

BEFORE THE
NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

In re:)
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Paul Dwayne Collins, M.D.,) CONSENT ORDER
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Respondent.)

This matter is before the North Carolina Medical Board (hereafter "Board") on Notice of Charges and Allegations dated August 31, 2007, regarding Paul Dwayne Collins, M.D. (hereafter "Dr. Collins"). Dr. Collins admits, and the Board finds and concludes, that:

Whereas, 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

Whereas, Dr. Collins is a physician first licensed to practice medicine and surgery on January 26, 2005, license number 2005-00139, and

Whereas, during the times relevant herein, Dr. Collins practiced medicine in Pembroke, North Carolina, and

Whereas, on January 26, 2005, Dr. Collins entered into a Consent Order with this Board in order to obtain licensure because of Dr. Collins' alcohol dependency, his history of abusing substances, such as marijuana, and

because of his multiple arrests for driving while impaired,
and

Whereas, as part of his Consent Order with the Board, Dr. Collins was to refrain, unless lawfully prescribed for him by someone other than himself, from the use of all mind-or-mood altering substances, including alcohol. Dr. Collins was also required to maintain a contract with the North Carolina Physician Health Program (hereafter "NC PHP"), and

Whereas, on February 13, 2006, Dr. Collins provided a urine drug screen that tested positive for alcohol. Dr. Collins admitted that on Friday, February 10, 2006, he had consumed three shots of Jack Daniels. Dr. Collins explained that he felt frustrated about his work and let it get to him more than he should have, and

Whereas, on March 13, 2006, Dr. Collins voluntarily surrendered his North Carolina medical license, and

Whereas, on July 24, 2006, Dr. Collins entered into a second Consent Order (hereafter "second Consent Order") wherein Dr. Collins' medical license was indefinitely suspended because of his continued alcohol abuse, and

Whereas, on May 25, 2007, the Board reinstated Dr. Collins' medical license with a Consent Order (hereafter "third Consent Order") upon numerous conditions, including,

but not limited to, that unless lawfully prescribed for him by someone other than himself, Dr. Collins shall refrain from the use of all mind-or-mood altering substances, and

Whereas, on July 6, 2007, Dr. Collins was at work appearing lethargic, incoherent, glassy-eyed and unresponsive to questions. Consequently, Dr. Collins was taken to and admitted to a local emergency room, and

Whereas, it was subsequently learned that Dr. Collins took 150 milligrams of dextromethorphan to help combat a panic attack, and

Whereas, on July 31, 2007, Dr. Collins voluntarily surrendered his North Carolina medical license, and

Whereas, as evidenced by the above allegations, Dr. Collins' continued substance abuse constitutes Dr. Collins 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)(5), and grounds exist under that section of the North Carolina General Statutes for the Board to annul, suspend, revoke, or limit Dr. Collins' license to practice medicine issued by the Board or to deny any application he might make in the future, and

Whereas, by violating the terms of his May 25, 2007 Consent Order, as described above, Dr. Collins engaged in unprofessional conduct, including, but not limited to, departure from, or the failure to conform to, the ethics of the medical profession, irrespective of whether or not a patient is injured thereby, or the committing of any act contrary to honesty, justice, or good morals, whether the same is committed within or without North Carolina, 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, or limit Dr. Collins' license to practice medicine issued by the Board or to deny any application he might make in the future, and

Whereas, Dr. Collins would like to resolve this matter without the need for more formal proceedings, and

Whereas, the Board has determined that it is in the public interest to resolve this case as set forth below;

Now, therefore, with Dr. Collins' consent, it is ORDERED that:

1. Dr. Collins' license to practice medicine and surgery in North Carolina is hereby REVOKED effective July 31, 2007.

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

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

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

5. If Dr. Collins 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 surgery and 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. Collins and the Board, and it shall continue in effect until specifically ordered otherwise by the Board.

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

8. Upon execution by Dr. Collins 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, the National Practitioner Data Bank, and the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank.

This the 8th day of February, 2008.

NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

By: Janelle A. Rhyne MD, FACP
Janelle A. Rhyne, M.D.
President

Consented to this the 31 day of December, 2007.



Paul Dwayne Collins, M.D.

State of North Carolina

County of Robeson

I, William B. Lowry, a Notary Public for the above named County and State, do hereby certify that Paul Dwayne Collins, 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 31 day of December, 2007.

William B. Lowry William B. Lowry

Notary Public

(SEAL)

My Commission expires: February 9, 2008