COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICI

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania **Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs**

File No.:

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OPERATOR ANTI: 17 19-53-006460

VS.

Edward H. Tobe, D.O., Respondent

CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER

PARTIES

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of State, Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs ("Commonwealth") and Edward H. Tobe, D.O. ("Respondent") stipulate as follows in settlement of the above-captioned case.

APPLICABLE LAW

1. This matter is before the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine ("Board") pursuant to the Osteopathic Medical Practice Act, act of October 5, 1978, P.L. 1109, No. 261, ("Act"), as amended, 63 P.S. §§ 271.1-271.18; the Medical Care Availability and Reduction of Error ("Mcare") Act, Act of March 20, 2002, P.L. 154, No. 13, as amended, 40 P.S. §§ 1303.101-1303.910; and/or the Act of July 2, 1993, P.L. 345, No. 48 ("ACT 48"), as amended, 63 P.S. §§ 2201-2207.

LICENSURE STATUS

2. At all relevant and material times, Respondent held the following license to practice as an osteopathic physician & surgeon in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania: license no. OS003014L, which was originally issued on July 12, 1973, and which is currently set to expire on October 31, 2020.

STIPULATED FACTS

- 3. The Respondent admits that the following allegations are true:
- a. Absent additional Board action, Respondent's license may be continually reactivated, renewed, or reinstated upon the filing of the appropriate documentation and payment of the necessary fees.
- b. Respondent's last known office address, as on file with the Board is: Suite B, 1001 Lincoln Drive West, Marlton, NJ 08053.
- c. Respondent practices osteopathic medicine in the specialty of psychiatry.
- d. At all relevant and material times, Respondent was authorized to practice as a physician in the State of New Jersey.
- e. On or about May 2, 2019, the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners ("New Jersey Board") issued a Final Consent Order In the Matter of Edward Tobe, D.O. to Practice Medicine and Surgery in the State of New Jersey.
- f. A true and correct copy of the New Jersey Board's May 2, 2019 Final Consent Order is attached and incorporated as **Exhibit A**.
- g. The New Jersey Board restricted Respondent's authority to prescribe controlled dangerous substances ("CDS"), along with other terms and conditions.

ALLEGED VIOLATIONS

4. The Commonwealth alleges that the Board is authorized to suspend or revoke, or otherwise restrict Respondent's license under sections 11(c) and 15(a) of the Act, 63 P.S. §§ 271.11(c) & 271.15(a); or impose a civil penalty under Section 908 of the Mcare Act, 40 P.S. §§ 1303.908, and/or Section 5(b)(4) of ACT 48, 63 P.S. §2205(b)(4) and/or impose the costs of investigation under Section 5(b)(5) of ACT 48, 63 P.S. § 2205(b)(5), because Respondent

violated the Act at section 15(a)(4), 63 P.S. § 271.15(a)(4), in that Respondent had a license to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery disciplined by the proper licensing authority of another state.

PROPOSED ORDER

- 5. The parties, intending to be legally bound, consent to the issuance of the following Order in settlement of this matter:
 - a. The Board finds that it is authorized to suspend or revoke, or otherwise restrict Respondent's license under sections 11(c) and 15(a) of the Act, 63 P.S. §§ 271.11(c) & 271.15(a); or impose a civil penalty under Section 908 of the Mcare Act,40 P.S. §§ 1303.908, and/or Section 5(b)(4) of ACT 48, 63 P.S. §2205(b)(4) and/or impose the costs of investigation under Section 5(b)(5) of ACT 48, 63 P.S. § 2205(b)(5), because Respondent violated the Act at section 15(a)(4), 63 P.S. § 271.15(a)(4), in that Respondent had a license to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery disciplined by the proper licensing authority of another state.
 - b. Respondent is hereby restricted to prescribing controlled substances in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania only for the treatment of psychiatric conditions.
 - c. Respondent shall not prescribe controlled substances in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for use in the treatment of pain management.
 - d. Respondent shall refer all patients receiving treatment for chronic pain to a pain management specialist.
 - e. Respondent shall be permitted to prescribe naltrexone only to patients with alcohol dependency.

- f. This Order constitutes disciplinary action by the Board and shall be reported to other licensing authorities and any applicable national licensing databank as a disciplinary action by the Board.
- g. This case shall be deemed settled and discontinued upon the Board issuing an Order adopting this Consent Agreement.

ADMISSIBILITY OF CONSENT AGREEMENT IN FUTURE PROCEEDINGS

6. Respondent agrees that if Respondent is charged with a violation of an Act enforced by this Board in the future, this Consent Agreement and Order shall be admitted into evidence without objection in that proceeding.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF NOTICE AND WAIVER OF HEARING

7. Respondent acknowledges receipt of an Order to Show Cause in this matter.

Respondent knowingly and voluntarily waives the right to an administrative hearing in this matter, and knowingly and voluntarily waives the following rights related to that hearing: to be represented by counsel at the hearing; to present witnesses and testimony in defense or in mitigation of any sanction that may be imposed for a violation; to cross-examine witnesses and to challenge evidence presented by the Commonwealth; to present legal arguments by means of a brief; and to take an appeal from any final adverse decision.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RIGHT TO ATTORNEY

8. Respondent acknowledges that he is aware that he has the right to consult with, and/or be represented by, private legal counsel of Respondent's choosing and at Respondent's expense when reviewing, considering and accepting the terms of this Consent Agreement.

Respondent had an opportunity to consult with Attorney Robert N. Agre, regarding this Consent Agreement.

WAIVER OF CLAIM OF COMMINGLING AND OTHER CONSTITUTIONAL CLAIMS

9. Respondent expressly waives any constitutional rights and issues, such as commingling of prosecutorial and adjudicative functions by the Board or its counsel, which may arise or have arisen during the negotiation, preparation and/or presentation of this Consent Agreement. Respondent specifically agrees that if the Board rejects this agreement, it may assume that the facts and averments as alleged in this Consent Agreement are true and correct for the limited purpose of recommending a sanction, based on those assumed facts, that would be acceptable to the Board before hearing the case. In the event that the Board does assume the facts and averments as alleged in this Consent Agreement are true for purposes of making a recommendation as to an acceptable sanction, such action shall not constitute commingling of prosecutorial and adjudicative functions by the Board or its counsel, and the Respondent expressly waives any constitutional rights and issues related to alleged commingling, bias, or violation of due process rights to have an unbiased and impartial adjudicator in any subsequent hearing. If a hearing is subsequently held, neither this Consent Agreement nor the proposed terms of settlement may be admitted into evidence and any facts, averments, and allegations contained in the Consent Agreement must be proven at hearing unless otherwise separately stipulated. This paragraph is binding on the participants even if the Board does not approve this Consent Agreement.

NO MODIFICATION OF ORDER

10. Respondent agrees, as a condition of entering into this Consent Agreement, not to seek modification at a later date of the Stipulated Order adopting and implementing this Consent Agreement without first obtaining the express written concurrence of the Prosecution Division.

AGREEMENT NOT BINDING ON OTHER PARTIES

11. The Office of General Counsel has approved this Consent Agreement as to form and legality; however, this Consent Agreement shall have no legal effect unless and until the Board issues an Order approving and adopting this Consent Agreement.

EFFECT OF BOARD'S REJECTION OF CONSENT AGREEMENT

12. Should the Board not approve this Consent Agreement, presentation to and consideration of this Consent Agreement and other documents and matters by the Board shall not prejudice the Board or any of its members from further participation in the adjudication of this matter. This paragraph is binding on the participants even if the Board does not approve this Consent Agreement.

AGREEMENT DOES NOT PREVENT ADDITIONAL DISCIPLINE BASED ON OTHER COMPLAINTS

13. Nothing in this Order shall preclude the Prosecution Division for the Commonwealth from filing charges or the Board from imposing disciplinary or corrective measures for violations or facts not contained in this Consent Agreement;

ENTIRE AGREEMENT

14. This agreement contains the whole agreement between the participants; provided however, that the captions printed in the various provisions of this agreement are for ease of reading only and are not to be interpreted as forming any part of this agreement. There are no other terms, obligations, covenants, representations, statements or conditions, or otherwise, of any kind whatsoever concerning this agreement.

VERIFICATION OF FACTS AND STATEMENTS

15. Respondent verifies that the facts and statements set forth in this Consent Agreement are true and correct to the best of Respondent's knowledge, information and belief. Respondent understands that statements in this Consent Agreement are made subject to the criminal

penalties of 18 Pa.C.S.A. § 4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

Keith E. Bashore
Prosecuting Attorney

DATED: 126619

DATED: 126-19

Robert N. Agre

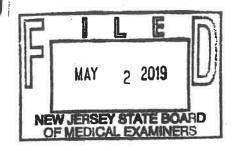
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EXHIBIT A

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF

EDWARD TOBE, D.O. LICENSE NO. 25MB02756600

TO PRACTICE MEDICINE AND SURGERY IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action
FINAL CONSENT ORDER

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners ("Board") in or about June 2018, upon receipt of information that Edward Tobe, D.O., ("Respondent)", a psychiatrist, License No. 25MB02756600, was allegedly engaged in indiscriminate prescribing of Controlled Dangerous Substances ("CDS").

On January 23, 2019, Respondent appeared before a Preliminary Evaluation Committee ("Committee") of the Board to discuss his CDS prescribing along with his general practice of medicine. Respondent admitted to failing to use pain scores when evaluating

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pain management patients and only conducting urine toxicology screens two (2) to three (3) times per year. Respondent admitted to checking a patient's Prescription Monitoring Report ("PMP") on a monthly basis while prescribing CDS. He further testified to using alternative treatments, including but not limited to referrals for water therapy, neurologists, and pain management physicians, on the minority of patients in his population pool that were prescribed CDS, but admitted that he found it "difficult" to treat these high tolerance patients.

The allegations, if proven, would demonstrate that Respondent failed to comply with the provisions of the Board's regulations in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(h); specifically, failing to comply with certain limitations on prescribing CDS in violation of N.J.A.C. 13:35-7.6; and the issuing of prescriptions for CDS indiscriminately or without good cause in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(m).

The parties being desirous of resolving this matter without the necessity of a hearing, and it appearing that Respondent has read the terms of the within Order and understands their meaning and effect and consents to be bound by same, and the Board finding that the within disposition is adequately protective of the public health, safety, and welfare, and for good cause shown,

IT IS, therefore, on this and day of

ORDERED THAT:

- 1. Respondent, Edward Tobe, D.O., is hereby restricted to prescribing CDS only for the treatment of psychiatric conditions. Specifically, Respondent shall not prescribe any CDS for use in the treatment of pain management. Respondent is permitted to prescribe naltrexone for patients with alcohol dependency.
- 2. Within three (3) months of the filing of this Order, Respondent must refer all present patients receiving treatment for chronic pain as defined in N.J.A.C. 13:35-7.6(a) to a pain management specialist.
- 3. Respondent shall comply with the attached "Directives Applicable to any Medical Board Licensee who is Disciplined or whose Surrender of Licensure or Cessation has been ordered or Agreed Upon." The Directives are incorporated herein by reference.
- 4. The parties hereby stipulate that entry of this Consent Order is without prejudice to further action or investigation by this Board, the Attorney General, the Drug Control Unit, the Director of the Division of Consumer Affairs, or other law enforcement entities resulting from Respondent's conduct prior to the entry of this Order.

The Board shall retain jurisdiction to enforce the terms of this Consent Order. Upon receipt of any reliable information indicating that Respondent has violated any term of this Consent Order, the Board reserves the right to bring further disciplinary action.

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Paul Carniol, M.D. Board President

I have read and understood the within Order and agree to be bound by its terms. Consent is hereby given to the Board to enter this Order.

Consent is hereby given as to the form and entry of this Order.

Attorney for Respondent Edward Tobe, D.O.

DIRECTIVES APPLICABLE TO ANY MEDICAL BOARD LICENSEE WHO IS DISCIPLINED OR WHOSE SURRENDER OF LICENSURE OR CESSATION OF PRACTICE HAS BEEN ORDERED OR AGREED UPON

APPROVED BY THE BOARD ON AUGUST 12, 2015

All licensees who are the subject of a disciplinary order or surrender or cessation order (herein after, "Order") of the Board shall provide the information required on the addendum to these directives. Failure to provide the information required may result in further disciplinary action for failing to cooperate with the Board, as required by N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1 et seq: Paragraphs 1 through 4 below shall apply when a licensee is suspended, revoked, has surrendered his or her license, or entered into an agreement to cease practice, with or without prejudice, whether on an interim or final basis. Paragraph 5 applies to licensees who are the subject of an order which, while permitting continued practice, contains probationary terms or monitoring requirement.

1. Document Return and Agency Notification

The licensee shall promptly forward to the Board office at Post Office Box 183, 140 East Front Street, 2nd floor, Trenton, New 08625-0183, the original license, current biennial registration and, if applicable, the original CDS registration. In addition, if the licensee holds a Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) registration, he or she shall promptly advise the DEA of the licensure action. (With respect to suspensions of a finite term, at the conclusion of the term, the licensee may contact the Board office for the return of the documents previously surrendered to the Board. Prior to the resumption of any prescribing of controlled dangerous substances, the licensee shall petition the Director of Consumer Affairs for a return of the CDS registration if the basis for discipline involved CDS misconduct. In addition, at the conclusion of the term, the licensee should contact the DEA to advise of the resumption of practice and to ascertain the impact of that change upon his/her DEA registration.)

2. Practice Cessation

The licensee shall cease and desist from engaging in the practice of medicine in this State. This prohibition not only bars a licensee from rendering professional services, but also from providing an opinion as to professional practice or its application, or representing him/herself as being eligible to practice. (Although the licensee need not affirmatively advise patients or others of the revocation, suspension, surrender or cessation, the licensee must truthfully disclose his/her licensure status in response to inquiry.) The licensee subject to the order

is also prohibited from occupying, sharing or using office space in which another licensee provides health care services. The licensee subject to the order may contract for, accept payment from another licensee for rent at fair market value for office premises and/or equipment. In no case may the licensee subject to the order authorize, allow or condone the use of his/her provider number by any health care practice or any other licensee or health care provider. In situations where the licensee has been subject to the order for less than one year, the licensee may accept payment from another professional who is using his/her office during the period that the licensee is (suspended), subject to the order for the payment of salaries for office staff employed at the time of the Board action.

A licensee whose license has been revoked, suspended or subject to a surrender or cessation order for one (1) year or more must immediately take steps to remove signs and take affirmative action to stop advertisements by which his/her eligibility to practice is represented. The licensee must also take steps to remove his/her name from professional listings, telephone directories, professional stationery, or billings. If the licensee's name is utilized in a group practice title, it shall be deleted. Prescription pads bearing the licensee's name shall be destroyed. A destruction report form obtained from the Office of Drug Control (973-504-6558) must be filed. If no other licensee is providing services at the location, all medications must be removed and returned to the manufacturer, if possible, destroyed safeguarded. (In situations where a license has been suspended for less than one year, prescription pads and medications need not be destroyed but must be secured in a locked place for safekeeping.)

3. Practice Income Prohibitions/Divestiture of Equity Interest in Professional Service Corporations and Limited Liability Companies

A licensee subject to the order shall not charge, receive or share in any fee for professional services rendered by him/herself or others while barred from engaging in the professional practice. The licensee may be compensated for the reasonable value of services lawfully rendered and disbursements incurred on a patient's behalf prior to the effective date of the Board order.

This bar on the receipt of any fee for professional services is not applicable to cease and desist orders where there are no findings that would be a basis for Board action, such as those entered adjourning a hearing.

A licensee who is a shareholder in a professional service corporation organized to engage in the professional practice, whose license is revoked, surrendered or suspended or who is ordered to cease practice for a term of one (1) year or more shall be deemed to be disqualified from the practice within the meaning of the Professional Service Corporation Act. (N.J.S.A. 14A:17-11). A disqualified licensee shall divest him/herself of all financial interest in the professional service corporation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 14A:17-13(c). A disqualified licensee who is a member of a limited liability company organized pursuant to N.J.S.A. 42:1-44, shall also divest him/herself of all financial interest. Such divestiture of the licensee's interest in the limited liability company or professional service corporation shall occur within 90 days following the entry of the order rendering the licensee disqualified to participate in the applicable form of ownership. Upon divestiture, a licensee shall forward to the Board a copy of documentation forwarded to the Division of Revenue and Enterprise Services demonstrating that the interest has been terminated. If the licensee is the sole shareholder in a professional service corporation or sole member of the limited liability company, the corporation must be dissolved within 90 days of the licensee's disqualification unless it is lawfully transferred to another and documentation of the valuation process consideration paid is also provided to the Board.

4. Medical Records

If, as a result of the Board's action, a practice is closed or transferred to another location, the licensee shall ensure that (during the three (3) month period) immediately following the effective date of the disciplinary order, a message will be delivered to patients calling the former office premises, advising where records may be obtained. The message should inform patients of the names and telephone numbers of the licensee (or his/her attorney) assuming custody of the records. The same information shall also be disseminated by means of a notice to be published at least once per month for three (3) months in a newspaper of general circulation in the geographic vicinity in which the practice was conducted. If the licensee has a website, a notice shall be posted on the website as well.

At the end of the three month period, the licensee shall file with the Board the name and telephone number of the contact person who will have access to medical records of former patients. Any change in that individual or his/her telephone number shall be promptly reported to the Board. When a patient or his/her representative requests a copy of his/her medical record or asks that record be forwarded to another health care provider, the licensee shall promptly provide the record without charge to the patient.

5. Probation/Monitoring Conditions

With respect to any licensee who is the subject of any order imposing a probation or monitoring requirement or a stay of an active suspension, in whole or in part, which is conditioned upon compliance with a probation or monitoring requirement, the licensee shall fully cooperate with the Board and its designated representatives, including the Enforcement Bureau of the Division of Consumer Affairs, in ongoing monitoring of the licensee's status and practice. Such monitoring shall be at the expense of the disciplined practitioner.

- (a) Monitoring of practice conditions may include, but is not limited to, inspection of the professional premises and equipment, and Inspection and copying of patient records (confidentiality of patient identity shall be protected by the Board) to verify compliance with the Board Order and accepted standards of practice.
- (b) Monitoring of status conditions for an impaired practitioner may include, but is not limited to, practitioner cooperation in providing releases permitting unrestricted access to records and other information to the extent permitted by law from any treatment facility, other treating practitioner, support group or other individual/facility involved in the education, treatment, monitoring or oversight of the practitioner, or maintained by a rehabilitation program for impaired practitioners. If bodily substance monitoring has been ordered, the practitioner shall fully cooperate by responding to a demand for breath, blood, urine or other sample in a timely manner and providing the designated sample.

6. Payment of Civil and Criminal Penalties and Costs.

With respect to any licensee who is the subject of any order imposing a civil penalty and/or costs, the licensee shall satisfy the payment obligations within the time period ordered by the Board or be subject to collection efforts or the filing of a certificate of debt. The Board shall not consider any application for reinstatement nor shall any appearance before a committee of the Board seeking reinstatement be scheduled until such time as the Board ordered payments are satisfied in full. (The Board at its discretion may grant installment payments for not more than a 24 months period.)

As to the satisfaction of criminal penalties and civil forfeitures, the Board will consider a reinstatement application so long as the licensee is current in his or her payment plans

NOTICE OF REPORTING PRACTICES OF BOARD REGARDING DISCIPLINARY ORDERS/ACTIONS

All Orders filed by the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners are "government records" as defined under the Open Public Records Act and are available for public inspection, copying or examination. See N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1, et seq., N.J.S.A. 52:14B-3(3). Should any inquiry be made to the Board concerning the status of a licensee who has been the subject of a Board Order, the inquirer will be informed of the existence of the Order and a copy will be provided on request. Unless sealed or otherwise confidential, all documents filed in public actions taken against licensees, to include documents filed or introduced into evidence in evidentiary hearings, proceedings on motions or other applications conducted as public hearings, and the transcripts of any such proceedings, are "government records" available for public inspection, copying or examination.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:9-22, a description of any final board disciplinary action taken within the most recent ten years is included on the New Jersey Health Care Profile maintained by the Division of Consumer Affairs for all licensed physicians. Links to copies of Orders described thereon are also available on the Profile website. See http://www.njdoctorlist.com.

Copies of disciplinary Orders entered by the Board are additionally posted and available for inspection or download on the Board of Medical Examiners' website.

See http://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/bme.

Pursuant to federal law, the Board is required to report to the National Practitioner Data Bank (the "NPDB") certain adverse licensure actions taken against licensees related to professional competence or conduct, generally including the revocation or suspension of a license; reprimand; censure; and/or probation. Additionally, any negative action or finding by the Board that, under New Jersey law, is publicly available information is reportable to the NPDB, to include, without limitation, limitations on scope of practice and final adverse actions that occur in conjunction with settlements in which no finding of liability has been made. Additional information regarding the specific actions which the Board is required to report to the National Practitioner Data Bank can be found in the NPDB Guidebook issued by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in April 2015. See http://www.npdb.hrsa.gov/resources/npdbguidebook.pdf.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A.45:9-19.13, in any case in which the Board refuses to issue, suspends, revokes or otherwise places conditions

on a license or permit, the Board is required to notify each licensed health care facility and health maintenance organization with which a licensee is affiliated and every other board licensee in this state with whom he or she is directly associated in private medical practice.

In accordance with an agreement with the Federation of State Medical Boards of the United States, a list of all disciplinary orders entered by the Board is provided to the Federation on a monthly basis.

From time to time, the Press Office of the Division of Consumer Affairs may issue press releases including information regarding public actions taken by the Board.

Nothing herein is intended in any way to limit the Board, the Division of Consumer Affairs or the Attorney General from disclosing any public document.

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs

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ORDER

AND NOW, this /2 day of feb many, 2020, the STATE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE ("Board") approves and adopts the foregoing Consent Agreement and incorporates the terms of paragraph 5, which shall constitute the Board's Order and is now issued in resolution of this matter.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL AFFAIRS

Acting Commissioned

For the Commonwealth:

For the Respondent:

Date of mailing:

BY ORDER:

STATE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

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