

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 the application of Sudhir Eugene Finch, M.D. ("Dr. Finch") for reinstatement of his North Carolina medical license. 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

Dr. Finch is a physician first licensed by the Board on or about October 17, 2001, license number 200101336.

At the times relevant herein, Dr. Finch practiced pediatrics in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

Dr. Finch has also been licensed to practice medicine in Louisiana, Nevada and South Dakota.

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.

On October 31, 2013, Dr. Finch signed a Non-Practice Agreement 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 ("NCPHP").

On February 20, 2014, Dr. Finch entered into a Consent Order with the Board in which his license to practice medicine was indefinitely suspended as a result of his abuse of alcohol, a conviction for domestic abuse in Louisiana, and the writing of prescription medications for family members.

NCPHP reports that Dr. Finch has fully complied with his monitoring contract and advocates for Dr. Finch's relicensure.

Dr. Finch met with a committee of the Board in March 2015 to discuss his recovery and application for reinstatement of his medical license.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Dr. Finch admits that when abusing alcohol, as described above, he is unable to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of use of alcohol within the

meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(5) and grounds exists for the Board to suspend, revoke, or limit Dr. Finch's medical license or to deny any application he might 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 the facts and circumstances of this case do not warrant or require a restriction or limitation to be placed on Dr. Finch's license to practice medicine and 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. The Board will reinstate Dr. Finch's North Carolina medical license.

2. Dr. Finch shall maintain his current contract with NCPHP and abide by its terms, including the timely payment of any fees required by NCPHP.

3. Unless lawfully prescribed for Dr. Finch by someone other than himself, Dr. Finch shall refrain from the use or possession of alcohol and all other mind- or mood-altering substances and all controlled substances including but not limited to, sedatives, stimulants, and pain medication.

4. In the event that Dr. Finch is prescribed controlled substances for any medical reason, he must contact NCPHP immediately, and he must not work unless or until he is approved to do so by NCPHP.

5. Dr. Finch shall notify the Board in writing within ten (10) days of his use of such medication or alcohol. This notice shall include, but shall not be limited to, identification of the prescribing physician and of the pharmacy filling the prescription.

6. Upon request by the Board, Dr. Finch shall supply urine, blood, hair, or any other bodily fluid or tissue sample the Board might reasonably require for the purposes of analysis to determine if he has consumed any of the substances mentioned above. All costs of obtaining and analyzing such samples shall be borne by Dr. Finch.

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

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

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

10. 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 medicine and surgery and to deny any application he might make in the future or then have pending for a license.

11. 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.

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

13. 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 and permitted by law including, but not limited to, the National Practitioner Data Bank.

By Order of the North Carolina Medical Board this the 31st day of March, 2015.

NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

By: Cheryl L. Walker-McGill, M.D.
Cheryl L. Walker-McGill, M.D.
President

Consented to this the 30TH day of MARCH, 2015.

Sudhir Eugene Finch
Sudhir Eugene Finch, M.D.

State of NC

County of CUMBERLAND

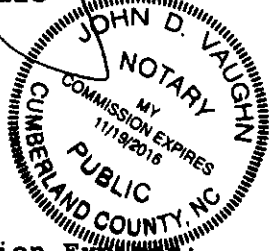
I, John D.A. VAUGHN, a Notary Public for the above named County and State, do hereby certify that Sudhir Eugene Finch, M.D., personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument.

Witness my hand and official seal

this the 30 day of MARCH, 2015.

Notary Public

(SEAL)



My Commission Expires: _____