BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

In re:)		
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Raymond H. Andrew, M.D.,)	CONSENT	ORDER
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Respondent)		

This matter is before the North Carolina Medical Board ("Board") on information and belief that Raymond H. Andrew, M.D. ("Dr. Andrew"), committed unprofessional conduct within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(6) by failing to conform to the accepted and prevailing standards of medical practice. Dr. Andrew admits and the Board finds and concludes that:

Whereas 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 it in Article 1 of Chapter 90 of the North Carolina General Statutes and the rules and regulations promulgated thereto; and

Whereas Dr. Andrew is a physician licensed by the Board on or about June 14, 1983, license number 27015; and

Whereas, at the times relevant hereto, Dr. Andrew practiced psychiatry in Winston-Salem, North Carolina; and

Whereas the Board received a complaint in July 2010 that Dr. Andrew was prescribing excessive amounts of prescription medications to Patient A; and

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Whereas the Board conducted an investigation of Dr. Andrew's prescribing of medications to Patient A and reviewed a report from the North Carolina Controlled Substance Reporting Service ("NCCSRS"); and

Whereas the Board submitted the medical records reflecting Dr. Andrew's diagnosis and treatment of Patient A and four other patients ("Patients A through E") to an independent reviewing expert; and

Whereas the independent reviewing expert concluded that Dr. Andrew failed to conform to the standards of acceptable and prevailing medical practice in that Dr. Andrew: (1) failed to identify behaviors reflecting potential addiction and diversion; (2) escalated dosages without documenting a medical rationale or adequate monitoring; (3) failed to maintain appropriate medical record documentation; and (4) failed to see patients at appropriate intervals while continuing to prescribe potentially addictive medications to them; and

Whereas Dr. Andrew's conduct described above constitutes unprofessional conduct, including, but not limited to, departure from, or the failure to conform to, the standards of acceptable and prevailing medical practice within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(6), which is grounds for the Board to annul,

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suspend, revoke, condition, or limit Dr. Andrew's license to practice medicine and surgery issued by the Board; and

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

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

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

Whereas Dr. Andrew desires to resolve this matter without the need for more formal proceedings; and

Whereas the Board has determined that it is in the public interest to resolve this case as set forth below;

Now, therefore, with Dr. Andrew's consent, it is ORDERED that:

1. Dr. Andrew's license to practice medicine and surgery is SUSPENDED for SIX (6) MONTHS; however, such suspension is STAYED upon the following PROBATIONARY condition:

a. Within six (6) months of the date of this Consent Order, Dr. Andrew shall submit himself for a professional assessment by an assessment center approved in advance by the Board's Medical Director. Dr. Andrew shall comply with

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all recommendations made by the approved assessment center. Dr. Andrew shall authorize the approved assessment center to release copies of any future assessments or evaluations to representatives of the Board and to discuss Dr. Andrew's compliance with the education intervention program with representatives of the Board.

2. Dr. Andrew shall not prescribe any controlled substances that have been listed as Schedule II or Schedule III controlled substances pursuant to the Controlled Substances Act.

3. At the end of Dr. Andrew's probationary term, Dr. Andrew shall meet with the Board or members of the Board at any times requested by the Board.

4. Dr. Andrew shall obey all laws. Likewise, he shall obey all rules or regulations involving the practice of medicine.

5. Dr. Andrew shall notify the Board in writing of any change in his residence or practice addresses within ten (10) days of the change.

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

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

8. Dr. Andrew acknowledges and agrees that failure to comply with any of the terms of this Consent Order shall constitute unprofessional conduct within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(6) and shall be grounds for the Board to summarily suspend Dr. Andrew's license to practice medicine or, after any required notice and hearing, for the Board to annul, suspend, or revoke his license, or to deny any application he might make in the future or then have pending for a license, or to activate the suspension of his license for the length of time specified in this Consent Order.

9. No provision of this Consent Order shall constitute an admission for any purpose other than for this and any other proceeding before the North Carolina Medical Board.

10. Upon execution by Dr. Andrew 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 National

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Practitioners Data Bank and the Health Integrity and Protection Data Bank.

By Order of the North Carolina Medical Board this the 8th day of September, 2011.

NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

By: Janie E. Huff, MD.

President

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Consented to this the $\frac{7}{2}$ day of August, 2011.

Raymond H. Andrew, M.D.

State of North Carolina

I, <u>CACA HOMAAL</u>, a Notary Public for the above named County and State, do hereby certify that Raymond H. Andrew, 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 7 day of August, 2011.

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Notary Public

County of

(SEAL)

My Commission expires: 7-23-2016

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

In re:)	
)	ORDER AMENDING
Raymond H. Andrew, M.D.,)	CONSENT ORDER
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Respondent.)	

This matter is before the North Carolina Medical Board ("Board") on the request of Raymond H. Andrew, M.D. ("Dr. Andrew") to amend his Consent Order with the Board.

Whereas, on September 8, 2011, the Board entered into a Consent Order with Dr. Andrew ("September 2011 Consent Order") whereby Dr. Andrew was prohibited from prescribing any Schedule II or Schedule III controlled substances (Enumerated ¶ 2); and

Whereas Dr. Andrew now requests that the Board remove the restriction on his ability to prescribe controlled substances provided for in enumerated paragraph 2 of the September 2011 Consent Order; and

Now, therefore, upon consideration by the Board of Dr. Andrew's request, the Board hereby ORDERS that:

1. The September 2011 Consent Order is hereby AMENDED so as to remove the prescribing restrictions contained in enumerated paragraph 2 of the September 2011 Consent Order. 2. All of the other terms, conditions and provisions of the numbered paragraphs contained in the September 2011 Consent Order remain in effect.

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

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

5. This Order Amending 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 National Practitioners Data Bank and the Health Integrity and Protection Data Bank.

So ORDERED, this the 25th day of October, 2012.

NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

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By:

Ralph C. Loomis, M.D. President