

BEFORE THE
NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

In re:)
)
Lawrence Anthony Dunn, 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 Lawrence Anthony Dunn, M.D. ("Dr. Dunn"). Dr. Dunn stipulates the following findings, 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. Dunn was first issued a license to practice medicine by the Board on or about May 3, 1986, license number 30018.

At all times relevant hereto, Dr. Dunn practiced psychiatry in Durham, North Carolina.

On July 14, 2023, the Board was notified of a Change in Staff Privileges by the chief executive officer ("CEO") of Dr. Dunn's

employer regarding allegations of Dr. Dunn's professional boundary violations and substandard prescribing.

Dr. Dunn hired Person A to be his scribe. Dr. Dunn personally paid Person A's salary and health insurance out of pocket. Person A filed a complaint against Dr. Dunn alleging that he crossed professional boundaries.

Dr. Dunn acknowledged that in addition to hiring Person A, he treated Person A as a patient for psychiatric issues and administered ketamine injections at her apartment.

An investigation further revealed that Dr. Dunn treated another former employee of his and prescribed her diazepam for anxiety.

Dr. Dunn was terminated from his employment and his privileges summarily suspended indefinitely until an *ad hoc* committee completed the investigation.

On May 7, 2024, Dr. Dunn was ordered to the North Carolina Professionals Health Program ("NCPHP"). NCPHP recommended Dr. Dunn receive a comprehensive evaluation.

Dr. Dunn underwent a comprehensive evaluation by Acumen Assessments ("Acumen") the week of May 28, 2024. Acumen made a number of treatment recommendations.

On July 23, 2024, NCPHP notified the Board that Dr. Dunn had chosen not to follow its recommendations and that he would be closing his practice and retiring from the practice of medicine.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Dr. Dunn's 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. Dunn's license to practice medicine or to deny any application he may make in the future.

PROCEDURAL STIPULATIONS

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

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

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

Dr. Dunn desires to resolve this matter without the need for more formal proceedings and agrees not to contest the matters set forth herein in this case and any potential future proceeding involving the Board.

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

ORDER

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

1. Dr. Dunn's North Carolina license to practice medicine is hereby INACTIVATED.

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

3. Dr. Dunn shall meet with the Board or members of the Board for an investigative interview at such times as requested by the Board.

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

5. If Dr. Dunn 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.

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


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

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 Board.

9. Upon execution by Dr. Dunn 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 6th day of February, 2025.

NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

By: 

Devdutta G. Sangvai, M.D., J.D., MBA
President

Consented to this the 6th day of February, 2025.



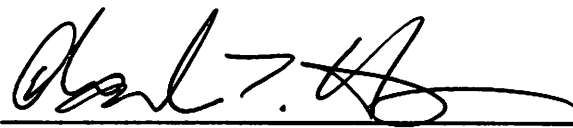
Lawrence Anthony Dunn, M.D.

State of NC

County of Wake

I, Alexander Thomas Henson, do hereby certify that Lawrence Anthony Dunn, 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 6th day of February, 2025.



Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 6/13/28

(Official Seal)
ALEXANDER THOMAS HENSON
NOTARY PUBLIC
WAKE COUNTY, N.C.
My Commission Expires 6/13/28