

BEFORE THE
NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

In re:)
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Sudhir Eugene Finch, M.D.,) CONSENT ORDER
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Respondent.)

This matter is before the North Carolina Medical Board ("Board") on information regarding Sudhir Eugene Finch, M.D. ("Dr. Finch"). Dr. Finch admits, and the Board finds and concludes, that:

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

The Board is a body duly organized under the laws of North Carolina and is the proper party to bring this proceeding under the authority granted it in Article 1 of Chapter 90 of the North Carolina General Statutes and the rules and regulations promulgated thereto.

FINDINGS OF FACT

On October 17, 2001, the Board issued Dr. Finch a license to practice medicine, license number 200101336. During the times relevant herein, Dr. Finch practiced pediatric medicine in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

During the relevant times herein, Dr. Finch was also licensed in Louisiana, Nevada, and South Dakota.

On March 23, 2012, Dr. Finch was arrested for Domestic Abuse Battery.

Shortly after his arrest, the Louisiana Medical Board summarily suspended Dr. Finch's medical license and ordered him to a three-day inpatient evaluation. The evaluation showed that Dr. Finch could practice medicine with skill and safety once he has signed a monitoring contract and the Summary Suspension was recalled.

On July 3, 2013, Dr. Finch pled guilty to Domestic Abuse Battery. He was sentenced to a suspended sentence, put on probation, and ordered to pay a fine.

On June 22, 2010, Dr. Finch entered into a Consent Order ("June 2010 Consent Order") with the Board whereby he was reprimanded and required to complete a continuing medical education course in prescribing controlled substances to comply with the Board's Position Statement entitled "Writing of Prescriptions" and Self-Treatment and Treatment of Family Members and Others with Whom Significant Emotional Relationship Exist".

The Consent Order was due to Dr. Finch's writing prescriptions for controlled substances for his wife, close family members, and friends without maintaining medical records.

During the Board's investigation of Dr. Finch's arrest, the Board learned that Dr. Finch continued to prescribe controlled substances for his wife while in Nevada and South Dakota.

Dr. Finch's criminal behavior and violation of his June 2010 Consent Order constitute unprofessional conduct within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(6), and grounds exist under that section of the North Carolina General Statutes for the Board to annul, suspend, revoke, condition or limit Dr. Finch's license to practice medicine issued by the Board and deny any application for reinstatement that he may make in the future.

On September 17, 2013, Dr. Finch was arrested on suspicion of driving while intoxicated in Cumberland County, North Carolina. On October 28, 2013, Dr. Finch admitted himself for in-patient detoxification and treatment.

Dr. Finch signed a Non-Practice Agreement on October 31, 2013, whereby he agreed not to practice medicine until he was cleared to do so by both the Board and the North Carolina Physicians Health Program.

Dr. Finch agrees that his abuse of, and addiction to, alcohol constitutes him being unable to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness, drunkenness, excessive use of alcohol, drugs, chemicals, or any

other type of material or by reason of any physical or mental abnormality within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(6), and grounds exist under that section of the North Carolina General Statutes for the Board to annul, suspend, revoke, condition or limit Dr. Finch's license to practice medicine issued by the Board and deny any application for reinstatement that he may make in the future.

PROCEDURAL STIPULATIONS

Dr. Finch acknowledges and agrees that the Board has jurisdiction over him and over the subject matter of this case.

Dr. Finch knowingly waives his right to any hearing and to any judicial review or appeal in this case.

Dr. Finch acknowledges that he has read and understands this Consent Order and enters into it voluntarily.

Dr. Finch would like to resolve this matter without the need for more formal proceedings.

The Board has determined that it is in the public interest to resolve this case as set forth below.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, with Dr. Finch's consent, it is ORDERED that:

1. Dr. Finch's license to practice medicine in North Carolina is hereby INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED.

2. Dr. Finch shall obey all laws. Likewise, he shall obey all rules and regulations involving the practice of medicine.

3. Dr. Finch shall notify the Board in writing of any change in his residence or practice addresses within ten (10) days of the change.

4. Dr. Finch shall meet with the Board or members of the Board for an investigative interview at such times as requested by the Board.

5. If Dr. Finch fails to comply with any of the terms of this Consent Order, that failure shall constitute unprofessional conduct within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(6) and shall be grounds, after any required notice and hearing, for the Board to annul, suspend, revoke, condition or limit Dr. Finch's license to practice as a physician or to deny any application he might make in the future or then have pending for a license.

6. This Consent Order shall take effect immediately upon its execution by both Dr. Finch and the Board and it shall

continue in effect until specifically ordered otherwise by the Board.

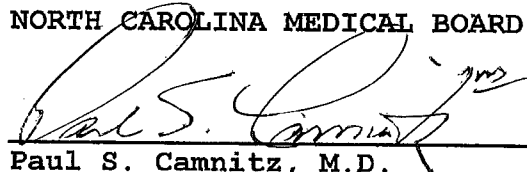
7. Dr. Finch hereby waives any requirement under law or rule that this Consent Order be served upon him.

8. Upon execution by Dr. Finch and the Board, this Consent Order shall become a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the North Carolina General Statutes and shall be subject to public inspection and dissemination pursuant to the provisions thereof. Additionally, it will be reported to persons, entities, agencies and clearinghouses as required by and permitted by law including, but not limited to, the Federation of State Medical Boards and the National Practitioner's Data Bank.

By Order of the North Carolina Medical Board this the 20th day of February, 2014.

NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

By:


Paul S. Camnitz, M.D.
President

Consented to this the 18TH day of February, 2014..

Sudhir Eugene Finch
Sudhir Eugene Finch, M.D.

State of North Carolina

County of Rockingham

I, Susan A. Cook, a Notary Public for the above named County and State, do hereby certify that Sudhir Eugene Finch, M.D., personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument.

Witness my hand and official seal

This the 18 day of February, 2014.

Susan A. Cook
Notary Public

(SEAL)

My Commission expires: 10/24/2018

