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March 25, 2013

Via Attorney of Record

Thomas McIntosh Jones, M.D.
103 Absher Court
Cary, NC 27519

Dear Dr. Jones:

The North Carolina Medical Board ("Board") has concluded its investigation regarding your treatment of Patient A. Although the Board decided not to commence formal proceedings against your license, it did vote to issue you this public letter of concern.

On July 13, 2011, Patient A, a 14-year-old minor, was involuntarily committed to Holly Hill Behavioral Health System ("Holly Hill") for inpatient treatment under your care. Patient A was admitted for aggressive behavior while attending a day treatment program. Patient A had a long history of placements by the Department of Social Services after an abusive home life and diagnoses of schizoaffective disorder and post-traumatic stress disorder. While in foster care, Patient A was under the care of another psychiatrist and being treated with Clozaril, an antipsychotic medication used to treat treatment-resistant schizophrenics with very significant side effects requiring constant laboratory tests for monitoring.

While under your care during Patient A's thirteen-day hospitalization, you discontinued Clozaril and changed her diagnosis to post-traumatic stress disorder only. However, Patient A's outpatient psychiatrist alleges that she attempted to communicate with you via calls to Holly Hill and that you failed to return her calls. The Board is concerned that your documentation does not reflect that you reviewed Patient A's records from a prior Holly Hill admission. On July 25, 2011, you discharged Patient A without any type of medication and sent her back to her foster family. The Board does understand that at the time of discharge you and the patient's care team had instituted a plan of care including immediate outpatient consultation and consideration of placement in a residential treatment facility. Patient A was in fact seen on July 26, 2011, by her outpatient therapist who elected to put the patient back on Clozaril.

The Board is concerned that you did not communicate with her treating therapist, given that the therapist attempted to contact you. The Board understands that you have reported that you did not receive any call or message from the outpatient psychiatrist and that you were not attempting to avoid communication with the outpatient therapist. The Board recognizes that there can be issues with communication between outpatient psychiatric providers and inpatient providers and that these may be institutional. However, the Board urges you to take measures within your


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own practice to improve your communications with outpatient providers and make sure the conduct giving rise to the Board's concerns does not happen again. Otherwise, the Board may vote to commence formal disciplinary proceedings against your license to practice medicine. If that happens, this letter may be entered into evidence in determining the appropriate discipline.

The Board does not consider a public letter of concern to be a disciplinary action or a limitation or restriction on your license. However, the Board does consider its inquiry into this matter to be an investigation. Under certain circumstances, other credentialing, regulatory or licensing boards may require that you report this investigation. If so, a photocopy of this letter may be used for that purpose.

This letter is a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the North Carolina General Statutes and is subject to public inspection and dissemination as required by that law. It will be reported to the Federation of State Medical Boards; however, it will not be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank or the Healthcare Integrity and Practitioner Data Bank.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William A. Walker M.D." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

William a. Walker, M.D.
Board President

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Consent and Waiver

I, Thomas McIntosh Jones, M.D., would like to resolve this matter without the need for more formal proceedings and consent to the Board's issuance of this public letter of concern in resolution of the matter referenced above.

Consented to this the 21st day of MARCH, 2013.

Thomas McIntosh Jones M.D.
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State of North Carolina

County of Cumberland

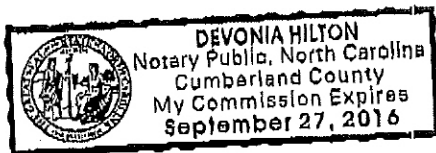
I, Devonia Hilton, a Notary Public for the above named County and State, do hereby certify that Thomas McIntosh Jones, M.D. personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument.

Witness my hand and official seal

this the 21st day of MARCH, 2013.

Devonia Hilton
Notary Public

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My Commission expires: 9/27/2016