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October 31, 2005

Timothy Alonzo Sanderson, M.D.
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RE: License No.: 0101-033522

Dear Dr. Sanderson:

This letter is official notification that an informal conference of the Virginia Board of Medicine ("Board") will be held on **Wednesday, December 7, 2005, at 11:30 a.m., at the Williamsburg, Marriott, 50 Kingsmill Road, Williamsburg, Virginia.** The conference will be conducted pursuant to Sections 54.1-2400(10), 2.2-4019 and 2.2-4021 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code").

A Special Conference Committee ("Committee") will inquire into allegations that you may have violated certain laws governing the practice of medicine and surgery in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Specifically, you may have violated Sections 54.1-2915(3), (13) and (16) [formerly Section 54.1-2915.A(4) and Sections 54.1-2914.A(8) and (11)] of the Code, in that you failed to recognize the seriousness of the psychiatric condition of Patient A, whom you treated from on or about May 29, 2002, until on or about January 30, 2004, for anxiety disorder, depressive disorder, borderline personality disorder, post traumatic stress disorder and substance abuse. Specifically, beginning in or about December 2003, you failed to recognize and respond appropriately to symptoms of depression, suicidal impulses and alcoholism exhibited by Patient A, who committed suicide on or about January 31, 2004.

In order to protect his privacy, the patient referenced above has been referred to by letter only. Please see Attachment I for the identity of this individual.

After consideration of all information, the Committee may:

1. exonerate you;
2. place you on probation with such terms it deems appropriate;
3. reprimand you; and/or
4. impose a monetary penalty pursuant to Section 54.1-2401 of the Code.

Further, the Committee may refer this matter for a formal administrative proceeding when it has failed to dispose of a case by consent pursuant to Section 2.2-4019 of the Code.

You have the right to information that will be relied upon by the Committee in making a decision. Therefore, I enclose a copy of the documents that will be distributed to the Committee for its consideration when discussing the allegations with you and when deliberating upon your case. These documents are enclosed only with the original notice sent by certified mail, and must be claimed at the post office. These materials have been provided this date to your counsel, John Franklin, III, Esquire.

To facilitate this proceeding, you must submit eight (8) copies of any documents you wish for the Committee to consider to Reneé S. Dixon, Discipline Case Manager, Virginia Board of Medicine, 6603 West Broad Street, 5th Floor, Richmond, Virginia 23230-1712, by **November 18, 2005**. Your documents may not be submitted by facsimile or e-mail. Should you or Adjudication Specialist Lori L. Pound wish to submit any documents for the Committee's consideration after **November 18, 2005**, such documents shall be considered only upon a ruling by the Chair of the Committee that good cause has been shown for late submission.

A request to continue this proceeding must state **in detail** the reason for the request and must establish good cause. Such request must be made, in writing, to me at the address listed on this letter and must be received by 12:00 Noon on **November 14, 2005**. Only one such motion will be considered. Absent exigent circumstances, such as personal or family illness, a request for a continuance after **November 14, 2005**, will not be considered.

Relevant sections of the Administrative Process Act, which govern proceedings of this nature, as well as laws relating to the practice of medicine and other healing arts in Virginia cited in this notice can be found on the Internet at <http://leg1.state.va.us>. To access this information, please click on the *Code of Virginia* for statutes and *Virginia Administrative Code* for regulations.

In its deliberations, the Committee may utilize the Sanction Reference Points System, as contained in the Sanction Reference Manual. The manual, which is a guidance document of the Board, may be accessed at <http://www.dhp.virginia.gov/medicine>. Please click on *Guidance Documents*, then select #85-11. You may also request a paper copy from the Board office by calling (804) 662-7009.

Please advise the Board, in writing, of your intention to be present. Should you fail to appear at the informal conference, the Board may proceed to a formal administrative hearing in order to impose sanctions.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Lori L. Pound, Adjudication Specialist, at (804) 662-7084.

Sincerely,



William L. Harp, M.D.
Executive Director
Virginia Board of Medicine

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Enclosures:

Attachment I
Informal Conference Package
Map

cc: Thomas B. Leecost, D.P.M., President, Virginia Board of Medicine
Robert A. Nebiker, Director, Department of Health Professions
Reneé S. Dixon, Discipline Case Manager, Board of Medicine
Lori L. Pound, Adjudication Specialist
Lorraine McGehee, Deputy Director, APD
John Franklin, III, Esquire [with enclosures]
Karen Schaller, R.N., Senior Investigator [97133]

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF MEDICINE

IN RE: TIMOTHY ALONZO SANDERSON, M.D.
License No.: 0101-033522

ORDER

In accordance with Sections 54.1-2400(10), 2.2-4019 and 2.2-4021 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), an informal conference was held with Timothy Alonzo Sanderson, M.D., on January 11, 2006, in Williamsburg, Virginia. Members of the Virginia Board of Medicine ("Board") serving on the Special Conference Committee ("Committee") were: Juan M. Montero, II, M.D., Chair; Gopinath R. Jadhav, M.D.; and Robert T. Mosby, Jr., M.D. Dr. Sanderson appeared personally and was represented by legal counsel, John Franklin, III, Esquire. Lori L. Pound, Adjudication Specialist, was present as a representative for the Administrative Proceedings Division of the Department of Health Professions. The purpose of the informal conference was to inquire into allegations that Dr. Sanderson may have violated certain laws governing the practice of medicine in the Commonwealth of Virginia, as set forth in a Notice of Informal Conference dated October 31, 2005.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Now, having properly considered the evidence and statements presented, the Committee makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

1. Timothy Alonzo Sanderson, M.D., was issued license number 0101-033522 by the Board to practice medicine and surgery in the Commonwealth of Virginia on August 13, 1981. Said license is currently active and will expire on September 30, 2006, unless renewed or restricted.
2. Dr. Sanderson violated Section 54.1-2915.A (3) [*formerly Section 54.1-2915.A (4)*] of the Code in his care of Patient A. Specifically, in or about December 2003 and January 2004, Dr. Sanderson failed to respond appropriately to Patient A's manifestations of increasing depression,

including suicidal impulses and worsening alcohol abuse. Patient A committed suicide on or about January 31, 2004.

ORDER

WHEREFORE, based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is hereby ORDERED that the license of Timothy Alonzo Sanderson, M.D., be, and hereby is, subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. Within one (1) year of entry of this Order, Dr. Sanderson shall successfully complete thirty (30) hours of face-to-face Category I, American Medical Association approved, continuing education ("CE") in the area of substance abuse treatment. The Executive Director of the Board shall approve all CE in advance of registration. Within twenty-one (21) days of completion of the CE, Dr. Sanderson shall submit a certificate, or other evidence satisfactory to the Board, of completion of the course. Any CE hours obtained for the requirement of license renewal shall not be used towards compliance with this term.

2. Upon receipt of verification of Dr. Sanderson's compliance with Term 1 of this Order, the Committee authorizes the Executive Director of the Board to close this case without further proceedings. In the event Dr. Sanderson fails to comply with the requirements of this Order, he may be noticed to meet with a special conference committee of the Board.

3. Dr. Sanderson shall maintain a course of conduct in his practice of medicine commensurate with the requirements of Title 54.1, Chapter 29 of the Code and all laws of the Commonwealth.

4. Dr. Sanderson shall cooperate with the Virginia Board of Medicine and the Department of Health Professions in the investigation or inspection of his practice to verify that he is in compliance with this Order.

5. Dr. Sanderson shall notify the Executive Director of the Board, by certified mail, of any change of address within ten (10) days of such occurrence.

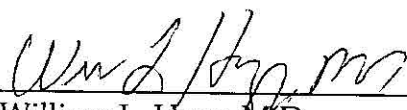
6. Dr. Sanderson shall notify the Executive Director of the Board immediately, in writing, should he intend to change the location of his practice.

Pursuant to Section 54.1-2400.2(F) of the Code, the signed original of this Order shall remain in the custody of the Department of Health Professions as a public record, and shall be made available for public inspection and copying upon request.

Pursuant to Section 54.1-2400(10) of the Code, Dr. Sanderson may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on February 23, 2006, notify William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director, Virginia Board of Medicine, 6603 West Broad Street, Fifth Floor, Richmond, Virginia 23230-1712, in writing that he desires a formal administrative hearing before the Board. Upon the filing with the Executive Director of a request for the hearing, this Order shall be vacated.

Therefore, this Order shall become final on February 23, 2006, unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.

FOR THE BOARD



William L. Harp, M.D.
Executive Director
Virginia Board of Medicine

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RE: License No.: 0101-033522

Dear Dr. Sanderson:

The Virginia Board of Medicine ("Board") has received a report from the Compliance Division regarding your compliance with the terms of the Board's Order entered January 18, 2006. A review of the report indicates that you have fully completed the terms of your Order.

A review of this report indicates that you have completed the 30 hours of face-to-face Category I, American Medical Association approved continuing medical education in the area of substance abuse treatment. Therefore, as Executive Director of the Board, I have determined that your full compliance with the Order has been noted and this matter has been closed effective this date. The record of the Board currently reflects that you have a full and unrestricted license in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Pursuant to §54.1-2400.2 (F) of the *Code of Virginia*, a signed copy of this letter shall remain in the custody of the Department of Health Professions as a public record, and shall be made available for public inspection and copying upon request.

The Board wishes you will in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

William L. Harp, M.D.
Executive Director
Virginia Board of Medicine

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cc: Tamika B. Hines, CCA Case Manager (111347)
Renee' Dixon, Discipline Case Manager
Debra Hay-Pierce, Compliance Case Manager
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