

BEFORE THE
NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

In re:)
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Latimer Anthony Taylor, M.D.,) CONSENT ORDER
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Respondent.)

This matter is before the North Carolina Medical Board ("Board") regarding information provided to the Board concerning Latimer Anthony Taylor, M.D. ("Dr. Taylor"). Dr. Taylor makes the following admissions and the Board makes the following findings and conclusions:

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 to it in Article 1 of Chapter 90 of the North Carolina General Statutes and the rules and regulations promulgated thereto.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Latimer Anthony Taylor, M.D. was first issued a license to practice medicine by the Board on or about September 19, 1998, license number 9801527.

At all times relevant hereto, Dr. Taylor practiced internal medicine in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Dr. Taylor has a history of professional sexual misconduct. In November 2013, under the auspices of reporting the results of an examination, Dr. Taylor called Patient A, a female patient. During the phone conversation with Patient A, Dr. Taylor made a lewd and sexually suggestive comment.

On April 24, 2015, Dr. Taylor entered into a Consent Order ("2015 Consent Order") in which he admitted making inappropriate and unprofessional comments to Patient A. The 2015 Consent Order required that Dr. Taylor submit himself for a comprehensive assessment with Dr. Eugenia Gullick, Ph.D. ("Dr. Gullick"), clinical psychologist whose areas of specialty include professional misconduct and follow all recommendations.

In February 2016, Dr. Taylor participated in a multi-day professional boundaries course presented by the University of California, Irvine School of Medicine.

On January 12, 2017, pursuant to his request, Dr. Taylor was relieved of his obligations to obtain surveys of patients and staff and to attend psychotherapy as recommended by Dr. Gullick.

In May 2017, the Board received complaints from Patient B, a female patient of Dr. Taylor, and Patient C, Patient B's husband and a previous patient of Dr. Taylor. Patients B and C began treating with Dr. Taylor in approximately 1999. Patient C last saw Dr. Taylor as a patient in 2013.

Dr. Taylor treated Patient B for depressive disorder, hypertensive heart disease, and allergic rhinitis.

Beginning in 2015, Dr. Taylor developed a personal relationship with Patient B. Dr. Taylor began visiting Patient B at work and exchanging personal texts and chat messages with Patient B. During 2015 and 2016, Dr. Taylor's texts and chat messages with Patient B became intimate and sexual.

In June, September and November 2016, Patient B sent personal gifts to Dr. Taylor.

Dr. Taylor and Patient B had their first intimate encounter in approximately August 2016, when Dr. Taylor kissed Patient B.

Between August 2016 and March 2017, Dr. Taylor engaged in an intimate, unethical personal relationship with Patient B while a physician-patient relationship existed between them.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Dr. Taylor acknowledges that his conduct, as described above, constitutes unprofessional conduct including, but not limited to, departure from or failure to conform to the ethics of the medical profession, within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(6) and grounds exist under this section of the North Carolina General Statutes for the Board to annul, suspend, revoke, condition or limit Dr. Taylor's license to practice medicine or to deny any application he might make in the future.

PROCEDURAL STIPULATIONS

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

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

Dr. Taylor, with the advice of legal counsel, acknowledges that he has read and understands this Consent Order and enters into it voluntarily.

Dr. Taylor desires 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. Taylor's consent, it is ORDERED that:

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

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

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

4. If Dr. Taylor 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 or revoke his license to practice medicine and to deny any application he might make in the future or then have pending for a license to practice medicine.

5. This Consent Order shall take effect immediately upon its execution by both Dr. Taylor and the Board, and it shall continue in effect until specifically ordered otherwise by the Board.

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

7. Upon execution by Dr. Taylor 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 Federation of State Medical Boards and the National Practitioner Data Bank.

By Order of the North Carolina Medical Board this the 6th
day of December, 2017.

NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

By:



Timothy E. Lietz, M.D.
President

Consented to this the 1 day of December, 2017.

Latimer Anthony Taylor
Latimer Anthony Taylor, M.D.

State of North Carolina
County of Mecklenburg

I, Erin E. Alfaro, a Notary Public for the above-named County and State, do hereby certify that Latimer Anthony Taylor, 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 1st day of December, 2017.

Erin E. Alfaro
Notary Public

(SEAL)



My Commission Expires: 2/25/18