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May 7, 1985

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CERTIFIED MAIL

Dear Dr. McEntire:

This is official notification that an informal conference will be held on May 24, 1985, at 1:30 p.m. in the John T. Hazel, M.D. Conference Center at The Arlington Hospital, 1701 North George Mason Drive, Arlington, Virginia. The conference will be conducted pursuant to Sections 54-318.1 and 9-6.14:11 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

An informal conference committee, which is composed of three members of the Virginia State Board of Medicine will inquire into allegations that you may have violated certain laws and regulations governing the practice of medicine in Virginia. Specifically, Sections 54-316(4) and (3) as further defined in Section 54-317(11) may have been violated in that:

- 1) You indiscriminately prescribed various controlled substances to Norma Martin, a person known to you to abuse prescribed drugs, from January 10, 1977 through June 6, 1980, without accepted therapeutic purpose to wit:
  - a) 3,350 dosage units of various Schedules III and IV sedative hypnotics (Noludar and Azene);
  - b) 1,580 dosage units of various Schedule VI antidepressants (Amitriptyline and Pamelor 10 mg);
  - c) 4,954 dosage units of various Schedules IV and VI tranquilizers (Valium 5 mg, Thorazine and Vistaril);
- 2) Ms. Martin was hospitalized under your care several times for depression and drug abuse from February 28, 1975 to June 23, 1980, totalling approximately 209 days.

Wesley E. McEntire, M.D.  
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You may be represented by an attorney at the informal conference. The following actions may be taken by this informal conference committee:

1. If after such conference at which the practitioner may appear, a majority of the committee is of the opinion that a suspension or revocation of the practitioner's license may be justified, or in the event of a violation of the terms of probation hereinafter authorized, the committee shall present to the Board in writing its findings, and the Board may proceed with a formal hearing;
2. The committee may notify the practitioner in writing that he is fully exonerated of any charge that might affect his right to practice in the State;
3. Reprimand or censure the practitioner;
4. Place the practitioner on probation for such time as it may designate or direct that during such period he furnish the committee or its chairman, at such intervals as the committee may direct, evidence that he is not practicing his profession in violation of the provisions of Chapter 12 of Title 54 of the Code of Virginia, which governs the practice of medicine in Virginia.

Should you fail to appear at the informal conference the Board may proceed to a formal administrative hearing in order to impose sanctions. Please inform this office of your intention to appear at the hearing at least ten (10) days prior to the scheduled date above. Also, please inform the Board office of a telephone number where you may be reached.

Enclosed you will find copies of the relevant sections of the Administrative Process Act, which governs proceedings of this nature, as well as the laws and regulations relating to the practice of medicine in Virginia.


Wesley E. McEntire, M.D.  
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Should you have any questions regarding this notice of the Board, please contact Stephanie A. Sivert, Deputy Administrator.

Sincerely,

George J. Carroll, M.D.  
Secretary-Treasurer  
Virginia State Board of Medicine

BY:

  
Eugenia K. Dorson  
Executive Secretary

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Enclosure

cc: Howard M. Casway  
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Informal Conference Committee

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# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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Dear Dr. McEntire:

This official notification of the decision of the Informal Conference Committee which met with you on June 27, 1985.

The Committee reviewed the allegations for which you were noticed in the notice of hearing of May 7, 1985.

It was the opinion of the majority of the Committee that you had violated Section 54-316(3) as further defined in Section 54-317(11) in that you had excessively prescribed nolidar to Norma Martin.

The Committee recommended that you be reprimanded for violation of the Code and this letter will become a permanent part of your record at the Board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "George J. Carroll, M.D.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

George J. Carroll, M.D.  
Secretary-Treasurer  
Virginia State Board of Medicine

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cc: Howard M. Casway  
Assistant Attorney General

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# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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November 1, 2000

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**CERTIFIED MAIL**  
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RE: License No.: 0101-018663

Dear Dr. McEntire:

This letter is official notification that an informal conference of the Virginia Board of Medicine ("Board") will be held on **Wednesday, December 6, 2000, at 4:00 p.m., at the Department of Health Professions, 6606 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia.** The conference will be conducted pursuant to Sections 54.1-2919 and 9-6.14:11 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code").

An Informal Conference Committee ("Committee"), composed of three members of the Board, will inquire into allegations that you may have violated certain laws governing the practice of medicine in Virginia. Specifically, you may have violated Sections 54.1-2915(A)(3) and (4), as more fully defined in Section 54.1-2914(A)(9), (10), (14) and (15) of the Code, in that:

1. From approximately June 28, 1976 through September 11, 1995, you provided inpatient and outpatient individual counseling to Patient A who had a history of, and exhibited current signs of, substance abuse, and whom you diagnosed with major depression, dissociative disorder and post traumatic stress disorder. During the course of treatment, you acted unprofessionally and not in the best interest of the client, in that:

a. You failed to maintain appropriate therapeutic boundaries in that you inappropriately hugged and touched this client, and visited her at her parents' home. You knew or should have known that she would likely misunderstand your intentions.

b. You failed to establish a clear treatment plan, to include collaboration with other appropriate mental health providers; and failed to refer Patient A to another therapist and continued to treat Patient A when you knew or should have known, that she was not progressing in treatment with you. Further, despite her numerous suicide attempts and hospitalizations, you failed to reformulate your case and treatment plan.

c. You failed to appropriately manage the prescribing of controlled substances for Patient A, despite your knowledge of her history of and current substance abuse, in that:

- i. You conducted multiple medication trials, prescribing various medications, including but not limited to, diazepam 5mg tablets, Lorazepam 1mg tablets, butalbital/APAP, Navane 2mg tablets, Mellaril 50mg tablets, phenobarbital 10mg tablets, phenergan 25mg tablets, Ambien, Compazine, Prozac, and Vistaril; and frequently changed her medications without appropriately documenting the need for the large amounts, the need for changes, or a description of what happened with the previous medication trials.
- ii. You continued to prescribe various and large quantities of medications despite your knowledge of her ongoing abuse of drugs prescribed by you, to include use for suicidal purposes.
- iii. You failed to refer this patient for a psychopharmacology second opinion despite the fact that you knew that she had trouble with the medications you prescribed, including overuse and side effects.
- iv. You failed to appropriately keep abreast of and utilize standard changes in treatment modalities in that you inappropriately continued to prescribe barbiturates for Patient A's headaches even after better neurologic approaches to migraines and better dental approaches to TMJ had become available
- v. On or about May 8, 1995, Christopher C. Bowers, M. Div., C.S.A.C., Charter Westbrook, Richmond, Virginia, conducted a chemical dependency assessment of Patient A, and recommended intensive outpatient treatment. You failed to appropriately utilize this resource and recommendation, and in fact, supported her not entering into treatment.

d. You failed to clearly and appropriately address billing issues when you knew or should have known that to not do so could create a misunderstanding or incorrect assumption by Patient A. A review of your billing records disclose that you carried a large unpaid balance for this patient.

2. Between on or about January 20, 1999 and March 28, 2000, you prescribed for Patient B, your brother, approximately thirteen (13) prescriptions for Ritalin 10mg (methylphenidate; Schedule II) tablets.

3. Between approximately August 1995 and June 18, 2000, you prescribed for Patient C, your nephew, approximately 29 prescriptions for Ritalin 10mg tablets.

The Board has engaged the services of Rebecca J. Lindsay, M.D., F.A.P.A., whose written report is included in the material enclosed with this letter. Dr. Lindsay will be present at the informal conference to serve as a psychiatric expert, which will include providing her expert opinion regarding your standard of care.

In order to protect the privacy of Patients A, B and C, they have been referred to by letter only. Please see Attachment I of this notice for the identity of the individuals referenced above. The following actions may be taken by this Committee:

The following actions may be taken by this Committee:

1. If a majority of the Committee is of the opinion that a suspension or revocation of your license may be justified, the Committee shall present to the Board in writing its findings, and the Board may proceed with a formal hearing.

2. The Committee may notify you in writing that you are fully exonerated of any charge that might affect your right to practice medicine in Virginia.

3. The Committee may reprimand or censure you.

4. The Committee may impose a monetary penalty pursuant to Section 54.1-2401 of the Code.

5. The Committee may place you on probation for such time as it may designate and direct that during such period you furnish the Committee or its chairman, at such intervals as the Committee may direct, evidence that you are not practicing in violation of the provisions of Chapter 29, Title 54.1 of the Code, which governs the practice of medicine in Virginia.

You have the right to information which will be relied upon by the Committee in making a decision. Therefore, I enclose a copy of the documents which will be distributed to the members of the Committee, and will be considered by the Committee when discussing the allegations with you and when deliberating upon your case. These documents are enclosed only with the original notice sent by certified mail, and must be claimed at the post office. I also enclose relevant sections of the Administrative Process Act, which governs proceedings of this nature, as well as laws relating to the practice of medicine and other healing arts in Virginia.

Since you have been noticed of an alleged violation of Section 54.1-2914.A(9) of the Code, enclosed in these documents are the AMA Principles of Medical Ethics with Annotations Especially Applicable to Psychiatry (1995). The Committee may consider these Principles when determining whether you have conducted your practice in a manner contrary to the standards of ethics of the practice of medicine and psychiatry.

Absent good cause shown to support a request for a continuance, the informal conference will be held on December 6, 2000. A request to continue this proceeding must state **in detail** the reason for the request and must establish good cause. Such request must be made in writing to me at the address listed on this letter and must be received by 5:00 p.m. on November 15, 2000. Only one such motion will be considered. Absent exigent circumstances, such as personal or family illness, a request for a continuance after November 15, 2000, will not be considered.

You may be represented by an attorney at the informal conference. Further, it is your responsibility to provide the enclosed materials to your attorney.

To facilitate this proceeding, you must submit eight (8) copies of any documents you wish for the Committee to consider to Renee Dixon, Case Manager, Board of Medicine, Department of Health Professions, 6606 West Broad Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Richmond, Virginia 23230-1717, by **November 22, 2000**. Should you or Senior Legal Assistant, Mary Beth Shelton, wish to submit any documents for the Committee's consideration after November 22, 2000, such documents shall be considered only upon a ruling by the Chair of the informal conference committee that good cause has been shown for late submission.

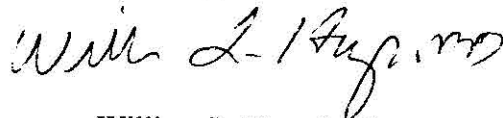


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Please advise the Board of your intention to be present. Should you fail to appear at the informal conference the Board may proceed to a formal administrative hearing in order to impose sanctions. Should you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Mary Beth Shelton, Senior Legal Assistant, at (804) 662-7084.

Sincerely,



William L. Harp, M.D.  
Executive Director  
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cc: Joseph A. Leming, M.D., President, Virginia Board of Medicine  
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Enclosures:

Virginia Code Sections:

54.1-2914

54.1-2915

54.1-2919

9-6.14:11

Board Regulations

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Informal Conference Package

Map



**VIRGINIA:**

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF MEDICINE**

**IN RE:       WESLEY E. MCENTIRE, M.D.**  
**License No.: 0101-018663**

**ORDER**

In accordance with Sections 54.1-2919 and 9-6.14:11 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), an informal conference was held with Wesley E. McEntire, M.D., on May 16, 2001, in Richmond, Virginia. Members of the Virginia Board of Medicine ("Board") serving on the Informal Conference Committee ("Committee") were: Harry C. Beaver, M.D., Chairman; Dianne L. Reynolds-Cane, M.D.; and Joseph A. Leming, M.D. Dr. McEntire appeared personally and was represented by legal counsel, Michael Goodman, Esquire. The purpose of the informal conference was to inquire into allegations that Dr. McEntire may have violated certain laws governing the practice of medicine in the Commonwealth of Virginia, as set forth in a Notice of Informal Conference dated November 1, 2000.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

Now, having properly considered the evidence and statements presented, the Committee makes the following Findings of Fact:

1. Dr. McEntire was issued License No. 0101-018663 on June 23, 1967. His license will expire unless renewed on July 31, 2002.
2. From approximately June 28, 1976 through September 11, 1995, Dr. McEntire provided both inpatient and outpatient psychiatric services to Patient A who had a history of, and exhibited current signs of, substance abuse, and whom Dr. McEntire diagnosed with major depression, borderline personality disorder, dissociative disorder and post traumatic stress disorder.

3. Dr. McEntire blurred appropriate therapeutic boundaries in that he sometimes hugged and touched Patient A, and visited her at her parents' farm. Dr. McEntire knew or should have known that she could misunderstand his intentions.

4. Dr. McEntire's prescribing of controlled substances for Patient A was questionable, given his knowledge of her history of and current substance abuse.

5. Dr. McEntire did not refer Patient A for a psychopharmacology second opinion when he knew that she had trouble with the medications he prescribed, including overuse and side effects.

6. Dr. McEntire blurred appropriate therapeutic boundaries regarding billing issues. Specifically, he knew or should have known that to not bill Patient A could create a misunderstanding or incorrect assumption by Patient A. A review of his billing records discloses that Dr. McEntire carried a large unpaid balance for Patient A.

7. Dr. McEntire initiated and maintained a physician-patient relationship with Patients B and C. Upon learning that said physician-patient relationship may not have been sufficiently objective, Dr. McEntire voluntarily terminated the relationship and transferred the care of Patients B and C to another practitioner.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

The Committee defers making conclusions of law in this matter.

### **ORDER**

WHEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED that this matter be, and hereby is, CONTINUED GENERALLY, upon the following terms and conditions:

1. Within one (1) year of entry of this Order, Dr. McEntire shall successfully complete twenty (20) hours of Category I, AMA approved continuing education ("CE") in the area of boundary issues. All CE shall be approved in advance of registration by the Executive Director of the Board. Within twenty-one (21) days of

completion of the continuing education, Dr. McEntire shall submit a certificate or other evidence, satisfactory to the Board, of completion of the course.

2. Within one (1) year of entry of this Order, Dr. McEntire shall successfully complete twenty (20) hours of Category I, AMA approved continuing education ("CE") in the area of the proper prescribing of controlled substances. All CE shall be approved in advance of registration by the Executive Director of the Board. Within twenty-one (21) days of completion of the continuing education, Dr. McEntire shall submit a certificate or other evidence, satisfactory to the Board, of completion of the course.

3. Dr. McEntire shall maintain a course of conduct in his practice of medicine commensurate with the requirements of Title 54.1, Chapter 29 of the Code and all laws of the Commonwealth.

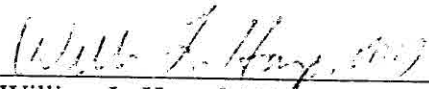
Upon receipt of evidence that Dr. McEntire has complied with the requirements of this Order, the Executive Director will review Dr. McEntire's compliance with the Chair of the Committee, to determine whether this case may be closed without further proceedings. In the event Dr. McEntire fails to comply with the requirements of this Order, in the Board's discretion, he may be noticed to meet with an informal conference committee.

Pursuant to Section 9-6.14:14 of the Code, 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 Section 54.1-2919 of the Code, Dr. McEntire may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on June 26, 2001, notify William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director, Board of Medicine, 6606 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia 23230, in writing that he desires a formal administrative hearing before the Board. Upon the filing with the Executive Director of a request for the hearing, this Order shall be vacated.

Therefore, this Order shall become final on June 26, 2001, unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.

FOR THE BOARD

  
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William L. Harp, M.D.  
Executive Director  
Virginia Board of Medicine

Entered: 5/24/01



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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RE: License No.: 0101-018663

Dear Dr. McEntire:

This letter is official notification that the Virginia Board of Medicine ("Board") has received a report from the Compliance Division regarding your compliance with terms of the Board's Order entered May 21, 2001. As authorized by the Order, I have reviewed the report and determined that you fully complied with the terms and conditions of the Order.

Therefore, effective this date, this matter has been closed and our records have been changed to reflect that you now have a full and unrestricted license to practice medicine in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Pursuant to §2.2-4023 of the *Code of Virginia*, a signed copy of this letter 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.

The Board wishes you well in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "William L. Harp, M.D.", written over a horizontal line.

William L. Harp, M.D.  
Executive Director  
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cc: Harry C. Beaver, M.D., President, Board of Medicine  
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