



TEXAS MEDICAL BOARD

REMEDIAL PLAN
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On the 8th day of June, 2012, this matter came on to be heard before the Texas Medical Board ("Board"). This Remedial Plan was offered by Melissa Tonn, M.D., and Ruthie Burrus, members of District Review Committees. Claudia Kirk prepared this Remedial Plan. Respondent was not represented by counsel.

FINDINGS

The Board alleges that Respondent did not meet the standard of care for one patient (Patient). Respondent failed to appropriately taper the Patient off of benzodiazepines, order urine drug screens, and investigate other medication the Patient was receiving from other providers. Respondent, however, did institute a pill count and denied early refill requests.

Respondent does not admit or deny the Findings and Conclusions of Law contained herein but, rather, has agreed to settle in good faith to avoid the cost, expense, and uncertainty of litigation.

BOARD HISTORY

Respondent has not had a prior Remedial Plan or disciplinary history with the Board.

MITIGATING FACTOR

Respondent cooperated in the investigation of the allegations that resulted in this Remedial Plan.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Board has jurisdiction over the subject matter and Respondent pursuant to Medical Practice Act, Title 3, Subtitle B, Texas Occupations Code ("Act").

2. Section 164.051(a)(6) of the Act, and as further defined by Board Rule(s) 190.8(1)(A) through (C), authorizes the Board to take action against Respondent.

3. Section 164.0015 of the Act authorizes the Board to resolve this matter with a Remedial Plan.

4. Section 164.002(d) of the Act provides that this Remedial Plan is a settlement agreement under the Texas Rules of Evidence for purposes of civil litigation.

REMEDIAL PLAN TERMS

Based on the above, Respondent shall:

1. Within one year following the date of the entry of this Order, Respondent shall enroll in and successfully complete the physician prescribing course offered by the University of California San Diego (PACE) program, or an equivalent course approved in advance by the Executive Director or designee. To obtain approval for a course other than the PACE course, Respondent shall submit in writing to the Compliance Division of the Board information on the course, to include at least a reasonably detailed description of the course content, faculty, course location, and dates of instruction. Respondent shall submit documentation of attendance and successful completion of this requirement to the Compliance Division of the Board on or before the expiration of the time limit set forth for completion of the course.

2. The cost for administering the Remedial Plan is \$500 per year. Payment of this cost is due no later than 60 days after Respondent receives notice of Board approval of this Remedial Plan. The cost shall be paid in a single payment by cashier's check or money order payable to the Texas Medical Board and shall be submitted to the Executive Director for the Board for routing so as to be remitted to the Comptroller of Texas for deposit in the general revenue fund.

3. The terms of this Remedial Plan are not subject to modification or early termination.

4. Respondent shall comply with all the provisions of the Act and other statutes regulating Respondent's practice.

5. Respondent shall fully cooperate with the Board attorneys, investigators, compliance officers, consultants, and other employees or agents of the Board in any way

involved in investigation, review, or monitoring associated with Respondent's compliance with this Remedial Plan.

6. Any violation of the terms, conditions, or requirements of this Remedial Plan by Respondent shall constitute unprofessional conduct likely to deceive or defraud the public, or to injure the public, and shall constitute a basis for disciplinary action by the Board against Respondent pursuant to the Act.

7. This Remedial Plan shall automatically terminate upon Respondent's submission to the Board of evidence deemed to be sufficient by the Compliance Division of the Board that Respondent successfully completed the requirements set forth in the Remedial Plan Terms Paragraph Nos. 1 and 2.

THIS REMEDIAL PLAN IS A PUBLIC RECORD.

THIS REMEDIAL PLAN IS NON-DISCIPLINARY.

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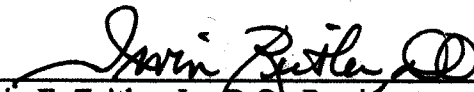
I, ^EKELLY ANN FARMER, M.D., HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING REMEDIAL PLAN. I UNDERSTAND THAT BY SIGNING, I WAIVE CERTAIN RIGHTS. I SIGN IT VOLUNTARILY. I UNDERSTAND THIS REMEDIAL PLAN IS A FINAL, NON-APPEALABLE AGREEMENT THAT CONTAINS THE ENTIRE AGREEMENT AND THERE IS NO OTHER AGREEMENT OF ANY KIND, VERBAL, WRITTEN OR OTHERWISE.



KELLY ANN FARMER, M.D.
Respondent

5-11-12
DATE

SIGNED AND ENTERED by the presiding officer of the Texas Medical Board on this
8 day of June, 2012.



Irvin E. Zeitler, Jr., (D.O.), President
Texas Medical Board