

BEFORE THE
NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

In re:)	
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Chad Daniel Howard, M.D.,)	CONSENT ORDER
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Respondent.)	

This matter is before the North Carolina Medical Board ("Board") regarding information provided to the Board concerning Chad Daniel Howard, M.D., ("Dr. Howard"). Dr. Howard makes the following admissions and the Board makes the following findings and conclusions:

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

The Board is a body duly organized under the laws of North Carolina and is the proper party to bring this proceeding under the authority granted it in Article 1 of Chapter 90 of the North Carolina General Statutes and the rules and regulations promulgated thereto.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Dr. Howard was first issued a license to practice medicine and surgery by the Board on or about February 21, 2002, license number 200200125.

At all times relevant hereto, Dr. Howard practiced medicine in Elizabeth City, North Carolina.

On October 8, 2016, and while on his way to work as a hospitalist at the local hospital, Dr. Howard was involved in a one car motor vehicle accident in Elizabeth City, North Carolina. When law enforcement arrived at the scene of the accident, Dr. Howard appeared intoxicated. Dr. Howard admitted to drinking alcohol and had a positive blood alcohol content on a mobile Intoxilyzer device. Dr. Howard was charged with Driving While Impaired.

During the course of the Board's investigation, it was revealed that Dr. Howard did have one workplace incident where a nurse reported Dr. Howard smelling of alcohol.

Dr. Howard reported to the North Carolina Physicians Health Program ("NCPHP"). The NCPHP referred Dr. Howard for a comprehensive assessment. The assessment indicates Dr. Howard suffers from Substance Use Disorder Severe (alcohol). Dr. Howard has presented for inpatient treatment for his Substance Use Disorder.

On December 19, 2016, Dr. Howard voluntarily surrendered his North Carolina medical license.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

By consuming alcohol to the point of intoxication immediately prior to his shift at the hospital, Dr. Howard engaged in unprofessional conduct including, but not limited to, departure from, or the failure to conform to, the ethics of the medical

profession, or the commission of an act contrary to good honesty, justice or good morals, within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(6), and grounds exist under this section of the North Carolina General Statutes for the Board to annul, suspend, revoke, condition or limit Dr. Howard's license to practice medicine or to deny any application he might make in the future.

Dr. Howard suffers from a health condition that, when left untreated, renders him unable to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(5), and grounds exist under this section of the North Carolina General Statutes for the Board to annul, suspend, revoke, condition or limit Dr. Howard's license to practice medicine or to deny any application he might make in the future.

PROCEDURAL STIPULATIONS

Dr. Howard acknowledges and agrees that the Board has jurisdiction over him and over the subject matter of this case.

Dr. Howard knowingly waives his right to any hearing and to any judicial review or appeal in this case.

Dr. Howard acknowledges that he has read and understands this Consent Order and enters into it voluntarily.

Dr. Howard desires to resolve this matter without the need for more formal proceedings.

The Board has determined that it is in the public interest to resolve this case as set forth below.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, with Dr. Howard's consent, it is ORDERED that:

1. Dr. Howard's North Carolina license to practice medicine and surgery is hereby INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED.

2. This Consent Order shall take effect immediately upon its execution by both Dr. Howard and the Board and it shall continue in effect until specifically ordered otherwise by the Board.

3. Dr. Howard hereby waives any requirement under any law or rule that this Consent Order be served on him.

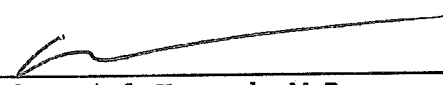
4. Upon execution by Dr. Howard and the Board, this Consent Order shall become a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the North Carolina General Statutes and shall be subject to public inspection and dissemination pursuant to the provisions thereof. Additionally, it will be reported to persons, entities, agencies and clearinghouses as required and permitted by law including, but not limited to, the Federation of State Medical Boards and the National Practitioner Data Bank.

By Order of the North Carolina Medical Board this the 26th day of June, 2017.

NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

By: Eleanor E. Greene, MD
Eleanor E. Greene, M.D.
President

Consented to this the 30th day of May, 2017.


Chad Daniel Howard, M.D.

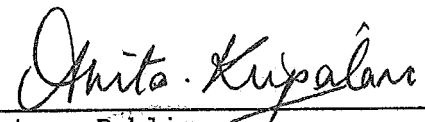
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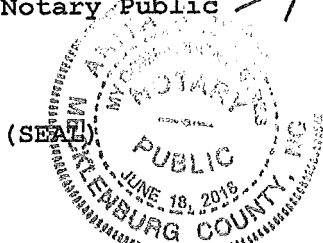
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I, ANITA KIRPALANI, a Notary Public for the above named County and State, do hereby certify that Chad Daniel Howard, M.D. personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument.

Witness my hand and official seal

this the 30th day of MAY, 2017.


Notary Public



My Commission Expires: June 18th 2018