# BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

In re:	)	
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Vida Barnwell Robertson, M.D.,	)	REENTRY AGREEMENT
	)	
Applicant.	)	

This matter is before the North Carolina Medical Board ("Board") on the application of Vida Barnwell Robertson, M.D. ("Dr. Robertson") for reinstatement of her medical license. Dr. Robertson admits, and the Board finds and concludes, that:

# 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.

### FINDINGS OF FACT

The Board first issued Dr. Robertson a medical license on July 21, 2006. Dr. Robertson's license was inactivated by request on June 12, 2018.

Dr. Robertson last practiced medicine in Cary, North Carolina and has not practiced medicine clinically since August 2016, and, as such, recognizes the need for a reentry plan to assist her back into the practice of medicine.

Dr. Robertson has a history with the Board, related to her alcohol use disorder and other health conditions, which history is further detailed in her January 2018 Non-Disciplinary Consent Order with the Board.

On July 20, 2021, Dr. Robertson signed a new five-year monitoring contract with the North Carolina Professionals Health Program ("NCPHP"). Dr. Robertson remains in compliance with her NCPHP contract and NCPHP supports the reinstatement of Dr. Robertson's license to practice medicine in North Carolina.

On May 25, 2022, Dr. Robertson applied for reinstatement of her license to practice medicine in North Carolina.

Based on Dr. Robertson's time out of practice, on September 26, 2022, the Board requested Dr. Robertson obtain a comprehensive competency assessment through the LifeGuard Program offered by the Foundation of the Pennsylvania Medical Society ("LifeGuard") within six (6) months.

On February 8, 2023, Dr. Robertson presented for her LifeGuard assessment and in a report dated March 29, 2023, Lifeguard made several recommendations designed to assist Dr. Robertson in her transition back to the active practice.

#### PROCEDURAL STIPULATIONS

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

Dr. Robertson acknowledges that she has read and understands this Reentry Agreement and enters into it voluntarily.

The Board has determined it to be in the public interest to resolve this matter as set forth below.

## ORDER

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

- 1. The Board shall reinstate Dr. Robertson's medical license upon the following conditions:
  - a. Dr. Robertson must be compliant with all terms and recommendations of the LifeGuard assessment.
  - b. Prior to beginning to practice medicine at any location, Dr. Robertson must designate a Reentry Practice Mentor to be approved by the Board's Office of the Medical Director ("OMD") by contacting the Board's Monitoring Coordinator at boardmonitoring@ncmedboard.org.
  - c. Prior to beginning to practice, the Board's OMD approved Reentry Practice Mentor must review, confirm, and endorse that the Lifequard

- recommendations will be evident at all times that Dr. Robertson is practicing medicine.
- d. The above conditions listed in paragraphs 1(a) -1(c) shall constitute Dr. Robertson's reentry plan back into the practice of medicine and shall continue in effect until the Board's OMD determines that the reentry plan is complete.
- 2. Dr. Robertson shall obey all laws. Likewise, Dr. Robertson shall obey all rules and regulations involving the practice of medicine.
- 3. Dr. Robertson shall notify the Board in writing of any change in her residence and practice addresses within ten (10) days of the change.
- 4. Dr. Robertson shall meet with the Board or members of the Board for an investigative interview at such times as requested by the Board.
- 5. If Dr. Robertson fails to comply with any of the terms of this Reentry Agreement, 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, revoke, suspend, or limit her license or to deny any application she might then have pending or might make in the future for a license.

6. This Reentry Agreement shall take effect immediately upon its execution by both Dr. Robertson and the Board, and it shall continue in effect until Dr. Robertson is notified by the Board reentry plan is complete.

7. Dr. Robertson hereby waives any requirement under any law or rule that this Reentry Agreement be served on her.

8. Upon execution by Dr. Robertson and the Board, this Reentry Agreement 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.

By Order of the North Carolina Medical Board this the  $14^{\rm th}$  day of May, 2024.

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Christine M. Khandelwal, D.O., MHPE

President

Consented to this the 13 day	of <u>May</u> , 2024.
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State of NC	
County of Wave	
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