

BEFORE THE
NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

In re:)
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Sherry Leigh Hill, 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 Sherry Leigh Hill, M.D. ("Dr. Hill"). Dr. Hill 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

Dr. Hill was first issued a license to practice medicine by the Board on or about April 9, 2012, license number 200100696.

At all times relevant hereto, Dr. Hill practiced emergency medicine in Tennessee.

On June 24, 2020, while on duty at a Tennessee hospital, Dr. Hill was observed by hospital staff in what appeared to be an impaired state. Dr. Hill's supervisors determined her to be impaired and asked that she submit to testing for drugs and alcohol. Dr. Hill refused, stating she had consumed alcohol several hours before work and knew she would test positive. Dr. Hill was asked to leave the hospital and was subsequently terminated by her employer.

The Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners ("Tennessee Board") investigated the June 24, 2020, incident and summarily suspended Dr. Hill's Tennessee medical license on October 2, 2020.

In October 2020, the Board received information from the Tennessee Board regarding the summary suspension of Dr. Hill's Tennessee medical license. The Board thereafter opened an investigation.

On October 13, 2020, Dr. Hill voluntarily went to the North Carolina Professionals Health Program ("NCPHP"). NCPHP conducted an initial evaluation, determined it could not advocate for Dr. Hill as safe to practice medicine at that time, and recommended further evaluation related to substance use and mental health concerns. Dr. Hill subsequently obtained the recommended evaluation and treatment through NCPHP.

On December 7, 2020, Dr. Hill entered into a Monitoring Agreement with NCPHP and has been compliant with her NCPHP

Agreement for more than a year. As of December 13, 2021, NCPHP continued to advocate for Dr. Hill to return to practicing medicine.

On October 29, 2020, Dr. Hill inactivated her North Carolina medical license, but she plans to seek reinstatement once this disciplinary matter is resolved.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Dr. Hill acknowledges that, when ingesting alcohol, she is unable to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(5) and grounds exist under this section of the North Carolina General Statutes for the Board to annul, suspend, revoke, condition, or limit Dr. Hill's license to practice as a physician or to deny any application she might make in the future.

Dr. Hill acknowledges that the October 2, 2020, summary suspension of her Tennessee medical license by the Tennessee Board constitutes having a license suspended and acted against by the licensing authority of any jurisdiction within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(13) and grounds exist under this section of the North Carolina General Statutes for the Board to annul, suspend, revoke, condition or limit Dr. Hill's license to practice medicine or to deny any application she might make in the future.

PROCEDURAL STIPULATIONS

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

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

Dr. Hill acknowledges that she has read and understands this Consent Order and enters into it voluntarily.

Dr. Hill 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. Hill's consent, it is ORDERED that:

1. Dr. Hill's North Carolina license to practice medicine is hereby INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED retroactive to October 29, 2020.

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

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

4. Upon request, Dr. Hill shall provide the Board with any information the Board deems necessary to verify compliance with the terms and conditions of this Consent Order.

5. If Dr. Hill 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 her license to practice medicine and to deny any application she might make in the future or then have pending for a license to practice medicine.

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


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

8. Upon execution by Dr. Hill 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 22nd
day of December, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

By:



John W. Rusher, M.D., J.D.
President

Consented to this the 22 day of December, 2021.

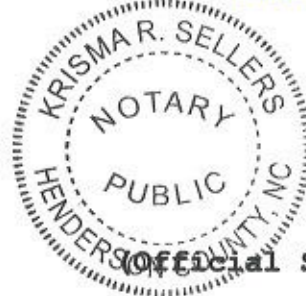
Sherry Leigh Hill
Sherry Leigh Hill, M.D.

State of North Carolina
County of Buxcombe

I, Krisma R. Sellers, do hereby certify that Sherry Leigh Hill, 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 22 day of December, 2021.

[Signature]
Notary Public



(Official Seal)

My Commission Expires: 4-30-24