

BEFORE THE
NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

In re:)	
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Lance Robert Fuller, 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 Lance Robert Fuller, M.D. ("Dr. Fuller"). Dr. Fuller 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 to it in Article 1 of Chapter 90 of the North Carolina General Statutes and the rules and regulations promulgated thereto.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Dr. Fuller was first issued a license to practice medicine by the Board on or about June 28, 2007, license number 2007-01083.

At all times relevant hereto, Dr. Fuller practiced psychiatry in Raleigh, North Carolina.

In February 2023, Dr. Fuller unknowingly became involved in a financial scheme with a woman he met on Christian Mingle, an

internet dating app. The woman requested Dr. Fuller to act as her power of attorney to help her in recovering an inheritance. She requested Dr. Fuller open multiple bank accounts and send her the access information. She claimed this was to assist her with legal and other expenses to obtain her inheritance. Unbeknownst to Dr. Fuller, the woman then conspired with another person, purporting to be a "banker," and this "banker" then used Dr. Fuller to deposit fraudulent checks in the bank accounts opened by Dr. Fuller. Dr. Fuller claimed that he did not know that the deposited checks from the out-of-state banks contained no funds, however Dr. Fuller failed to take the necessary actions to determine the legitimacy of the transactions in which he took part.

Dr. Fuller has fully cooperated with the investigation of these fraudulent transactions.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Dr. Fuller acknowledges that his conduct, as described above, constitutes unprofessional conduct, within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(6), which is grounds under that section of the North Carolina General Statutes for the Board to annul, suspend, revoke, condition, or limit Dr. Fuller's license to practice medicine or to deny any application he might make in the future.

PROCEDURAL STIPULATIONS

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

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

Dr. Fuller, with the advice of legal counsel, acknowledges that he has read and understands this Consent Order and enters into it voluntarily.

Dr. Fuller 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. Fuller's consent, it is ORDERED that:

1. Dr. Fuller is hereby REPRIMANDED.
2. Dr. Fuller shall comply with following terms and conditions:
 - a. Within thirty (30) days from the effective date of this Consent Order, Dr. Fuller shall schedule an examination with the North Carolina Professionals Health Program ("NCPHP").
 - b. The NCPHP examination must be completed within ninety (90) days from the effective date of this Consent Order.

- c. Dr. Fuller shall cooperate fully with NCPHP and its staff, including the timely payment of all fees required by NCPHP, and shall promptly submit to all further examinations deemed necessary by NCPHP. Further, Dr. Fuller shall authorize and request that NCPHP communicate with the Board and send a copy of the examination report to the Board's Monitoring Coordinator at boardmonitoring@ncmedboard.org. Dr. Fuller shall sign all waivers and releases required by NCPHP to communicate with the Board about the results of its examination.
- d. In the event NCPHP makes remedial, educational, or other recommendations and directives, Dr. Fuller shall timely comply with all recommendations and directives made by NCPHP and must inform the Board's Monitoring Coordinator of his progress in this regard.

3. Dr. Fuller shall obey all laws. Likewise, he shall obey all rules and regulations involving the practice of medicine.

4. Dr. Fuller shall meet with the Board or members of the Board for a follow-up investigative interview in March 2024 and at any other such times as requested by the Board.

5. Upon request, Dr. Fuller shall provide the Board with any information the Board deems necessary to verify compliance with the terms and conditions of this Consent Order.

6. If Dr. Fuller fails to comply with any of the terms of this Consent Order, that failure shall constitute unprofessional conduct within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(6) and shall be grounds, after any required notice and hearing, for the Board to annul, suspend, or revoke his license to practice medicine and to deny any application he might make in the future or then have pending for a license to practice medicine.

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

8. No provision of this Consent Order shall constitute an admission for any purpose other than for this consent order and any other proceeding before the North Carolina Medical Board.

9. This Consent Order does not constitute a restriction or limitation on Dr. Fuller's license to practice medicine.

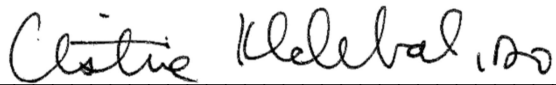
10. Dr. Fuller hereby waives any requirement under any law or rule that this Consent Order be served on him.

11. Upon execution by Dr. Fuller 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 29th day of November, 2023.

NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

By: 
Christine M. Khandelwal, D.O., MHPE
President

Consented to this the 29 day of NOVEMBER, 2023.

Lance Robert Fuller

Lance Robert Fuller, M.D.

State of NC

County of WAKE

I, Rommel Simon, do hereby certify that
Lance Robert Fuller, 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 29 day of
NOV, 2023.

[Signature]

Notary Public

(Official Seal)

My Commission Expires: 03.26.2024

