

BEFORE THE
NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

In re:)
)
Ramesh Loganathan Krishnaraj, M.D.,) CONSENT ORDER
)
Respondent.)

This matter is before the North Carolina Medical Board ("Board") regarding the information provided to the Board concerning Ramesh Loganathan Krishnaraj, M.D. ("Dr. Krishnaraj"). Dr. Krishnaraj 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. Krishnaraj was first issued a license to practice medicine by the Board on or about September 18, 1999, license number 9901228.

At all times relevant hereto, Dr. Krishnaraj practiced medicine in Morganton, North Carolina.

Dr. Krishnaraj has a history of alcohol use disorder and had been monitored by the North Carolina Professionals Health Program ("NCPHP"). In July 2020, Dr. Krishnaraj resumed drinking. Dr. Krishnaraj last drank on October 22, 2021. On March 3, 2021, Dr. Krishnaraj voluntarily inactivated his license to practice medicine. Dr. Krishnaraj has rejoined NCPHP, has completed residential treatment, and resides in a sober living facility.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Dr. Krishnaraj acknowledges that, when abusing alcohol, he is unable to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of drunkenness and excessive use of alcohol within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(5), which is grounds under that section of the North Carolina General Statutes for the Board to annul, suspend, revoke, condition, or limit Dr. Krishnaraj's license to practice medicine or to deny any application he may make in the future.

PROCEDURAL STIPULATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

4. Upon execution by Dr. Krishnaraj 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 3rd day
of June, 2021.

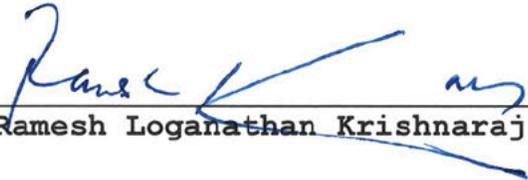
NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

By:



Venkata Jonnalagadda, M.D.
President

Consented to this the 3rd day of June, 2021.


Ramesh Loganathan Krishnaraj, M.D.

State of NC

County of Durham

I, Ramesh L. Krishnaraj, M.D., do hereby certify that Ramesh Loganathan Krishnaraj, 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 3rd day of June, 2021.


Notary Public

(Official Seal)

My Commission Expires: September 3, 2022

