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BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE

IN RE: ANNE NIEMIRO ROBINSON, M.D.
License Number: 0101-245103
Case Number: 241242, 249407

CONSENT ORDER

JURISDICTION AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The Virginia Board of Medicine ("Board") and Anne Niemiro Robinson, M.D., as evidenced by their signatures hereto, in lieu of proceeding to an informal conference, enter into the following Consent Order affecting Dr. Robinson's license to practice medicine in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Anne Niemiro Robinson, M.D., was issued License Number 0101-245103 to practice medicine on February 23, 2009, which expired on September 30, 2026.

2. Dr. Robinson has a history of alcohol abuse as detailed in the Board's Orders dated April 27, 2015 and November 9, 2016.

3. Dr. Robinson violated Virginia Code § 54.1-2915(A)(2), (4), (13) and (14) in that she is unable to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety due to substance abuse, as detailed below.

a. Records indicate that Dr. Robinson was employed as an attending physician at a Virginia adolescent psychiatric residential treatment facility ("Facility 1") from October 2023 through August 2024. According to personnel records from Facility 1, during the course of her employment at Facility 1, Dr. Robinson was notified of several issues with her performance, including not attending and participating in patient care meetings, not maintaining timely, complete and accurate records, not adhering to the work schedule, not being present at her work station during working hours, and taking unexcused absences. On April 15, 2024, Dr. Robinson's supervising physician at Facility 1 placed her on a 30-day performance improvement plan.

b. According to personnel records from Facility 1, on August 19, 2024, Dr. Robinson was transported by a human resources representative to an urgent care facility for breath alcohol testing after a co-worker reported that Dr. Robinson smelled of alcohol at work on August 15, 2024. The human resources representative remained with Dr. Robinson until the breath alcohol test results were provided. While waiting for the breath alcohol test results, Dr. Robinson stated to the human resources representative, "I'll just tell you it was positive." At 1:22 p.m., Dr. Robinson's initial breath alcohol level was 0.098 g/210L, and two minutes later at 1:24 p.m., Dr. Robinson's confirmation breath alcohol level was 0.085 g/210L. By email dated August 19, 2024, Facility 1 informed Dr. Robinson that she was suspended. Dr. Robinson was subsequently terminated for cause for violating Facility 1's Drug-Free Workplace, Drug and Alcohol Policy on August 23, 2024.

c. In an October 23, 2024 interview with a Department of Health Professions investigator ("DHP investigator"), Dr. Robinson admitted that on August 19, 2024, she consumed two beers before work and purchased and consumed a 24-ounce can of beer on her lunch break. Dr. Robinson further admitted to consuming alcohol on her lunch break "a couple of other times."

d. See Confidential Exhibit.

e. Following her relapse with alcohol, Dr. Robinson self-referred to the Health Practitioner's Monitoring Program ("HPMP"). On September 25, 2024, Dr. Robinson entered into a Participation Contract with the HPMP, and on December 7, 2024, she entered into a Recovery Monitoring Contract ("RMC").[1] In her HPMP Participation Contract, Dr. Robinson acknowledged that she "may suffer from the disease of alcoholism and/or chemical dependency … that impairs my ability to practice my health profession safely as evidenced by" her "history of substance use diagnosis and treatment."

[1] On February 19, 2025, Dr. Robinson executed a revised RMC.

f. Despite having executed a contract with the HPMP that required her to abstain from drinking alcohol, by her own admission, Dr. Robinson drank a six pack of beer on November 9, 2024. As a result, on November 27, 2024, the HPMP placed Dr. Robinson on warning status and required her to enter residential treatment by December 9, 2024, to attend daily 12-step meetings and to comply with increased toxicology screenings. Dr. Robinson was further required to attend HPMP re-orientation when she completed residential treatment.

g. After missing her daily check-in on December 2, 2024, Dr. Robinson admitted to drinking one six (6) pack of beer each day on November 27, 2024, November 30, 2024, December 1, 2024, December 2, 2024, and "possibly" on November 28, 2024. Consequently, on December 9, 2024, Dr. Robinson was placed on pre-dismissal status due to continued noncompliance.

h.– k. See Confidential Exhibit.

l. On June 16, 2025, the HPMP received notification that Dr. Robinson's PEth test from June 9, 2025 resulted positive and on June 17, 2025, Dr. Robinson missed her check-in in call for the day. Finally, on June 20, 2025, Dr. Robinson submitted her resignation from the HPMP, which was accepted by the HPMP chairperson on June 24, 2025.

m. In an October 1, 2025 interview with a Department of Health Professions investigator ("DHP investigator"), Dr. Robinson admitted that she consumed alcohol during her participation in the HPMP. Dr. Robinson further admitted that she consumed a six pack of beer approximately three (3) weeks before the interview.

n. Dr. Robinson's diagnosis of alcohol use disorder, severe requires continued treatment and monitoring.

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-2400.2(K), the Board considered whether to disclose or not disclose Dr. Robinson's health records or health services.

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CONSENT

Anne Niemiro Robinson, M.D., by affixing her signature to this Consent Order, agrees to the following:

1. I have been advised to seek advice of counsel prior to signing this document and I am not represented by counsel;

2. I am fully aware that without my consent, no legal action can be taken against me or my license except pursuant to the Virginia Administrative Process Act, Virginia Code § 2.2-4000 *et seq.*;

3. I acknowledge that I have the following rights, among others: the right to an informal fact-finding conference before the Board; and the right to representation by counsel;

4. I waive my right to an informal conference;

5. I admit to the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained herein and waive my right to contest such Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and any sanction imposed hereunder in any judicial proceeding in which the Board is a party, or any future administrative proceeding;

6. I consent to the entry of the following Order affecting my license to practice medicine in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Virginia Board of Medicine hereby ORDERS as follows:

1. The Board accepts the PERMANENT VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF Anne Niemiro Robinson, M.D.'s right to renew the license to practice medicine in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

2. The license will be recorded as PERMANENTLY SURRENDERED.

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3. Anne Niemiro Robinson, M.D., is not eligible for renewal or reinstatement of her license at any future date.

Pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 2.2-4023 and 54.1-2400.2, 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.

FOR THE BOARD

Signed by:
Jennifer Deschenes
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Jennifer Deschenes, J.D., M.S.
Deputy Executive Director
Virginia Board of Medicine

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SEEN AND AGREED TO:

Signed by:
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Anne Niemiro Robinson, M.D.

11/2/2026

Date