LICENSE NO. L-5975
IN THE MATTER OF
BEFORE THE
THE LICENSE OF
MICHAEL ALAN ANDERSON, M.D.
TEXAS MEDICAL BOARD

# AGREED ORDER

On October 22, 2020, Respondent appeared via videoconference, with counsel Edward P. Quillin, at an Informal Show Compliance Proceeding and Settlement Conference in response to a letter of invitation from the Staff of the Board. The Board's representatives were Jason K. Tibbels, M.D., and LuAnn Morgan, both members of the Board (Panel). Jared Brehmer represented Board Staff.

# **BOARD CHARGES**

Board Staff charged that Respondent failed to provide appropriate treatment and monitoring of one patient, resulting in his suicide.

## **BOARD HISTORY**

Respondent has not previously been the subject of disciplinary or remedial action by the Board.

Upon the recommendation of the Board's representatives and with the consent of Respondent, the Board makes the following Findings and Conclusions of Law and enters this Agreed Order.

### **FINDINGS**

The Board finds the following:

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- a. Respondent received all notice required by law. All jurisdictional requirements have been satisfied. Respondent waives any defect in notice and any further right to notice or hearing under the Medical Practice Act, Title 3, Subtitle B, Texas Occupations Code (the Act) or the Rules of the Board.
- b. Respondent currently holds Texas Medical License No. L-5975. Respondent was originally issued this license to practice medicine in Texas on March 28, 2003. Respondent is not licensed to practice medicine in any other state.
- c. Respondent is primarily engaged in the practice of Psychiatry. Respondent is board certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, a member of the American Board of Medical Specialties.
- d. Respondent is 54 years of age.

## 2. Specific Panel Findings:

a. Respondent's documentation of the patient's medication cross-tapering and discharge was lacking. In particular, the records lack notes regarding some of Respondent's assessments of the patient and the discharge summary does not sufficiently detail the patient's hospital course or the patient's death.

#### 3. Mitigating Factors:

In determining the appropriate sanctions in this matter, the Panel considered the following mitigating factors:

- a. Respondent has cooperated in the investigation of the allegations related to his violations of the Act.
- b. Respondent neither admits nor denies the information provided above. To avoid further investigation, hearings, and the expense and inconvenience of litigation, Respondent agrees to the entry of this Agreed Order and to comply with its terms and conditions.

# 4. <u>Aggravating Factors:</u>

In determining the appropriate sanctions in this matter, the Panel considered, as an aggravating factor, that the allegations involve a patient death.

## **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Based on the above Findings, the Board concludes that:

- 1. The Board has jurisdiction over the subject matter and Respondent pursuant to the Act
- 2. Section 164.051(a)(3) of the Act authorizes the Board to take disciplinary action against Respondent based on Respondent's violation of Board Rule 165.1(a), requiring the creation and maintenance of adequate medical records.
- 3. Section 164.001 of the Act authorizes the Board to impose a range of disciplinary actions against a person for violation of the Act or a Board rule.
- 4. Section 164.002(a) of the Act authorizes the Board to resolve and make a disposition of this matter through an Agreed Order.

#### **ORDER**

Based on the above Findings and Conclusions of Law, the Board ORDERS that Respondent shall be subject to the following terms and conditions:

- 1. Within one year following the date of the entry of this Agreed Order, Respondent shall enroll in and successfully complete at least eight hours of Continuing Medical Education (CME) in the topic of medical record keeping and documentation. The CME shall be approved for Category I credits by the American Medical Association or American Osteopathic Association and approved in writing in advance by the Executive Director or their designee. To obtain approval for the course, Respondent shall submit in writing to the Compliance Division of the Board information on the course, to include at least reasonable detail description of the course content and facility, as well as the course location and dates of instructions. Respondent shall submit documentation of attendance and successful completion of this requirement to the Compliance Division of the Board on or before expiration of the time limit set forth for completion of the course. The CME requirements set forth in this paragraph shall be in addition to all other CME required for licensure maintenance.
- 2. At all times while Respondent is under the terms of this Order, Respondent shall give a copy of this Order to all hospitals, nursing homes, treatment facilities, and other health care entities in Texas where Respondent has privileges, has pending an application for privileges, applies for privileges, or otherwise practices. Within 30 days of being first contacted by the Compliance Division of the Board following entry of this Order, Respondent shall provide to the

Compliance Division of the Board documentation, including proof of delivery that the Order was delivered to all such facilities.

- 3. Respondent shall comply with all the provisions of the Act and other statutes regulating Respondent's practice.
- 4. Respondent shall fully cooperate with the Board and the Board staff, including Board attorneys, investigators, compliance officers, consultants, and other employees or agents of the Board in any way involved in investigation, review, or monitoring associated with Respondent's compliance with this Order. Failure to fully cooperate shall constitute a violation of this order and a basis for disciplinary action against Respondent pursuant to the Act.
- 5. Respondent shall inform the Board in writing of any change of Respondent's practice or mailing address within 10 days of the address change. This information shall be submitted to the Registrations Department and the Compliance Department of the Board. Failure to provide such information in a timely manner shall constitute a basis for disciplinary action by the Board against Respondent pursuant to the Act. Respondent agrees that 10 days' notice of a Probationer Show Compliance Proceeding to address any allegation of non-compliance with this Agreed Order is adequate and reasonable notice prior to the initiation of formal disciplinary action. Respondent agrees that any proceeding related to this Order may be held in person, by teleconference, or by videoconference at the discretion of the Board.
- 6. Any violation of the terms, conditions, or requirements of this Order by Respondent shall constitute unprofessional conduct likely to deceive or defraud the public, or to injure the public, and shall constitute a basis for disciplinary action by the Board against Respondent pursuant to the Act.
- 7. Respondent shall be permitted to supervise and delegate prescriptive authority to physician assistants and advanced practice nurses and to supervise surgical assistants.
- 8. This Order shall automatically terminate upon Respondent's submission of sufficient evidence to the Compliance Division of the Board that Respondent successfully completed the requirements ordered in Ordering Paragraph Nos. 1-2.

RESPONDENT WAIVES ANY FURTHER HEARINGS OR APPEALS TO THE BOARD OR TO ANY COURT IN REGARD TO ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS AGREED ORDER. RESPONDENT AGREES THAT THIS IS A FINAL ORDER. THIS ORDER IS A PUBLIC RECORD.

(SIGNATURE PAGES FOLLOW)

I, MICHAEL ALAN ANDERSON, M.D., HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING AGREED ORDER. I UNDERSTAND THAT BY SIGNING, I WAIVE CERTAIN RIGHTS. I SIGN IT VOLUNTARILY. I UNDERSTAND THIS AGREED ORDER CONTAINS THE ENTIRE AGREEMENT AND THERE IS NO OTHER AGREEMENT OF ANY KIND, VERBAL, WRITTEN OR OTHERWISE.

DATED: <u>February 1</u>, 2021.

Respondent

STATE OF

COUNTY OF A

SWORN TO AND ACKNOWLEDGED BEFORE ME, the undersigned Notary Public, on this

(Notary Seal)



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		Sherif Z. Zaafran, M.D., President
		Texas Medical Board

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