General Statutes for the Board to annul, suspend, revoke, condition, or limit Dr. Boyer's license to practice medicine or to deny any application she may make in the future.

PROCEDURAL STIPULATIONS

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

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

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

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

1. Dr. Boyer's North Carolina license to practice medicine is hereby REVOKED.

2. This Consent Order shall take effect immediately upon

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

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

4. Upon execution by Dr. Boyer 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 23rd day of May, 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

By: 
John W. Rusher, M.D., J.D.
President

Consented to this the 20th day of May, 2022.

Patricia Kimberly Boyer
Patricia Kimberly Boyer, M.D.

State of North Carolina

County of Mecklenburg

I, Nancy H. Smith, do hereby certify that Patricia Kimberly Boyer, 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 20th day of May, 2022.

Nancy H. Smith
Notary Public

(Official Seal)

My Commission Expires: 09-24-2024

