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BEFORE THE
LOUISIANA STATE BOARD
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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IN THE MATTER OF	:	No. 2019-I-427
SHAILESH CHHOTALAL VORA, M.D.	:	
<i>(Certificate No. 07425R),</i>	:	CONSENT
<i>Respondent</i>	:	ORDER
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The above-entitled proceeding was docketed for investigation by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") following receipt of information relating to Shailesh Chhotalal Vora, M.D. ("Dr. Vora"), a physician licensed to practice medicine in this state and at all pertinent times also licensed to practice medicine in Texas, Arkansas, and Mississippi. Dr. Vora is primarily engaged in the practice of Psychiatry and Neurology and currently practices in Texas and Arkansas.

The Board learned that or about June 18, 2019, the Arkansas State Medical Board ("ASMB") issued an Order revoking Dr. Vora's Arkansas medical license after an evidentiary hearing and based on findings of unprofessional conduct including boundary violations and sexual harassment involving two patients, with the revocation order stayed so long as Dr. Vora complied with the terms and conditions of the Arkansas Order.¹ Those terms and conditions included the obligation to follow the recommendations of the Allied Assessment Center in Houston, Texas, where Dr. Vora had been evaluated, and to sign a monitoring contract with the Arkansas Medical Foundation and, if he moved to Texas, to transfer the monitoring contract to the analogous Texas organization. On or about May 11, 2019, the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure ("MSBML") temporarily suspended Dr. Vora's Mississippi medical license based on the conduct at issue in the Arkansas proceedings. On or about December 6, 2019, the Texas Medical Board ("TMB") issued an Agreed Order² that referred to the Order of the ASMB and also documented that Dr. Vora's privileges at Baylor, Scott & White Hospital had been terminated on April 22, 2019 for failing to disclose the Arkansas disciplinary action to the hospital. The TMB imposed terms and conditions

¹ *Order of Arkansas State Medical Board*, In the Matter of Shailesh Chhotalal Vora, M.D., signed June 18, 2019.

² *Order of Texas Medical Board*, In the Matter of Shailesh Chhotalal Vora, M.D., signed December 6, 2019.

on Dr. Vora's Texas medical license, including passing the Medical Jurisprudence Exam, taking CME courses on ethics and boundaries, paying a \$3,000 fine, and providing a copy of the Texas Order to any and all employers. Subsequently, on or about January 16, 2020, Dr. Vora entered into a consent order with the MSBML. That order required Dr. Vora to, *inter alia*, submit proof of compliance with the terms of the Texas Order.³ Dr. Vora complied with all the terms of the Texas Order and that order was terminated effective February 26, 2020. The revocation of Dr. Vora's Arkansas medical license remains stayed. The foregoing information and disciplinary orders all pertained to conduct taking place outside Louisiana. Dr. Vora does not currently practice medicine in Louisiana, and he has no intention of working in Louisiana at this time, but he wishes to maintain his Louisiana license.

Dr. Vora acknowledges that the foregoing information could provide the Investigating Officer for the Board with probable cause to pursue formal administrative proceedings against him for violations of the Act, La. R.S. 37:1285A(29) ("The refusal of a licensing authority of another state to issue or renew a license, permit, or certificate to practice medicine in that state or the revocation, suspension, or other restriction imposed on a license, permit, or certificate issued by such licensing authority which prevents or restricts practice in that state") and La. R.S. 37:1285A(13) ("Unprofessional conduct, including but not limited to, conduct manifested as sexual misconduct"), and further, that proof of such information upon administrative evidentiary hearing could establish grounds under the Act for the suspension, revocation or imposition of such other terms, conditions or restrictions on his license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana as the Board may determine appropriate.

Recognizing his right to have notice and administrative adjudication of any charges that may be filed in this matter, at which time Dr. Vora would be entitled to be represented by legal counsel, to call witnesses and to present evidence on his own behalf in defense or in mitigation of the charges made and to a decision thereon by the Board based upon written findings of fact and conclusions of law, pursuant to La. R.S. 49:951 *et seq.*, Dr. Vora, nonetheless, hereby waives his right to notice and formal adjudication and pursuant to La. R.S. 49:955(D) consents to entry of this Consent Order. Dr. Vora also acknowledges that he hereby waives any right to which he may be entitled pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La. R.S. 49:951 *et seq.*, or to which he otherwise may be afforded by any law to contest his agreement to or the force and effect of the Board's investigation or this document in any court or other forum. By his subscription hereto Dr. Vora also hereby authorizes the Investigating Officer ("I/O") designated by the Board with respect hereto to present this Consent Order to the Board for its consideration and to fully disclose to and discuss with the Board the nature and results of the investigation and he waives any objection to such disclosures under La. R.S. 49:960. Dr. Vora expressly acknowledges that the disclosure of such information to the Board by the I/O shall be without prejudice to the I/O's authority to proceed with the filing and adjudication of an administrative complaint against him, or to the Board's capacity to adjudicate such charges should the Board decline to approve this Consent Order.

Based upon the information provided, and upon the recommendation of the I/O assigned to

³ *Consent Order Before the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure*, In the Matter of the Physician's License of Shailesh Chhotalal Vora, M.D., signed January 16, 2020.

this matter, the Board has concluded that its responsibility to insure the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of this state pursuant to La. R.S. 37:1261, will be effectively served by entry of this Order by consent. Accordingly, in consideration of the foregoing, and pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by La. R.S. 37:1285 and La. R.S. 49:955(D);

IT IS ORDERED that the license of Shailesh Chhotalal Vora, M.D. to engage in the practice of medicine in the State of Louisiana, as evidenced by Certificate No. 07425R be, and the same is hereby, **SUSPENDED**, *provided, however*, that the suspension shall be **STAYED**, conditioned upon his acceptance of and strict compliance with the following terms and conditions:

(a) Practice in Louisiana. Dr. Vora shall not engage in the practice of medicine in any form in the state of Louisiana until and unless the Board issues and serves on him a written order authorizing him to practice medicine in this state, whether such medical practice is done in person or remotely. As an express condition to the issuance of such an order, Dr. Vora shall provide documentation to the Board indicating that he has successfully complied with all aspects of his December 6, 2019 Agreed Order with the Texas Medical Board, the June 18, 2019 Order of the Arkansas State Medical Board, the January 16, 2020 Order of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, or any further Order(s) that may be entered by the Texas Medical Board, Arkansas State Medical Board, or Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure. When Dr. Vora's Arkansas monitoring agreement is successfully completed in June of 2024, he may petition the Board for lifting of this consent order. At this time, Dr. Vora will also provide proof that he has successfully complied with all aspects of Texas, Arkansas and Mississippi Board requirements and that he has had no further action against his license in any state.

(b) Notice of Relocation to Louisiana; Personal Appearance; Cooperation with Evaluation and Investigation. Following the satisfaction of those terms set forth in the paragraph (a) above, and in the event that Dr. Vora should decide to relocate to or otherwise engage in the practice of medicine in this state whether in person or remotely, he shall contact the Board at least three (3) months in advance of his desired return to practice and arrange an appearance before the Board or its designee at its next regularly scheduled meeting. At such meeting, Dr. Vora shall demonstrate his compliance with the terms and conditions of paragraph (a) above and discuss his intended plans for the practice of medicine in this state whether in person or remotely. Dr. Vora further agrees to provide records from any previous evaluations that have been completed relating to the diagnosis and treatment of professional boundary issues. Dr. Vora acknowledges that the Board, in its discretion, may require him to undergo another evaluation at a board-approved facility and that Dr. Vora will cooperate in any investigation of prior allegations that the Board may wish to undertake at that time, including the allegations referenced in the Arkansas State Medical Board's June 18, 2019, Order.

(c) Initial Probation Upon Relocation. Dr. Vora further agrees that any Order authorizing him to practice medicine in Louisiana may include a probationary period during which he must attend yearly Board-approved CME courses on maintaining professional boundaries, cooperate with the Board's probation and compliance officers, pay an annual probation monitoring fee, and comply with any and all restrictions on his treatment of patients (such as use of chaperones or practice monitors) that may be recommended by the

Board-approved evaluating facility or by the Director of Investigations and which the Board sees fit to impose in its discretion.

(d) Additional Terms. In addition to the terms and conditions placed upon his Louisiana license by this Order, the Board may impose any additional terms, conditions or restrictions, as well as the length or nature thereof that the Board in its discretion may then deem appropriate should he at a future date decide to relocate to or otherwise engaged in the practice of medicine in this state whether in person or remotely.

(e) Continuing Reporting Requirement. Dr. Vora shall provide written documentation to the Board regarding any change in circumstances or any further disciplinary action taken by any state in which he currently or has previously maintained an active license to practice medicine. Such reporting requirement shall be continuing and shall apply whether or not Dr. Vora seeks to practice medicine in this state whether in person or remotely.


IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that in the event that the Board determines that Dr. Vora has violated any of the terms or conditions of this Consent Order, the Board may issue an interim Order lifting the Stay of the Suspension and imposing an actual Suspension.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Consent Order shall be, and shall be deemed to be, a public record.

Signed at New Orleans, Louisiana on and effective this 14th day of Dec., 2020.

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

BY:



RODERICK V. CLARK, M.D.
President

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STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF Tarrant

I, Shailesh Chhotalal Vora, M.D., hereby acknowledge, approve, accept and consent to entry of the above and foregoing Order, this 15th day of October, 2020.

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SHAILESH CHHOTALAL VORA, MD

WITNESSES:

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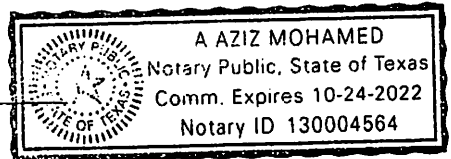
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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15th day of October, 2020, in the presence of the two stated witnesses.

[Handwritten Signature]
Notary Public (Signature & Seal)



A Aziz Mohamed
Printed Name & Notary or Bar Number