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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE CASE NO. 2222

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IN RE: THE LICENSE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY HELD BY CHRISTOPHER DAVID ADAMS, M.D., LICENSE NO. 47069, 4063 S KY ROUTE 7, SANDY HOOK, KENTUCKY 41171

AGREED ORDER OF SURRENDER

Come now the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure ("the Board"), acting by and through its Inquiry Panel B, and Christopher David Adams, M.D. ("the licensee"), and, based upon their mutual desire to fully and finally resolve the Board's pending investigation without an evidentiary hearing, hereby ENTER INTO the following AGREED ORDER OF SURRENDER:

STIPULATIONS OF FACT

The parties stipulate the following facts, which serve as the factual bases for this Agreed Order of Surrender:

- At all relevant times, Christopher David Adams, M.D. ("the licensee"), was licensed by the Board to practice medicine in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
- 2. The licensee's medical specialty is cardiovascular disease.
- 3. On or about January 22, 2025, the licensee completed an Application for Renewal of Medical/Osteopathic License for Year 2025. On the renewal, he marked "yes" to Question #3 which asks:

Since you last registered, have you been or are you currently under investigation by any State medical/osteopathic licensing board, Federal or International licensure authority or any drug licensure/enforcement authority with the exception of the Kentucky Medical Board?

 On or about January 31, 2025, the licensee provided an explanation for his affirmative answer on the renewal. He explained in part,



In December 2023, my employment with Cookeville Regional Medical Center (CRMC) in Cookeville, TN was terminated. In short, I was a workaholic with an unhealthy work/life balance that spiraled out of control, including an extramarital affair. In turn, I engaged in additional unethical conduct in an attempt to dig myself out of the hole that I had already dug. For example, I told the hospital that I was diagnosed with cancer, thinking that would dispet rumors of the affair. I also submitted false letters of recommendation in further effort to project myself in a positive light. When CRMC discovered this conduct, it terminated my employment and reported my ethical violation to the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners, as it was required to do pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 68-11-218. [...]

- 5. On or about March 1, 2025, the Board received a report stating that Baptist Health Lexington (the "Hospital") placed the licensee under a precautionary suspension on February 7, 2025 for performing procedures without the presence of required proctors and failure to submit proctored reports. On February 11, 2025, the licensee resigned and surrendered his clinical privileges at the Hospital while still under precautionary suspension. Pursuant to the report, the licensee resigned just before the Medical Executive Committee ("MEC") was scheduled to review the suspension and further investigate the licensee's possible misconduct regarding the suspected fraudulent professional references submitted with his initial application for appointment.
- 6. Robert West, the Director of the Tennessee Medical Board, advised that there is an ongoing investigation regarding the licensee, which has been referred to the Office of General Counsel. He indicated that this case originated from a malpractice complaint against the licensee. Since the investigation is still open, details will not be made available until the Office of General Counsel concludes the case, which has a timeframe of five hundred (500) days to take action.
- On or about April 1, 2025, the Board's investigator subpoenaed information from the Hospital related to its suspension and investigation into the licensec.
- 8. The licensee was hired at the Hospital in August 2024. Because he had not been involved in clinical practice since 2023, the Hospital provided him with a Plan for

- Reintroduction into Clinical Practice, which required proctoring and supervision before he would be permitted to resume practice independently.
- 9. On or about February 5, 2025, a colleague at the Hospital reported that several weeks beforehand, he had been approached by the licensee and presented with approximately twenty-five (25) forms listing procedures which were to have been proctored and which the licensee asked him to sign, saying that he had proctored them. The colleague became concerned because he had proctored only one of the procedures, and the forms were predated to October 2024.
- 10. On or about February 7, 2025, the Hospital learned that the licensee was in the Cardiac Cath Lab preparing to do a procedure without the presence of a proctor. The licensee stated that he had made arrangements with a physician to proctor the procedure, but it had been canceled. However, the licensee had not arranged for the physician to proctor the case. Furthermore, just minutes before being contacted by the Hospital's Chief Medical Officer, the licensee had texted the physician, asking him to confirm that he had agreed to proctor the case.
- 11. Due to the events involving the licensee's dishonesty between February 4-7, 2025, the Hospital revisited the licensee's application for appointment. The licensee had supplied the names and email addresses of several professional references, and the Hospital had received what purported to be responses to its query of these individuals about the licensee. The Hospital learned that three purported references on the licensee's application had not submitted the recommendations attributed to them.
- 12. The licensee submitted a response to the grievance through his counsel, Attorney Brian Good. In his response, Mr. Good stated that the Hospital changed his back-to-work plan multiple times. The licensee denies that he asked another physician to sign off as

- proctor for procedures that he did not witness. He denies submitting fraudulent reference letters with his initial application to the Hospital.
- 13. In an effort to resolve the Board's pending investigation in regard to his license to practice medicine in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the licensee voluntarily enters into this Agreed Order of Surrender.

STIPULATED CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The parties stipulate the following Conclusions of Law, which serve as the legal bases for this Agreed Order of Surrender:

- The licensee's Kentucky medical license is subject to regulation and discipline by the Board.
- Based upon the Stipulations of Fact, the licensee is in violation of the provisions of KRS 311.595 (10), and (21). Accordingly, there are legal grounds for the parties to enter into this Agreed Order of Surrender.
- Pursuant to KRS 311.591(6) and 201 KAR 9:082, the parties may fully and finally
 resolve the pending investigation without an evidentiary hearing by entering into
 an informal resolution such as this Agreed Order of Surrender.

AGREED ORDER OF SURRENDER

Based upon the foregoing Stipulations of Fact and Stipulated Conclusions of Law, and, based upon their mutual desire to fully and finally resolve the pending investigation, the parties hereby ENTER INTO the following AGREED ORDER OF SURRENDER:

- The licensee, Christopher David Adams, M.D., HEREBY SURRENDERS, in lieu
 of revocation, his license to practice medicine within the Commonwealth of
 Kentucky for an indefinite period of time, with that surrender to become effective
 immediately upon the date of filing of this Agreed Order of Surrender;
- Following the effective date of this agreed order, the licensee SHALL NOT engage in any act which would constitute the "practice of medicine" as that term is defined

by KRS 311.550(10) – the diagnosis, treatment, or correction of any and all human conditions, ailments, diseases, injuries, or infirmities by any and all means, methods, devices, or instrumentalities – until approved to do so by the Board;

- 3. The licensee SHALL NOT petition the Board for a license to again practice medicine/osteopathy in the Commonwealth unless and until:
 - a. At least two (2) years have passed from the date of entry of this Agreed Order of Surrender:
- 4. If the licensee should in the future petition for reinstatement of his license to practice medicine in the Commonwealth, he understands and agrees that the provisions of KRS 311.607 SHALL apply to said petition;
 - a. The licensee understands and agrees that the burden SHALL be upon him to satisfy the Board that he is presently of good moral character and is qualified both physically and mentally to resume the practice of medicine, without undue risk or danger to his patients or the public;
 - b. The licensee understands and agrees that the Board SHALL require him to successfully complete a Board-approved clinical skills assessment(s) and/or evaluation(s), at his expense, prior to considering a petition for reinstatement of his license to practice medicine and to assist the Board in its consideration of the petition;
 - c. The licensee understands and agrees that the Board SHALL require him to successfully complete Professional Fitness for Duty Assessment administered by Acumen Assessments, LLC, https://www.acumenassessments.com, Tel. (785) 856-8218, at his own expense, prior to considering a petition for reinstatement of his license to practice medicine and to assist the Board in its consideration of the petition;
 - d. The licensee understands and agrees that the Board SHALL require him to successfully complete and "unconditionally pass" the ProBE Program offered through the Center for Personalized Education for Professionals (CPEP), 720 South Colorado Boulevard, Suite 1100-N, Denver, Colorado 80246, Tel. (303) 577-3232, at his expense, prior to considering a petition for reinstatement of his license to practice medicine and to assist the Board in its consideration of the petition;
 - e. The licensee understands and agrees that he SHALL have the advocacy of the Kentucky Physicians Health Foundation prior to considering a petition for reinstatement of his license to practice medicine and to assist the Board in its consideration of the petition;
 - f. The licensee understands and agrees that the decision whether to reinstate his license and permit him to resume the active practice of medicine in the Commonwealth lies within the sole discretion of the Board and that the

Board SHALL NOT be required to reinstate his license or to allow him to resume the practice of medicine in the Commonwealth of Kentucky; and

- g. The licensee understands and agrees that in the event that the Board should reinstate his license and allow him to resume the active practice of medicine at any time in the future it SHALL do so conditioned upon the licensee entering into an agreed order pursuant to which he shall be under probation for a period of no less than two years nor more than five years, such that any subsequent violation during the probation period shall result in automatic revocation of his license:
- 5. The licensee expressly agrees that if he should violate any term or condition of this Agreed Order of Surrender, the licensee's practice will constitute an immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare, as provided in KRS 311.592 and 13B.125. The parties further agree that if the Board should receive information that he has violated any term or condition of this Agreed Order of Surrender, the Panel Chair is authorized by law to enter an Emergency Order of Suspension or Restriction immediately upon a finding of probable cause that a violation has occurred, after an ex parte presentation of the relevant facts by the Board's General Counsel or Assistant General Counsel. If the Panel Chair should issue such an Emergency Order, the parties agree and stipulate that a violation of any term or condition of this Agreed Order of Surrender would render the licensee's practice an immediate danger to the health, welfare and safety of patients and the general public, pursuant to KRS 311.592 and 13B.125; accordingly, the only relevant question for any emergency hearing conducted pursuant to KRS 13B.125 would be whether the licensee violated a term or condition of this Agreed Order of Surrender; and
- 6. The licensee understands and agrees that any violation of the terms of this Agreed Order of Surrender would provide a legal basis for additional disciplinary action, including revocation, pursuant to KRS 311.595(13) and may provide a legal basis for criminal prosecution for practicing medicine without a license.

SO AGREED on this 3/24 day of 5/2, 2025.

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WAIVER OF RIGHTS

I, Christopher David Adams, M.D., have read and understand the foregoing Agreed Order, Case No. 2222. I have been given sufficient time and opportunity to consider the Agreed Order, and I understand the effect it will have upon my license to practice medicine in the Commonwealth of Kentucky and elsewhere.

I understand that the foregoing Agreed Order is a legally binding final order of the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure that affects my rights and privileges. I also understand that the foregoing Agreed Order is a public document which will be available for public inspection, may be accessible through the Board's website, and will be a permanent part of my historical file with the Board. I understand that the foregoing Agreed Order will be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank and the Federation of State Medical Boards. I understand that it may be my responsibility to report the foregoing Agreed Order directly to other jurisdictions.

I understand that I have a right to legal representation in this matter, at my own expense, and I have been afforded sufficient time and opportunity to exercise my right to consult with counsel regarding the legal effect of the foregoing Agreed Order.

I understand that, without my consent as stated in the foregoing Agreed Order, no legal action may be taken against my license except after a hearing held in accordance with KRS Chapter 13B. In such a formal hearing, I understand that I would have a right to be represented by counsel at my own expense; the right to call and confront witnesses and cross-examine witnesses; the right to present evidence and testify on my own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to appeal a final order or decision adverse to me; and the right to raise constitutional challenges.

By entering into the foregoing Agreed Order, I expressly and voluntarily waive my right to raise any constitutional, statutory, or common law objection(s) I may have to the Agreed

Order, its terms, and/or the Board's conduct in conformity with it and/or enforcement of the Agreed Order.

CHRISTOPHER DAVID ADAMS, M.D. LICENSE NO. 47069