

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs

vs.

Louisa J Lance, M.D. Respondent Docket No. 0172-49-08

File No. 07-49-13267

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CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania ("Commonwealth") and Louisa J Lance, M.D. ("Respondent") stipulate as follows in settlement of the above-captioned case.

- 1. This matter is before the State Board Of Medicine ("Board") pursuant to the Medical Practice Act, Act of December 20, 1985, P.L. 457, No. 112, as amended, (Act), 63 P.S. § 422.1 et seq.
- 2. At all relevant and material times, Respondent held a license to practice as a medical physician and surgeon in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, license number MD015937E, which was renewed on .December 9, 2004.
 - 3. The Respondent admits that the following allegations are true:
 - a. Respondent's license is current through December 31, 2008 and may be renewed thereafter upon the filing of the appropriate documentation and payment of the necessary fees.
 - b. Respondent's last known address on file with the Board is: P O Box 632, Gwynedd Valley, PA 19437.
 - c. From January 1, 2007 through December 6, 2007, Respondent's license number MD015937E was expired and not current with the Board.

- d. During the period from January 1, 2007 through December 6, 2007, Respondent continued to practice as a medical physician and surgeon by working approximately three (3) plus days per week.
- 4. The Commonwealth alleges that the Board is authorized to suspend or revoke, or otherwise restrict Respondent's license, or impose a civil penalty under 63 P.S. §422.25(b) in that Respondent practiced as a medical physician and surgeon when she was not currently licensed and registered under the Act.
- 5. Intending to be legally bound, the participants consent to issuance of the following Order in settlement of this matter:
 - a. The Board is authorized to suspend or revoke, or otherwise restrict Respondent's license, or impose a civil penalty under 63 P.S. §422.25(b) in that Respondent practiced as a medical physician and surgeon when she was not currently licensed and registered under the Act.
 - b. A CIVIL PENALTY of one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) is levied upon Respondent. Respondent shall tender the full sum of one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) with this executed Consent Agreement and shall be paid by certified check, cashier's check, attorney's check, or money order issued by a usual, customary, and reputable issuer (e.g. U.S. Postal Money Order, Western Union Money Order, etc.). Payment shall be made payable to the 'Commonwealth of Pennsylvania' and shall be valid of a minimum period of ninety (90) days. Respondent agrees that payment shall only be made by one of the methods indicated above and shall not be made by uncertified personal or business check.

- c. This case shall be deemed settled and discontinued upon the Board issuing an Order adopting this Consent Agreement.
- 6. Respondent acknowledges receipt of an Order to Show Cause in this matter. Respondent knowingly and voluntarily waives the right to an administrative hearing in this matter, and to the following rights related to that hearing: to be represented by counsel at the hearing; the right to present witnesses and testimony in defense or in mitigation of any sanction that may be imposed for a violation; to cross-examine witnesses and to challenge evidence presented by the Commonwealth; to present legal arguments by means of a brief; and to take an appeal from any final adverse decision.
- 7. This Consent Agreement is between the Commonwealth and Respondent only. Except as otherwise noted, this Agreement is to have no legal effect unless and until the Office of General Counsel approves the contents as to form and legality and the Board issues the stipulated Order.
- 8. Should the Board not approve this Consent Agreement, presentation to and consideration of this Consent Agreement and other documents and matters by the Board shall not prejudice the Board or any of its members from further participation in the adjudication of this matter. This paragraph is binding on the participants even if the Board does not approve this Consent Agreement.
- 9. Respondent agrees, as a condition of entering into this Consent Agreement, not to seek modification at a later date of the Stipulated Order adopting and implementing this Consent Agreement without first obtaining the express written concurrence of the Prosecution Division.

10. This agreement contains the whole agreement between the participants. There are no other terms, obligations, covenants, representations, statements or conditions, or otherwise, of any kind whatsoever concerning this agreement.

11. Respondent verifies that the facts and statements set forth in this Agreement are true and correct to the best of Respondent's knowledge, information and belief. Respondent understands that statements in this Agreement are made subject to the criminal penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. § 4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

Jay E. Holstein

Prosecuting Attorney Department of State

DATED:

Louisa J Lance,

Respondent

DATED

ORDER

AND NOW, this half day of April 2008, the State Board of Medicine adopts and approves the foregoing Consent Agreement and incorporates the terms of paragraph 5, which shall constitute the Board's Order and is now issued in resolution of this matter.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL AFFAIRS

Basil L. Merenda Commissioner

For the Commonwealth:

Respondent's Counsel:

Date of Mailing: 4 30 09

BY ORDER: STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE

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