## BEFORE THE DIVISION OF MEDICAL QUALITY MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Petition for Penalty Relief of:	)
RODNEY DANIEL COLLINS, M.D.	) MBC No: 06-1991-13353
Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G-60783	OAH No: N-1999120301 )
Respondent.	) ) _)

## **DECISION**

The attached Proposed Decision and Order hereby becomes, by operation of law, the Decision and Order of the Division of Medical Quality of the Medical Board of California in this matter.

This Decision shall become effective at 5:00 p.m. on April 26, 2000.

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

Ira Lubell, M.D., President Division of Medical Quality

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Petitioner.

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## PROPOSED DECISION

This matter came on regularly for hearing before Jaime René Román, Administrative Law Judge, Medical Quality Hearing Panel, Office of Administrative Hearings, in Sacramento, California, on January 19, 2000.

Petitioner Rodney Daniel Collins, M.D., ("petitioner") appeared and represented himself.

The Attorney General of the State of California was represented by Stephen Boreman, Deputy Attorney General, Health Quality Enforcement Section, Department of Justice, State of California.

Evidence was received and the matter submitted on January 19, 2000.

### **FACTUAL FINDINGS**

- 1. On July 27, 1987, the Medical Board of California issued Physician and Surgeon's Certificate No. G-60783 to Petitioner Rodney Daniel Collins, M.D.
- 2. On November 8, 1996, in *In the Matter of the Accusation Against: Rodney Daniel Collins, M.D.*, Case No. 06-91-13353, the Board, pursuant to a Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, disciplined Petitioner's certificate, effective December 9, 1996, by revoking the certificate, staying the action, and placing the certificate on probation for a period of five years on terms and conditions.
- 3. On August 31, 1999, Petitioner, 41, filed a Petition for Penalty Relief seeking termination of probation.
- 4. Between 1991 and 1993, Petitioner engaged in multiple violations of the Medical Practice Act by having:
  - A. Multiple criminal convictions for driving a vehicle with a 0.08 percent or more blood alcohol; reckless driving involving alcohol or drugs or both; driving a motor vehicle while such privilege was suspended; engaging in the unlawful use of alcoholic beverages, dangerous drugs and controlled substances; having more than one misdemeanor conviction involving the use, consumption or self-administration of alcoholic beverages, dangerous drugs or controlled substances; and violating state drug statutes.
  - B. A conviction for possession of a controlled substance, Cocaine, a conviction for disturbing the peace, and a conviction for use or being under the influence of a controlled substance; having convictions for violations of state drug statutes; having engaged in the unlawful use of controlled substances; and having committed violations of state drug statutes by unlawfully possessing and using Cocaine and Marijuana.
- 5. Petitioner, without excuse, readily acknowledges his convictions and underlying conduct as referenced in Finding 4.
- 6. Petitioner, following the imposition of discipline, embarked on a program towards his full rehabilitation.
  - A. He participated and cooperated fully with the Board's disciplinary order and undertook a psychiatric residency at UCLA.

- B. He participates in Diversion and, regardless of the Board's action on his Petition, will avail himself of Diversion until he is successfully released from the program.
- C. Petitioner refreshingly relates the gains, insight, and assistance provided by the Board's intervention in his life when the disciplinary order issued.
- D. Refocused, he no longer lives the life that yielded to substance abuse problems.
- 7. Petitioner, having fully complied with the terms and conditions of his probation, seeks early termination of probation so that he might sit for the exam for board certification in Psychiatry and also so that he might exercise appropriate DEA privileges.
  - 8. Petitioner is fully rehabilitated.

### LEGAL CONCLUSIONS

Cause exists to grant the petition of petitioner pursuant to the provisions of Business and Professions Code §§2228, 2229 and 2307 and as set forth in Findings Nos. 2 - 8.<sup>1</sup>

#### **ORDER**

The Petition for Penalty Relief of petitioner Rodney Daniel Collins, M.D., Physician and Surgeon's Certificate No. G-60783, for termination of probation is GRANTED.

Dated:\_\_\_\_/<u>/2*5*/00</u>\_\_\_

JAIME RENE ROMAN
Administrative Law Judge
Medical Quality Hearing Panel
Office of Administrative Hearings

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> It is to the credit of the Attorney General, specifically Mr. Boreman, Deputy Attorney General, who, in the discharge of his professional obligations as both an officer of the court but also a public prosecutor, acknowledges the gains made by petitioner in the discipline imposed by the Board and has no opposition to the granting of the Petition.