

# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Department of Health Professions Board of Medicine

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October 9, 1992

George J. McMahon, M.D. 8326 Epinard Court Annandale, VA 22003

CERTIFIED MAIL P 410 130 634

RE: License No.: 0101-016307

Dear Dr. McMahon:

This letter is official notification that an informal conference of the Virginia Board of Medicine ("Board") will be held on Thursday, November 12, 1992, at 1:00 p.m. at the offices of the Department of Health Professions, 6606 West Broad Street, 4th Floor, 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 Section 54.1-2915.A(4) and (3), as further defined in Section 54.1-2914.A(9), (10) and (11) of the Code, in that:

- 1. Between on or about April 1, 1986 and July 12, 1989, during the course of individual psychotherapy with Patient A, you failed to recognize and respond in an acceptable therapeutic manner to a transference/counter transference relationship, and on divers occasions engaged in inappropriate sexual contact with Patient A, to include sexual intercourse. Further, you made numerous phone calls to Patient A during which you used obscene and sexually explicit language, and you visited Patient A at her home without invitation and requested that she engage in sexual conduct with you.
- 2. On or about June 21, 1988 and on or about July 1, 1988, during the course of individual psychotherapy with Patient B, you engaged in inappropriate sexual conduct, in that you hugged and kissed the patient without her acquiescence or consent. Further, you made numerous phone calls to the patient's home and on one occasion drove by B's home uninvited.
- 3. On or about January 11, 1991, while under investigation by the Ethics Committee of the Washington Psychiatric Society regarding complaints of unethical conduct filed by Patient A and Patient B, you resigned your membership in the American Psychiatric Association.

In order to protect the privacy of your patients, they have been referred to by letter only. Please see Attachment I of this notice for the identity of the

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individuals referenced above. You may be represented by an attorney at the informal conference. 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 in Virginia;
  - 3. The Committee may reprimand or censure you; or
- 4. 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.

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 whether you intend to appear at the conference at least ten (10) days prior to the scheduled date above. Also please provide the Board with 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 laws relating to the practice of medicine and the healing arts in Virginia.

If you have questions concerning this notice, please contact Karen W. Perrine, Deputy Executive Director, Discipline at 804/662-9961.

Sincerely,

Hilary H. Connor, M.D.

Executive Director

Virginia Board of Medicine

BH: TH1009N2.NOTICES

cc: Bernard L. Henderson, Jr., Director, Dept. of Health Professions Charles F. Lovell, M.D., President Clyde W. Mathews, Jr., Assistant Attorney General John D. Grad, Esq.
Bess Hodges, Legal Assistant Informal Conference Committee Division of Investigations (91-00564/91-01292) Wayne Farrar, Director of Public Information Gloria King, Probation Analyst

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## Enclosure:

Virginia Code Sections: 54.1-2914 54.1-2915 54.1-2919 9-6.14:11

Attachment I



## COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Department of Health Professions

Bernard L. Henderson, Jr.

November 25, 1992

6606 West Broad Street, Fourth Floor Richmond, Virginia 23230-1717 (804) 662-9900 FAX (804) 662-9943 TDD (804) 662-7197

George J. McMahon, M.D. 8326 Epinard Court Annandale, VA 22003

P 410 130 667

RE: License No.: 0101-016307

Dear Dr. McMahon:

This letter is official notification of the decision of the informal conference committee ("Committee") of the Virginia Board of Medicine which met with you on November 12, 1992 in Richmond, Virginia.

After careful review of the matters before it, the Committee found that you have violated Section 54.1-2915.A(4) and (3), as further defined in Section 54.1-2914.A(9), (10) and (11) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, in that:

- 1. Between on or about April 1, 1986 and July 12, 1989, during the course of individual psychotherapy with Patient A, you failed to recognize and respond in an acceptable therapeutic manner to a transference/counter transference relationship, and on divers occasions engaged in inappropriate sexual contact with Patient A, to include sexual intercourse. Further, you made numerous telephone calls to Patient A.
- 2. On or about June 21, 1988 and on or about July 1, 1988, during the course of individual psychotherapy with Patient B, you engaged in inappropriate sexual conduct, in that you hugged and kissed the patient without her acquiesence or consent. Further, you made numerous phone calls to the patient's home and on one occasion drove by Patient B's home uninvited.
- 3. On or about January 11, 1991, while under investigation by the Ethics Committee of the Washington Psychiatric Society regarding complaints of unethical conduct filed by Patient A and Patient B, you resigned your membership in the American Psychiatric Association.
- 4. By your own admission, you engaged in an inappropriate sexual relationship with a patient between 1982 and 1985, which resulted in your being placed on probation in 1987 by the Washington Psychiatric Society.

Based upon these findings, it was the Committee's unanimous opinion that suspension or revocation of your license may be justified. In accordance with this

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determination, the Committee unanimously voted to present to the Board in writing its findings and to recommend that the Board convene a formal administrative hearing to consider whether your license to practice medicine in Virginia should be suspended or revoked. This recommendation will be received and acted upon by the Board's Executive Committee when it meets on December 11, 1992.

The Committee further voted to recommend that, as an alternative to proceeding with a formal adminstrative hearing in this cause, the Board accept a Consent Order providing for the suspension of your license for not less than two years after which you may appear before the Board and demonstrate by clear and convincing evidence that you are competent to resume the practice of medicine with skill and safety to patients. A Consent Order reflecting this alternative has been prepared and enclosed for your consideration. Please carefully review this document with your legal counsel.

Questions regarding the Committee's decision may be referred to Karen W. Perrine, Deputy Executive Director, Discipline at 804/662-9961 or Assistant Attorney General Clyde Mathews at 804/786-4319.

Sincerely,

Hilary H. Connor, M.D.

**Executive Director** 

Virginia Board of Medicine

#### BH: TH1118N3. NOTICES

cc: Bernard L. Henderson, Jr., Director, Dept. of Health Professions Charles F. Lovell, M.D., President Clyde W. Mathews, Jr., Assistant Attorney General John D. Grad, Esquire Paul M. Spector, D.O., Chairman, Informal Conference Committee Bess Hodges, Legal Assistant Division of Investigations (91-00564/91-01292) Wayne Farrar, Director Public Information Gloria King, Probation Analyst

Enclosure



## COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Department of Health Professions

Bernard L. Henderson, Jr. Director

January 4, 1993

6606 West Broad Street, Fourth Floor Richmond, Virginia 23230-1717 (804) 662-9900 FAX (804) 662-9943 TDD (804) 662-7197

George J. McMahon, M.D. 8326 Epinard Court Annandale, VA 22003

CERTIFIED MAIL P 340 866 598

RE: License No.: 0101-016307

Dear Dr. McMahon:

Pursuant to Sections 54.1-110, 54.1-2920 and 9-6.14:12 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), you are hereby given notice that the Virginia Board of Medicine ("Board") will convene a formal administrative hearing to receive and act upon evidence that you may have violated certain laws governing the practice of medicine as set forth in the attached Statement of Particulars. The formal administrative hearing will be held in accordance with the provisions of Sections 54.1-2400 and 9-6.14:14.1E of the Code, before a panel of the Board with the Board's president presiding.

You have been scheduled to appear before the Board on Thursday, February 4, 1993 at 1:30 p.m. at the Marriott Waterside Hotel, 235 East Main Street, Norfolk, Virginia. Your presence is required thirty (30) minutes in advance of the appointed time. Please wait in the lobby area and you will be called when the Board is ready to meet with you.

You have the following rights, among others: to be represented by legal counsel, to have witnesses subpoenaed on your behalf, to present documentary evidence and to cross-examine adverse witnesses. Should you wish to subpoena witnesses, requests for subpoenas must be made in writing to Hilary H. Connor, M.D., Executive Director, Virginia Board of Medicine, in accordance with the enclosed Instructions for Requesting Subpoenas. Should you wish to present materials in support of your application, please have ten (10) copies ready for distribution at the hearing.

Please indicate by letter to this office whether you intend to be present.

Sincerely,

Hilary H. Connor, M.D.

**Executive Director** 

Virginia Board of Medicine

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Bess Hodges, Legal Assistant Division of Inspections (91-00564/91-01292)
Wayne Farrar, Director of Public Information Gloria King, Probation Analyst

## Enclosures:

Virginia Code Sections:

54.1-110

54.1-2400

54.1-2914

54.1-2915

54.1-2920

9-6.14:12

9-6.14:14.1E

Statement of Particulars

Attachment I

Instructions for Requesting Subpoenas

## BEFORE THE BOARD OF MEDICINE

IN RE: GEORGE J. MCMAHON, M.D. License No.: 0101-016307

#### STATEMENT OF PARTICULARS

The Virginia Board of Medicine ("Board") alleges that George J. McMahon, M.D. may have violated Section 54.1-2915.A(4) and (3), as further defined in Section 54.1-2914.A(9), (10) and (11) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, in that:

- 1. Between on or about April 1, 1986 and July 12, 1989, during the course of individual psychotherapy with Patient A, Dr. McMahon failed to recognize and respond in an acceptable therapeutic manner to a transference/counter transference relationship, and on divers occasions engaged in inappropriate sexual contact with Patient A, to include sexual intercourse. Further, Dr. McMahon made numerous telephone calls to Patient A.
- 2. On or about June 21, 1988 and on or about July 1, 1988, during the course of individual psychotherapy with Patient B, Dr. McMahon engaged in inappropriate sexual conduct, in that he hugged and kissed the patient without her acquiesence or consent. Further, Dr. McMahon made numerous phone calls to the patient's home and on one occasion drove by Patient B's home uninvited.
- 3. On or about January 11, 1991, while under investigation by the Ethics Committee of the Washington Psychiatric Society regarding complaints of unethical conduct filed by Patient A and Patient B, Dr. McMahon resigned his membership in the American Psychiatric Association.
- 4. By his own admission, Dr. McMahon engaged in an inappropriate sexual relationship with a patient between 1982 and 1985, which resulted in Dr.

McMahon being placed on probation in 1987 by the Washington Psychiatric Society.

In order to protect the privacy of the patients referenced in this Statement of Particulars, they have been identified by letter only. Please see Attachment I for the names of these individuals.

FOR THE BOARD

Hilary H. Connor, M.D.

Executive Director

Virginia Board of Medicine

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## COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Department of Health Professions

RE: License No.: 0101-016307

Bernard L. Henderson, Jr. Director

January 26, 1993

6606 West Broad Street, Fourth Floor Richmond, Virginia 23230-1717

(804) 562-9900 FAX (804) 662-9943 TDD (804) 662-7197

George J. McMahon, M.D. 8326 Epinard Court Annandale, VA 22003

SERVED BY HAND

Dear Dr. McMahon:

Pursuant to Sections 54.1-110, 54.1-2920 and 9-6.14:12 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), you are hereby given notice that the Virginia Board of Medicine ("Board") will convene a formal administrative hearing to receive and act upon evidence that you may have violated certain laws governing the practice of medicine as set forth in the attached Statement of Particulars. Further, you will find enclosed a certified copy of the Board's January 26, 1993 Order of Summary Suspension affecting your license to practice medicine in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The formal administrative hearing will be held in accordance with the provisions of Sections 54.1-2400(9) and 9-6.14:14.1E of the Code, before a panel of the Board. The above referenced sections of the Code have been enclosed for your convenience. You have been scheduled to appear on Friday, March 26, 1993 at 11:00 a.m. at the Sheraton Inn Resort & Conference Center, I-95 & Route 3, Fredericksburg, Virginia. Your presence is required thirty (30) minutes in advance of the appointed time. Please wait in the lobby area and you will be called when the Board is ready to meet with you.

You have the following rights, among others: to be represented by legal counsel, to have witnesses subpoenaed on your behalf, to present documentary evidence and to cross-examine adverse witnesses. Should you wish to subpoena witnesses, requests for subpoenas must be made in writing to Hilary H. Connor, M.D., Executive Director, Virginia Board of Medicine, in accordance with the enclosed <u>Instructions for Requesting Subpoenas</u>. Should you wish to present materials in support of your application, please have ten (10) copies ready for distribution at the hearing.

Please indicate by letter to this office whether you intend to be present.

Sincerely.

Hilary H. Connor, M.D.

**Executive Director** 

Virginia Board of Medicine

Board of Audiology & Speech - Language Pathology - Board of Dentistry - Board of Funeral Directors & Embaimers - Board of Medicine - Board of Nursing Board of Nursing Home Administrators - Board of Optometry - Board of Pharmacy - Board of Professional Counselors

Board of Psychology - Board of Social Work - Board of Veterinary Medicine

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cc: Bernard L. Henderson, Jr., Director, Dept. of Health Professions Charles F. Lovell, M.D., President Clyde W. Mathews, Jr., Assistant Attorney General John D. Grad, Esq.
Bess Hodges, Senior Legal Assistant Division of Investigations (91-00564/91-01292/93-00727) Wayne Farrar, Director of Public Information Cloria King, Probation Analyst

## Enclosures:

Statement of Particulars Order of Summary Suspension Attachment I Virginia Code Sections: 54.1-110 54.1-2400 54.1-2914 54.1-2915 54.1-2920 54.1-3303 54.1-3408

9-6.14:14.1E Instructions for Requesting Subpoenas

## BEFORE THE BOARD OF MEDICINE

IN RE:

GEORGE J. MCMAHON, M.D. License No.: 0101-016307

## STATEMENT OF PARTICULARS

In addition to the matters set forth in the Board's Notice and Statement of Particulars dated January 4, 1993, which is incorporated herein by reference, the Virginia Board of Medicine ("Board") alleges that George J. McMahon, M.D. may have violated Section 54.1-2915.A(4) and (3), as further defined in Section 54.1-2914.A(9), (10) and (11) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, in that:

Between the period September 1992 and December 1992, during the course of individual psychotherapy with Patient C, Dr. McMahon failed to recognize and respond in an acceptable therapeutic manner to a transference/counter transference relationship, and on divers occasions engaged in inappropriate sexual contact with Patient C to include kissing and touching. After Patient C advised Dr. McMahon that she was going to discontinue therapy, Dr. McMahon called Patient C at her home on divers occasions. During these conversations, Dr. McMahon described his sexual fantasies to Patient C and told Patient C of his own personal problems, including the fact that he was engaged in psychotherapy with a psychiatrist and undergoing analysis. Further, Dr. McMahon referred Patient C to his own analyst when she expressed concern over his actions, and informed Patient C he had a love for her.

In order to protect the privacy of the patient referenced in this Statement of Particulars, the patient has been identified by letter only. Please see Attachment I for the name of this individual.

FOR THE BOARD

Hilary H. Connor, M.D. Executive Director Virginia Board of Medicine

DATE: 1-6-93

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## BEFORE THE BOARD OF MEDICINE

IN RE: GEORGE J. MCMAHON, M.D. License No.: 0101-016307

## ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Pursuant to Sections 54.1-2920 and 54.1-105 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), the Virginia Board of Medicine ("Board") met by telephone conference call on January 26, 1993 to receive and act upon certain investigative information indicating that George J. McMahon, M.D. may have violated certain laws relating to the practice of medicine in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Prior to this meeting, a good faith effort to assemble a quorum of the Board in person was made, but failed, and the seven members of the Executive Committee unanimously agreed on January 25, 1993 that the continued practice of medicine by Dr. McMahon constituted a substantial danger to the public health or safety. The meeting was convened before fifteen members of the Board, constituting a quorum, by a telephone conference call. The Board was represented by Clyde W. Mathews, Jr., Assistant Attorney General. Dr. McMahon did not participate in the confer-Upon hearing the evidence presented, the Board unanimously deterence call. mined that the continued practice of George J. McMahon, M.D. constitutes a substantial danger to the public health or safety, in that:

- 1. On November 12, 1992, Dr. McMahon appeared before an informal conference committee ("Committee") of the Board to respond to allegations cited in the Board's October 9, 1992 notice of informal conference.
  - 2. At the conclusion of the conference, the Committee found that:
- a) Between on or about April 1, 1986 and July 12, 1989, during the course of individual psychotherapy with Patient A, Dr. McMahon failed to recognize

and respond in an acceptable therapeutic manner to a transference/counter transference relationship, and on divers occasions engaged in inappropriate sexual contact with Patient A, to include sexual intercourse. Further, Dr. McMahon made numerous telephone calls to Patient A.

- b) On or about June 21, 1988 and on or about July 1, 1988, during the course of individual psychotherapy with Patient B, Dr. McMahon engaged in inappropriate sexual conduct, in that Dr. McMahon hugged and kissed the patient without her acquiesence or consent. Further, Dr. McMahon made numerous phone calls to the patient's home and on one occasion drove by Patient B's home uninvited.
- c) On or about January 11, 1991, while under investigation by the Ethics Committee of the Washington Psychiatric Society regarding complaints of unethical conduct filed by Patient A and Patient B, Dr. McMahon resigned his membership in the American Psychiatric Association.
- d) By his own admission, Dr. McMahon engaged in an inappropriate sexual relationship with a patient between 1982 and 1985, which resulted in his being placed on probation in 1987 by the Washington Psychiatric Society.

  Based on these findings, the Committee recommended that a formal hearing be convened to consider the suspension or revocation of Dr. McMahon's license.
- 3. On December 11, 1992, the Executive Committee of the Board received the Committee's report and approved that a formal hearing be convened in this matter.
- 4. Between the period September 1992 and December 1992, during the course of individual psychotherapy with Patient C, Dr. McMahon failed to recognize and respond in an acceptable therapeutic manner to a transference/counter transference relationship, and on divers occasions engaged in inappropriate sexual contact with Patient C to include kissing and touching. After Patient C advised Dr. McMahon that she was going to discontinue therapy, Dr. McMahon called Patient C

at her home on divers occasions. During these conversations, Dr. McMahon described his sexual fantasies to Patient C and told Patient C of his own personal problems, including the fact that he was engaged in psychotherapy with a psychiatrist and undergoing analysis. Further, Dr. McMahon referred Patient C to his own analyst when she expressed concern over his actions, and informed Patient C he had a love for her.

WHEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED that the license of George J. McMahon, M.D. to practice medicine and surgery in the Commonwealth of Virginia be and hereby is SUMMARILY SUSPENDED, simultaneously with the institution of proceedings for a formal hearing in this matter. Said hearing shall be scheduled within a reasonable time from the date of this summary suspension.

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.

FOR THE BOARD

Hilary H. Connor, M.D.

Executive Director

Virginia Board of Medicine

ENTERED: 1-26-93

RECEIVED: January 26, 1993

Bernard L. Henderson, Jr., Director Department of Health Professions

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#### BEFORE THE BOARD OF MEDICINE

IN RE: GEORGE J. MCMAHON, M.D.

License No.: 0101-016307

#### CONSENT ORDER

Pursuant to Sections 54.1-105, 54.1-110, 54.1-2920 and 9-6.14:12 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), George J. McMahon, M.D. was noticed for a formal administrative hearing before the Virginia Board of Medicine ("Board") to be convened on March 26, 1993. This notice was served on Dr. McMahon simultaneous with an Order of Summary Suspension dated January 26, 1993 affecting Dr. McMahon's license to practice medicine in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The purpose of the formal administrative hearing was to receive and act upon evidence that Dr. McMahon may have violated certain laws governing the practice of medicine as set forth in the Board's Notice of Hearing and Statement of Particulars dated January 26, 1993. Subsequently, by letter dated February 3, 1993, Dr. McMahon tendered the surrender of his license to practice medicine in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Wherefore, in lieu of proceeding to a formal administrative hearing in this cause, the Board and George J. McMahon, M.D., as evidenced by his signature affixed below, hereby enter into this Consent Order affecting the license of George J. McMahon, M.D. to practice medicine in Virginia.

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

The following Findings of Fact are alleged in the Board's Notice:

1. Between on or about April 1, 1986 and July 12, 1989, during the course of individual psychotherapy with Patient A, Dr. McMahon failed to recognize and respond in an acceptable therapeutic manner to a transference/counter transference

relationship, and on divers occasions engaged in inappropriate sexual contact with Patient A, to include sexual intercourse. Further, Dr. McMahon made numerous telephone calls to Patient A.

- 2. On or about June 21, 1988 and on or about July 1, 1988, during the course of individual psychotherapy with Patient B, Dr. McMahon engaged in inappropriate sexual conduct, in that he hugged and kissed the patient without her acquiesence or consent. Further, Dr. McMahon made numerous phone calls to the patient's home and on one occasion drove by Patient B's home uninvited.
- 3. On or about January 11, 1991, while under investigation by the Ethics Committee of the Washington Psychiatric Society regarding complaints of unethical conduct filed by Patient A and Patient B, Dr. McMahon resigned his membership in the American Psychiatric Association.
- 4. By his own admission, Dr. McMahon engaged in an inappropriate sexual relationship with a patient between 1982 and 1985, which resulted in Dr. McMahon being placed on probation in 1987 by the Washington Psychiatric Society.
- 5. Between the period September 1992 and December 1992, during the course of individual psychotherapy with Patient C, Dr. McMahon failed to recognize and respond in an acceptable therapeutic manner to a transference/counter transference relationship, and on divers occasions engaged in inappropriate sexual contact with Patient C to include kissing and touching. After Patient C advised Dr. McMahon that she was going to discontinue therapy, Dr. McMahon called Patient C at her home on divers occasions. During these conversations, Dr. McMahon described his sexual fantasies to Patient C and told Patient C of his own personal problems, including the fact that he was engaged in psychotherapy with a psychiatrist and undergoing analysis. Further, Dr. McMahon referred Patient C to his own analyst when she expressed concern over his actions, and informed Patient C he had a love for her.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The foregoing Findings of Fact, if proven at a formal administrative hearing, would constitute violations of Section 54.1-2915.A(4) and (3), as further defined in Section 54.1-2914.A(9), (10) and (11) of the Code.

#### CONSENT

- I, George J. McMahon, M.D., by affixing my signature hereto, acknowledge that:
- 1. I have been specifically advised to seek the advice of counsel prior to signing this document;
- 2. I am aware that without my consent, no legal action can be taken against me, except pursuant to the Virginia Administrative Process Act, Section 9-6.14:1 et seq., of the Code;
- 3. I have the following rights, among others: the right to a formal fact finding hearing before the Board, to reasonable notice of said hearing, to representation by counsel, and to cross-examine witnesses against me;
  - 4. I waive all such rights to a formal hearing;
- 5. I do not admit to the foregoing findings of fact, however, I specifically waive my right to contest these findings in any subsequent proceedings before the Board; and
- 6. I consent to the entry of this Consent Order affecting my license to practice medicine in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

#### ORDER

WHEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED that the Board accepts the VOLUNTARY SURRENDER for REVOCATION of the license of George J. McMahon, M.D. to practice medicine in the Commonwealth of Virginia in order that it may be, and hereby is, REVOKED.

Pursuant to Section 9-6.14:14 of the Code, the signed original of this Consent 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.

	FOR THE BOARD:
	Hilary H. Connor, M.D. Executive Director Virginia Board of Medicine
	ENTERED: 3-26-93
SEEN AND AGREED TO:	
George J McMahon, M.D.	toe
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  CHEFY/CITY OF ALEXANDRIA	, to wit:
Subscribed and sworn to before me for the Commonwealth of Virginia at large by George J. McMahon, M.D.	e, the undersigned Notary Public, in and e, this 22 ND day of MARCH , 1993
	Margie Stockens Notary Public
My commission expires: 5-31-9	<u>b</u>
RECEIVED: March 30, 1993	

Bernard L. Henderson, Jr., Director Department of Health Professions

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## COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Department of Health Professions John Hasty Director of the Department

Board of Medicine September 16, 1997

6606 West Broad Street Richmond, Virginia 23230-1717 (804) 662-9908 FAX (804) 662-9943

Warren W. Koontz, M.D. Executive Director of the Board

George J. McMahon, M.D. P.O. Box 19207 Alexandria, Virginia 22320

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RE:

License No.: 0101-016307

Dear Dr. McMahon:

The Virginia Board of Medicine ("Board") has received your Application for Reinstatement of your license to practice medicine in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Your license was revoked by a Consent Order entered on March 26, 1993, based on findings that between 1986 and 1992, you engaged in inappropriate sexual conduct with three patients during the course of their treatment in psychotherapy, and that you admitted that you were placed on probation by the Washington Psychiatric Society for engaging in an inappropriate sexual relationship with a patient between 1982 and 1985. The Board concluded that you had violated Section 54.1-2915.A(4) and (3), as further defined in Section 54.1-2914.A(9), (10) and (11) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code").

Only the full Board, or a designated panel of the Board, has the statutory authority to reinstate your license at a formal administrative hearing held in accordance with Section 9-6.14:12 of the Code. However, pursuant to Section 9-6.14:11 of the Code, the Board must first offer you an informal fact-finding conference. This informal conference committee cannot make a final decision regarding reinstatement, as it is only authorized to present its findings and recommendations to the Board. The Board would then act upon this recommendation at its February 1998 meeting.

You are currently scheduled to appear before an Informal Conference Committee, composed of three members of the Board, on Friday, October 17, 1997, at 3:00 p.m., in the offices of the Department of Health Professions, 6606 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia. A map of the location is enclosed for your

You have the option of waiving this informal conference as described herein, and moving directly to a formal hearing on the above date, to receive a final decision regarding your reinstatement. Please contact Karen Perrine, Deputy Executive Director, Discipline, at (804) 662-7693, not later than September 30, 1997, if you elect to waive your informal conference.

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You have the following rights, among others: to appear in person or by legal counsel; to present factual data, argument or proof in connection with your application; and to have notice of any contrary fact basis or information in the possession of the Board. Should you wish to subpoena witnesses, requests for subpoenas must be made in writing in accordance with the enclosed <u>Instructions for Requesting Subpoenas</u>.

As petitioner for reinstatement of your license, you have the burden of proving that you are able to safely and competently practice medicine. You have the right to information which will be relied upon by the Committee in making a recommendation. 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 this matter with you. These documents are enclosed only with the original notice sent by certified mail, and must be claimed at the post office. If you have additional documents for review which are not contained in this package, please bring at least six copies with you to the meeting. 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. Further, if you are represented by counsel, it is your responsibility to provide the enclosed materials to your attorney.

A request to continue this proceeding must be made in writing, and directed to me at the address listed on this letter. Such request must be received by 5:00 p.m. on September 30, 1997. Only one such motion will be considered. Absent exigent circumstances, such as personal or family illness, a request for a continuance after September 30, 1997, will not be considered. If you obtain counsel, you should do so as soon as possible as a motion for a continuance due to the unavailability of counsel will not be considered unless received by September 30, 1997.

Should you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Ms. Perrine, at (804) 662-7693.

Sincerely,

**Executive Director** 

Virginia Board of Medicine

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cc: Paul M. Spector, D.O., President, Virginia Board of Medicine
John W. Hasty, Director, Department of Health Professions
James L. Banning, Director, Administrative Proceedings Division
Patricia H. Munroe, Assistant Attorney General
Virginia A. Scher, Senior Legal Assistant
Catherine M. Mills, Pharmacy Inspector (R98GJM)
Kelli Moss, Senior Administrative Assistant

#### Enclosures:

Virginia Code Sections:

54.1-2400

54.1-2914

54.1-2915

9-6.14:11

9-6.14:12

Informal Conference Package

Map

Instructions for Requesting Subpoenas.

#### BEFORE THE BOARD OF MEDICINE

IN RE:

GEORGE J. MCMAHON, M.D.

License No.: 0101-016307

#### **ORDER**

In accordance with Sections 54.1-2921 and 9-6.14:12 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), a formal administrative hearing was convened before the Virginia Board of Medicine ("Board") on October 17, 1997, in Richmond, Virginia. The purpose of the hearing was to consider Dr. McMahon's petition for reinstatement of his license to practice medicine in the Commonwealth of Virginia, which was revoked by Consent Order entered on March 26, 1993.

Pursuant to Sections 54.1-2400(11) and 9-6.14:14F of the Code, the hearing was held before a panel of the Board. Dr. McMahon appeared personally and was not represented by legal counsel. Howard M. Casway, Assistant Attorney General, was present as legal counsel for the Board. The case was presented by Virginia A. Scher, Senior Legal Assistant, Department of Health Professions. The proceedings were recorded by a certified court reporter.

## FINDINGS OF FACT

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

- Dr. McMahon's license to practice medicine was revoked by Consent Order entered on March 26, 1993.
   The revocation was based on findings that Dr. McMahon had engaged in sexual conduct, between 1982 and 1993, with patients undergoing psychiatric treatment.
- 2. By his own testimony, Dr. McMahon engaged in inappropriate sexual contact with eight (8) patients from 1982 to 1993, and has a history of alcohol abuse but has not engaged in any treatment for such.
- 3. Since March 1997, Dr. McMahon has been engaged in therapy, one session per week, with Dr. E. James Anthony.
- Since surrendering his license in March 1993, Dr. McMahon completed 40 Category 1 Continuing
   Medical Education credits through the Directions in Psychiatry program as of October 15, 1997.
- 5. Since August 1994, Dr. McMahon has volunteered weekly at the Whitman Walker Clinic in Arlington, Virginia.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Board concludes that Dr. McMahon is properly before it, and that Dr. McMahon has the burden of proof to establish by clear and convincing evidence that he is able to practice medicine in a safe and competent manner. The Board concludes that the application for reinstatement of Dr. McMahon's license is properly before the Board for consideration.

#### **ORDER**

WHEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED that the license of George J. McMahon, M.D., be REINSTATED, on SUSPENION, with the suspension STAYED, on the following terms:

- 1. Prior to engaging in the active practice of medicine, Dr. McMahon shall complete the following requirements:
  - a. Dr. McMahon shall successfully complete forty (40) hours of Continuing Medical Education credits in pharmacology, and ten (10) hours of Continuing Medical Education credits in boundary issues. All Continuing Medical Education shall be approved in advance of registration by the Board's Executive Director.
  - b. Dr. McMahon shall undergo a comprehensive psychological evaluation, psychiatric evaluation, and a complete physical examination, including blood profiles and neurological evaluation, by Board-approved practitioners. Dr. McMahon shall authorize these practitioners to submit a detailed report of their findings to the Board. Dr. McMahon shall advise the Board when he has made an appointment and shall await authorization from the Board before seeing the practitioner. the Board will provide a copy of any materials deemed necessary to assist the practitioner.
  - c. Upon receipt of the reports of the evaluations, Dr. McMahon shall meet with the Psychiatric Consultants to the Board for a clinical interview. The Consultants, after reviewing the results of the evaluation and performing the clinical interview, shall submit a report to the Board with recommendations regarding therapy.
  - d. Dr. McMahon shall sign an authorization providing for unrestricted communication between and among the Board, the Board's Psychiatric Consultants, and Dr. McMahon's current or former treating or evaluating practitioners.

Dr. McMahon

2. Upon completion of terms 1 through 4 above, Dr. McMahon shall be noticed to appear before an

informal conference committee of the Board. Said committee shall provide the ongoing monitoring of Dr.

McMahon's order, determine the frequency of further appearance of Dr. McMahon before it, and shall serve as

the instrument of the Board responsible for reviewing and approving all information relative to the terms and

conditions of this order, except as noted above.

3. Dr. McMahon 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.

4. Dr. McMahon shall notify the Executive Director of the Board of Medicine by certified mail of any

change of address within ten days of such occurrence.

5. Violation of this order constitutes grounds for the revocation of the license of Dr.McMahon. In the

event Dr. McMahon violates the terms of this order, an administrative proceeding will be convened to determine

whether the license of Dr. McMahon should be revoked.

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.

FOR THE BOARD

W. Kooptz, M.D.

**Executive Director** 

Virginia Board of Medicine

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF MEDICINE

IN RE:

GEORGE J. McMAHON, M.D.

License No.: 0101-016307

ORDER

In accordance with the provisions of Sections 54.1-2919 and 9-6.14:11 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), an informal conference was held with George J. McMahon, M.D., on July 9, 1998, in Fredericksburg, Virginia. Members of the Virginia Board of Medicine ("Board") serving on the Informal Conference Committee ("Committee") were: Paul M. Spector, D.O., Chairman; Robert J. Bettini, M.D.; and Connell J. Trimber, M.D. Dr. McMahon appeared personally and was not represented by legal counsel. The purpose of the informal conference was to review Dr. McMahon's compliance with the terms and conditions imposed upon his license to practice medicine, as set forth in an Order of the Board entered October 29, 1997, and to review the results of examinations and evaluations performed pursuant to the terms of that Order, as set forth in the Board's Notice of Informal Conference dated June 15, 1998.

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

1. By Order of the Board entered October 29, 1997, Dr. McMahon's license was reinstated on stayed suspension. The Order required Dr. McMahon to complete certain terms prior to engaging in the practice of medicine.

- 2. Dr. McMahon is in compliance with the Order of the Board entered October 29, 1997.
- 3. Dr. McMahon's physical, neurological, psychological and psychiatric examinations show him to be in good health.

- 4. Dr. Jerry M. Wiener, Dr. William E. Flynn, and Dr. Robert L. Jenkins agree that Dr. McMahon should be allowed to practice medicine, but only in a setting where he would be evaluating and treating adult male patients.
- 5. Dr. McMahon is compliant with treatment and has made good progress, as reported by his treating psychiatrist, Dr. E. James Anthony.

## **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Committee concludes that Dr. McMahon is properly before the Committee, and the Committee is responsible for reviewing and approving all information relative to the terms and conditions of the Order of the Board entered October 29, 1997.

#### **ORDER**

WHEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED that the STAYED SUSPENSION of the license of George J. McMahon, M.D., is TERMINATED, and that his license be, and hereby is, placed on INDEFINITE PROBATION upon the following terms and conditions:

- 1. Dr. McMahon shall practice medicine only in a practice setting approved by the Board. Dr. McMahon's practice setting shall be limited to the evaluation and treatment of adult male patients. Dr. McMahon shall not engage in the practice of medicine until the setting is approved by the Executive Director of the Board, and Dr. McMahon receives authorization from the Board to practice.
- 2. Dr. McMahon shall continue treatment with Dr. E. James Anthony. If Dr. McMahon chooses to terminate treatment with Dr. Anthony, he shall undergo therapy from a Board approved practitioner.
- 3. In approximately one year, Dr. McMahon shall be noticed to appear before an informal conference committee of the Board. Said committee shall provide the ongoing monitoring of Dr. McMahon's Order, determine the frequency of further appearance by Dr. McMahon before it, and shall serve as the instrument

Dr. McMahon

of the Board responsible for reviewing and approving all information relative to the terms and conditions of

this order, except as noted above.

4. Dr. McMahon shall notify the Executive Director of the Board by certified mail of any change of

address within ten days of such occurrence.

5. Dr. McMahon 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.

6. Violation of this Order constitutes grounds for the revocation of the license of Dr. McMahon. In

the event Dr. McMahon violates the terms of this Order, an administrative proceeding will be convened to

determine whether the license of Dr. McMahon should be revoked.

Pursuant to Section 54.1-2919 of the Code, Dr. McMahon may, not later than 5:00 p.m. on August

18, 1998, notify Warren W. Koontz, M.D., Executive Director, at 6606 West Broad St., Richmond, Virginia

23230, in writing that he desires a hearing before the Board. Upon the filing with the Executive Director of a

request for the hearing, this Order shall be vacated.

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.

FOR THE BOARD:

Warren W. Koontz. M.D.

**Executive Director** 

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## COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Department of Health Professions

Board of Medicine

John W. Hasty Director of the Department

Warren W. Koontz, M.D. Executive Director of the Board

June 14, 1999

6608 West Broad Street 4th Floor Richmond, Virginia 23230-1717 (804) 662-9908 FAX (804) 662-9517

George J. McMahon, M.D. P.O. Box 19207 Alexandria, Virginia 22320

CERTIFIED MAIL Z 057 544 749

RE:

License No.: 0101-016307

Dear Dr. McMahon:

This letter is official notification that an informal conference of the Virginia Board of Medicine ("Board") will be held on **Thursday**, **August 5**, 1999, at 9:00 a.m. at the Sheraton Inn, 2801 Plank Road, Fredericksburg, 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 review your compliance with the terms and conditions of indefinite probation imposed upon your license to practice medicine in Virginia, as set forth in an Order of the Board entered July 15, 1998 ("Order"). Further, the Committee will review your petition for modification of Term 1 of the Order.

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. In the event the Committee finds that you have violated the terms of the Order, the Committee may reprimand or censure you, or;
- 3. The Committee may modify the Order to include continuing 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 your profession in violation of the provisions of Chapter 29, Title 54.1 of the Code, which governs the practice of medicine and other healing arts 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

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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.

Absent good cause shown to support a request for a continuance, the informal conference will be held on August 5, 1999. 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 June 28, 1999. Only one such motion will be considered. Absent exigent circumstances, such as personal or family illness, a request for a continuance after June 28, 1999, 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, the Committee requests that you provide to Virginia Scher, Senior Legal Assistant, Department of Health Professions, 6606 West Broad Street, 4th Floor, Richmond, Virginia 23230-1717, eight (8) copies of any documents you intend to submit for its consideration by July 22, 1999.

I enclose for your reference copies of the relevant statutes. 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 Virginia Scher, Senior Legal Assistant, at (804) 662-7135.

Sincerely,

Warren W. Koontz, MD

Executive Director

Virginia Board of Medicine

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#### Enclosures:

Virginia Code Sections: 54.1-2919 9-6.14:11 Informal Conference Package Map

BEFORE THE BOARD OF MEDICINE

IN RE:

GEORGE J. McMAHON, M.D.

License No.: 0101-016307

**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 George J. McMahon, M.D., on August 5, 1999, in

Fredericksburg, Virginia. Members of the Virginia Board of Medicine ("Board") serving on the Informal

Conference Committee ("Committee") were: Harry C. Beaver, M.D., Chairman; Robert J. Bettini, M.D.; and

Connell J. Trimber, M.D. Dr. McMahon appeared personally and was not represented by legal counsel. The

purpose of the informal conference was to review Dr. McMahon's compliance with the terms and conditions

imposed upon his license to practice medicine in Virginia by Order of the Board entered July 15, 1998, and to

consider Dr. McMahon's petition for modification of Term #1 of the July 15, 1998 Order, as set forth in a

Notice of Informal Conference dated June 14, 1999.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Now, having properly considered the information and statements presented, the Committee makes the

following Findings of Fact:

1. By Order entered July 15, 1998, the stayed suspension of the license of Dr. McMahon was

terminated, and his license was placed on indefinite probation on terms and conditions.

2. By letter to the Board dated February 3, 1999, Dr. McMahon petitioned the Board for the privilege

to treat female patients.

3. Pursuant to Term #2 of the July 15, 1998 Order, Dr. McMahon has remained in treatment with E.

James Anthony, M.D. Dr. McMahon has been in treatment with Dr. Anthony on a weekly basis since May

1997. Dr. Anthony reported that Dr. McMahon is at a very good psychiatric state. By letter to the Board

dated February 3, 1999, Dr. Anthony stated that he feels confident in supporting Dr. McMahon's application

for an unrestricted license.

Dr. McMahon

4. Dr. McMahon submitted a certificate of completion of 40 hours of Category 1 CME in Directions

in Psychiatry. Further, Dr. McMahon reported that he has received permission to attend Grand Rounds at

George Washington University Medical Center.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW** 

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Committee concludes that Dr. McMahon is properly

before it and it is responsible for reviewing and approving all information relative to the terms of the Board

Order entered July 15, 1998.

**ORDER** 

WHEREFORE, based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is hereby

ORDERED that the terms and conditions of indefinite probation imposed upon the license of George J.

McMahon, M.D., are TERMINATED, and that his license be, and hereby is, REINSTATED to a full and

unrestricted status with all attendant rights and privileges.

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.

FOR THE BOARD

Warren W. Koontz, M.D.

**Executive Director** 

Virginia Board of Medicine

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