BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARDGEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

	STATE OF GEORGIA	MAR 08 2022
IN THE MATTER OF:))) DOCKET NO)	DOCKET NUMBER: 20220066
ANDREW HURAYT, M.D., License Number 15196,		
Respondent.	Ó	

PUBLIC CONSENT ORDER

By agreement of the Georgia Composite Medical Board ("Board") and ANDREW HURAYT, M.D. ("Respondent"), the following disposition of this disciplinary matter is entered pursuant to the provisions of the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act, O.C.G.A. § 50-13-13(a)(4), as amended.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1.

Respondent is licensed to practice medicine in the State of Georgia and was licensed at all times relevant to the matters stated herein.

2.

On or about December 8, 2020, Respondent self-reported to the Board that he had entered into an agreement with the United States Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration regarding Respondent's DEA controlled substances privileges. (DEA Registration No. AH6344890).

3.

On and between December 31, 2018, and April 21, 2020, Respondent wrote six (6) prescriptions for himself, as follows:

• On December 31, 2018, Respondent self-prescribed Clonazepam 2 MG Tablet QTY 180;

- On July 20, 2019, Respondent self-prescribed Clonazepam 2 MG Tablet QTY 180;
- On December 12, 2019, Respondent self-prescribed Clonazepam 2 MG Tablet QTY 40;
- On January 10, 2020, Respondent self-prescribed Clonazepam 2 MG Tablet QTY 90;
- On March 17, 2020, Respondent self-prescribed Diphenoxylate-Atrop 2.5-.025 2 QTY
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- On April 21, 2020, Respondent self-prescribed Clonazepam 2 MG Tablet QTY 90.

4.

Clonazepam and Diphenoxylate are controlled substances and Respondent had no documented emergency on any of the aforementioned dates.

5.

Respondent's aforementioned conduct departed from and failed to conform to the minimum standards of acceptable and prevailing medical practice and was a violation of Georgia's laws and the Board's rules. *See* Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 360-3-.02 (2) (Unprofessional Conduct).

6.

Respondent agrees to the above findings of facts and waives any further findings of fact with respect to the above-styled matter.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent's conduct constitutes sufficient grounds for the imposition of discipline upon Respondent's license to practice as a physician in the State of Georgia under O.C.G.A. Title 43,

Chapters 1 and 34, <u>as amended</u>. Respondent hereby waives any further conclusions of law with respect to the above-styled matter.

ORDER

The Georgia Board, having considered all the facts and circumstances of this case, hereby orders, and Respondent hereby agrees, that the following sanctions shall be imposed upon Respondent's license to practice as a physician in the State of Georgia:

1.

Within **thirty** (30) days of the effective date of this Consent Order, Respondent shall submit to the Georgia Board a fine of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to be paid in full by cashier's check or money order made payable to the Georgia Composite Medical Board. Said fine shall be sent to the Georgia Composite Medical Board, located at 2 Peachtree Street, NW, 6th Floor, Atlanta, GA 30303, to the attention of the Executive Director. Failure to pay the entire amount within (30) days of the effective date of this Consent Order shall be considered a violation of this Consent Order and shall result in further sanctioning of Respondent's license, upon substantiation thereof.

2.

Within six (6) months of the effective date of this Consent Order, Respondent shall provide to the Board evidence that he has completed the following continuing medical education (CME):

A mini-residency program entitled "Appropriate Prescribing of Controlled Substances" sponsored by the Mercer University Southern School of Pharmacy, or a similar course preapproved by the Board; and said CME shall be in addition to the CME required license renewal.

Failure to provide written evidence of successful completion of the CME within six (6) months of the effective date of this Consent Order shall be considered a violation of this Consent Order and shall result in further sanctioning of Respondent's license, upon substantiation thereof.

3.

In addition to and in conjunction with any other sanction contained herein, this Consent

Order and dissemination thereof shall serve as a **public reprimand** of Respondent by the Georgia

Board.

4.

Respondent also understands that pursuant to O.C.G.A. Title 43, Chapter 34A, the contents of this Consent Order shall be placed on Respondent's Physician Profile. Furthermore, by executing this Consent Order, Respondent hereby agrees to permit the Georgia Board to update the Physician's Profile reflecting this Consent Order.

5.

Respondent acknowledges that Respondent has read this Consent Order and understands its contents. Respondent understands that Respondent has the right to a hearing in this matter and freely, knowingly and voluntarily waives that right by entering into this Consent Order. Respondent understands and agrees that a representative of the Department of Law may be present during the Georgia Board's consideration of this Consent Order and that the Georgia Board shall have the authority to review the investigative file and all relevant evidence in considering this Consent Order. Respondent further understands that this Consent Order will not become effective until approved and docketed by the Georgia Board. Respondent understands that this Consent Order, once approved and docketed, shall constitute a public record, evidencing disciplinary action by the Georgia Board that may be disseminated as such. However, if this

Consent Order is not approved, it shall not constitute an admission against interest in this proceeding, or prejudice the right of the Georgia Board to adjudicate this matter. Respondent hereby consents to the terms and sanctions contained herein.

Approved this 8 day of March

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

BY:

DESPINA DALTON, M.D.

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Executive Director

CONSENTED TO:

Respondent

AS TO THE SIGNATURE OF

ANDREW HURAYT, M.D.:

(BOARD SEAL)

Sworn to and subscribed before me

This, Ist day of February 2022.

NOTARY PUBLIC (My Commission Expires:

March 21, 2023