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

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs

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Docket No.

Basem Shlewiet, M.D. Respondent

## CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER

The Commonwealth and Respondent stipulate as follows in settlement of the abovecaptioned case.

- This matter is before the State Board of Medicine 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.
- At all relevant and material times, Basem Shlewiet,, M.D. ("Respondent") has a 2. license to practice medicine in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, license number MD073753L.
- Respondent, while admitting no guilt or wrongdoing, agrees that if this case were to 3. proceed to a hearing the Commonwealth would be able to prove the following:
  - Respondent's license, although currently under an Immediate Temporary Suspension, would have expired on 12/31/14, and could be continually renewed thereafter upon the filing of the appropriate documentation and the payment of the necessary fees.
  - Respondent's last known address on file with the Board is: 16 North Franklin Street, Suite 100, Doylestown, PA 18901.
    - Respondent last practiced in the Bucks County.

- d. On or about January 23, 2014, Respondent was criminally charged by the Bucks County District Attorney's Office with the following charges:
- Two (2) Counts of Unlawful Contact with Minor-Sexual
   Offenses, graded as a Felony in the Third Degree,
- 2. Two (2) Counts of Corruption of Minors, graded as a Misdemeanor in the First Degree.
- 3. Three (3) Counts of Indecent Assault Forcible Compulsion, graded as a Misdemeanor in the First Degree.
- 4. Three (3) Counts of Indecent Assault without the consent of another, graded as a Misdemeanor in the Second Degree.
- 4. The above referenced criminal charges allegedly derive from the Respondent's conduct during the course of treating patients in the practice of medicine.
- 5. The respondent, in consideration of this consent agreement only, has chosen not to contest the above allegations of wrong doing during the pendency of the criminal proceedings. However, the respondent maintains his innocence and while admitting no guilt or wrongdoing, does agree that for the purposes of this proceeding before the Pennsylvania state Board of medicine, this consent agreement shall have the same effect as if proven and ordered after a full hearing. Under any scenario, this consent agreement shall not be construed as an admission against interest in any proceeding whatsoever, including but not limited to any criminal proceeding, and in so doing and intending to be legally bound, the participants consent to issuance of the following order in settlement of this matter:

- a. Respondent violated the Act at 63 P.S. §422.41 (8) as it relates to the Board's regulations at 49 Pa Code §16.110(b).
- b. The Respondent shall voluntarily surrender his license, No MD073753L, while his criminal investigation is pending. The voluntary surrender will be effective February 5, 2014. Upon adoption of this Order the Respondent shall continue to cease and desist from practicing in this Commonwealth as of February 5, 2014, and shall not represent himself as a license of the Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine in any manner whatsoever. The Respondent shall not apply to renew or reinstate his license while his criminal investigation is pending. Within ten days of the adoption of this Order that the Respondent shall surrender his wall certificate, registration certificate and wallet card by mailing them to Nathan Giunta, Prosecuting Attorney, Legal Office, Department of State, 2601 North Third St, Harrisburg, PA 17105.
- shall not be construed in any way to limit the Commonwealth's ability to proceed with further disciplinary action regardless of the outcome of the pending criminal charges, however in the event that there are no Criminal Charges filed or Respondent is acquitted of any criminal charges related to the above referenced investigation, Respondent has the right to immediately apply for licensure reinstatement, provided that Respondent provides immediate notice to the Prosecution Division and with the understanding that reinstatement is not automatic and that Respondent must comply with all licensure requirements and the Board's request for documents or information.
  - 7. 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; 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.

- 8. 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.
- 9. 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.
- 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, however, in the event that Respondent is acquitted of the pending charges Respondent has the right to immediately seek modification of the Order upon written notice to the Prosecution Division and that any request for reinstatement of his license be done in accordance with paragraph 6 of this Consent Agreement.
  - 11 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,

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.

Nathan Giunta / Prosecuting Attorney

Department of State

Basem Shlewiet, M.D.

Respondent

DATED: 1-31-2014

DATED:

Suzanne Bachovin, Esquire

Attorney for Respondent

DATED: January 31, 2014

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## **ORDER**

AND NOW, this  $|\mbox{Qth}\>$  day of  $\mbox{\,Much}\>$  , 2014 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.

BY ORDER:

BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL AFFAIRS

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STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE

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