

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE

IN RE: ANNE NIEMIRO ROBINSON, M.D.
License Number: 0101-245103
Case Number: 169418

CONSENT ORDER

JURISDICTION AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The Virginia Board of Medicine ("Board") and Anne Niemiro Robinson, M.D., as evidenced by their signatures hereto, in lieu of proceeding to an informal conference, enter into the following Consent Order affecting Dr. Robinson's license to practice medicine in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Anne Niemiro Robinson, M.D., was issued License Number 0101-245103 to practice medicine on February 23, 2009, which is scheduled to expire on September 30, 2016.
2. Dr. Robinson is in violation of Virginia Code § 54.1-2915.A(2), (4), and (14) in that she is unable to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety due to diagnoses of alcohol use disorder moderate/severe (in early remission) and generalized anxiety, NOS. Specifically:
 - a. Dr. Robinson has a history of alcoholism since approximately 2013 that includes multiple relapses as set forth below.
 - i. On April 16, 2015, Dr. Robinson reported to the Board during an administrative proceeding that she had experienced one "relapse on or about July 28, 2014, after she had a particularly stressful interaction related to divorce proceedings."
 - ii. See Confidential Exhibit A.
 - iii. See Confidential Exhibit A.

b. According to Dr. Robinson, and confirmed by her treatment provider, she has been diagnosed with generalized anxiety disorder, for which she is prescribed Lexapro and Trazadone.

c. Dr. Robinson acknowledged her impairment when she enrolled in the Virginia Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program ("HPMP") on or about August 2, 2013. She continues to be enrolled in the HPMP.

d. Despite having executed a contract with HPMP requiring her to abstain from consuming alcohol, by her own admission, Dr. Robinson drank a six pack of beer on June 5, 2015 and another six pack of beer on June 6, 2015. Dr. Robinson reported this relapse to her psychotherapist and HPMP case manager only after submitting to a random urine drug screen on June 8, 2015. As a result, the HPMP required Dr. Robinson to stop practicing and referred her for in-patient substance abuse treatment. As set forth in the Board's Order entered April 27, 2015, Dr. Robinson was previously hospitalized for approximately 90 days for treatment in late 2013.

e. See Confidential Exhibit A.

f. See Confidential Exhibit A.

CONSENT

Anne Niemiro Robinson, M.D., by affixing her signature to this Consent Order, agrees to the following:

1. I have been advised to seek advice of counsel prior to signing this document;
2. I am fully aware that without my consent, no legal action can be taken against me or my license except pursuant to the Virginia Administrative Process Act, Virginia Code § 2.2-4000 *et seq.*;
3. I acknowledge that I have the following rights, among others: the right to an informal fact-finding conference before the Board; the right to representation by counsel; and the right to cross-examine witnesses against me;

4. I waive all right to an informal conference;
5. I admit to the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained herein and waive my right to contest such Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and any sanction imposed hereunder in any future judicial or administrative proceeding in which the Board is a party;
6. I consent to the entry of the following Order affecting my right to practice medicine in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Virginia Board of Medicine hereby ORDERS as follows:

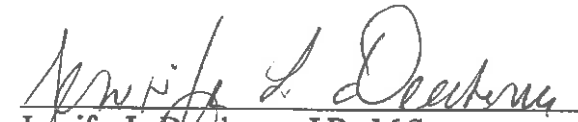
1. The license of Anne Niemiro Robinson, M.D., to practice medicine is SUSPENDED.
2. The suspension is STAYED and shall remain stayed contingent upon Dr. Robinson's continued compliance with all terms and conditions of the HPMP for the period specified by the HPMP.
3. Failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the stay of suspension shall be reason for summarily rescinding the stay of suspension of the license of Dr. Robinson and the license shall be recorded as suspended.

This Order shall remain in effect until the Board has notified Anne Niemiro Robinson, M.D., in writing that she is released from all terms and conditions.

Pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 2.2-4023 and 54.1-2400.2, the signed original of this Order shall remain in the custody of the Department of Health Professions as a public record, and shall be made available for public inspection and copying upon request.


Pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-2400.2(K), the Board considered whether to disclose or not disclose Dr. Robinson's health records or health services.

FOR THE BOARD


Jennifer L. Deschenes, J.D., M.S.
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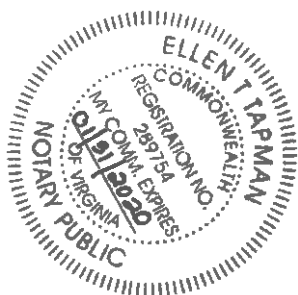
ENTERED: 11/9/16

SEEN AND AGREED TO:


Anne Niemi Robinson, M.D.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
COUNTY/CITY OF Antismouth, TO WIT:

Subscribed and sworn to me, a notary public in and for the Commonwealth of Virginia at large, on this
2 day of November, 2016.




Notary Public

My commission expires: January 31, 2020
Registration No.: 289754