

**BOARD MINUTES
MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE
MAY 10, 2018**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure was held on Thursday, May 10, in the Board Room of the Office of the Board located at 1867 Crane Ridge Drive, Jackson, Mississippi.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

Charles D. Miles, M.D., West Point, President
Claude D. Brunson, M.D., Jackson, Vice President
J. Ann Rea, M.D., M.D., Columbus, Secretary
S. Randall Easterling, M.D., Vicksburg
Virginia M. Crawford, M.D, Hattiesburg
Michelle Y. Owens, M.D., Jackson
David W. McClendon, Jr., M.D., Ocean Springs
William S. Mayo, D.O., Oxford

ALSO PRESENT:

Stan T. Ingram, Complaint Counsel for the Board
Heather P. Wagner, Special Assistant Attorney General
Kenneth Cleveland, Executive Director
Mike Lucius, Deputy Director
Rhonda Freeman, Director, Licensure Division
Leslie Ross, Director of Investigations
Jonathan Dalton, Investigations Supervisor
Frances Carrillo, Staff Officer
Maj Gen (Ret) Erik Hearon, Consumer Health Committee
Wesley Breland, Hattiesburg, Consumer Health Committee

NOT PRESENT:

C. Kenneth Lippincott, M.D., Tupelo

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m., by Dr. Miles, President. The invocation was given by Dr. McClendon and the pledge was led by Dr. Owens.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dr. Miles recognized Evette Smith, Projects Officer with an award for 10 years of service with the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Miles opened the floor for public comments but there were none.

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APPROVAL OF CERTIFICATIONS TO OTHER ENTITIES

387 licenses were certified to other entities.

Motion was made by Dr. Crawford, seconded by Dr. Brunson, and carried unanimously to approve.

APPROVAL OF LICENSES ISSUED

155 licenses were issued.

Motion was made by Dr. Crawford, seconded by Dr. McClendon, and carried unanimously to approve.

INVESTIGATIVE REPORT FOR JANUARY 1, 2018 - FEBRUARY 28, 2018

Number of complaints received: 61

Number of cases closed: 29

Total number of open cases: 261

Number of complaints sent to licensee for response: 35

Number of FSMB reports re licensees: 2

Number of NPDB reports re licensees: 3

Recidivism appearances (counted as a previous EC visit and / or appearance before the

Board): 1

- Licensees w/2 appearances: 1

- Licensees w/ 3 appearances: 0

- Licensees w/ 4 appearances: 0

Number of disciplinary actions taken by the Board: 1

- Suspension: 1

Investigative Reported is accepted as presented.

REVIEW OF MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING DATED MARCH 21, 2018, AND MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING DATED MARCH 22, 2018

Upon review of the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting dated March 21, 2018, 2018, Dr. Rea moved for approval of the minutes as submitted. Dr. Owens seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Upon review of the minutes of the Board meeting dated March 22, 2018, Dr. Rea moved for approval of the minutes as submitted. Dr. Owens seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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REPORT OF MAY 9, 2018, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Dr. Rea reported on the matters discussed by the Executive Committee on March 21, 2018, and recommendations made. Information pertaining to the Executive Committee's recommendations is included in the Executive Committee minutes.

Dr. Easterling requested clarification regarding the recommendation of Dr. McBride prohibition of collaborating with APRNs, if Physician Assistants were included in this collaboration restriction. Dr. Miles advised that the restriction would include both APRNs and Physician Assistants.

Motion was made by Dr. Easterling, seconded by Dr. Mayo, and carried unanimously to ratify the /recommendations of the Executive Committee.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Scope of Practice - Dr. Easterling (Chair), Dr. Brunson, Dr. Miles, Dr. Rea, Dr. Owens, Mr. Thomas

Dr Easterling advised there was no new information to report.

Professionals Health Program - Dr. Crawford (Chair), Dr. Lippincott, Dr. McClendon, Dr. Rea

Dr. Crawford advised there was no new information to report.

Rules, Regulation & Legislative - Dr. Mayo (Chair), Dr. Easterling, Dr. Miles, Dr. McClendon, Dr. Owens, Mr. Breland

Dr Mayo reported the Rules, Regulation & Legislative Committee met to discuss amending Part 2605 Chapter 3: Temporary Licensure. C.2. *A physician licensed under this rule shall not apply to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration for a controlled substances registration certificate and must be under the supervision of another physician holding a valid and unrestricted license in this state.*

The Committee recommends this language be stricken and add into this regulation that the intent of this rule that each licensee prescribes scheduled medication shall have their own individual DEA number.

Dr. Mayo is presenting this change to the Board for approval to accept the recommendations of the Rules, Regulation & Legislative Committee and it carried unanimously.

Also discussed was an application for a permanent license of a physician who had been recruited by UMC and licensed in Canada. A waiver was requested under Licensure

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Rule 1.2, which requires that to receive a waiver, a physician be: *a. a graduate of an approved medical school; b. have a current unrestricted license in another state; and c. have at least 3 years of clinical experience in the area of expertise.*

Executive Committee recommended that the Rules Committee be requested to review Rule 1.2, specifically the requirement of an unrestricted license from another state, for amendment to clarify the intent of this rule to not adversely impact international physicians. The Full Board unanimously voted to support the Executive Committee's recommendation.

Telemedicine & Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (IMLC) - Dr. Brunson (Chair), Dr. Crawford, Dr. Hall, Ms. Freeman, Maj Gen (Retired) Hearon

Dr. Brunson advised that he and Dr. McClendon serve as a Commissioner for the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Commission. Dr. Brunson serves on the Interstate Licensure Compact Budget Committee that met on May 2nd to discuss the budget for the upcoming year. One of the recommendations was that there will not be an increase in fees to the states or Licensees. Dr. Brunson reported there now 24 states that have joined the IMLC and a few states pending approval.

Dr. Brunson advised of the Board in communication with several Mississippi Institutions with Level II Trauma Centers interested in establishing Tele-Emergency medicine. Currently the Rules restrict Tele-Emergency medicine to Institutions that qualify as a Level I Trauma Center. It was recommended that the interested parties join and agree to a joint consensus in developing the requirements for a Level II Tele-Emergency Program to be presented to the Board. Additionally, the Mississippi Board of Nursing is taking into looking into the training requirements for the APRNs who may be practicing in these tele-emergency programs. Dr. Brunson advised that Dr. Cleveland and Dr. Miles plan to meet with the representatives of the Trauma II institutions.

Licensee Education and Communication - Dr. Easterling (Chair), Dr. Brunson, Dr. Crawford, Dr. Rea, Ms. Freeman

Dr. Easterling advised there has been discussion on maintaining up-to-date and accurate information for Licensees on the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure's website in regards to the rules and regulation. It was advised that the Executive Director will work to develop protocols in maintaining up-to-date and accurate information of the Medical Board's website.

Physician Assistant Advisory Task Force - Dr. Crawford (Chair), Robert Philpot, Jr., PhD, PA-C Tristen Harris, PA-C Lauren English, Phyllis Johnson, Board of Nursing, Ms. Freeman, PA-C Leah Calder, PA-C Gavin Nowell

Dr. Crawford advised the Task Force had meet to discuss and revisit the regulation, Part 2615, on the verbiage of the physician assistant's practice mileage restrictions of 30 miles and 30 minutes, as well as provisions related to chart review, to be more in line with today's

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practice. Plans are to meet to further discuss updating these rules. Dr. Crawford requested for the Physician Assistant Advisory Task Force to give a presentation at the July Board meeting regarding the role of Physician Assistants.

OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Miles appointed Dr. Owens, Dr. McClendon and Dr. Rea to Consumer Health Ad Hoc Member Committee to develop a policy regarding appointments and terms of the Consumer Health Members.

Dr. Miles advised that the Board was losing three (3) members that had faithfully served the Board and he wished to recognize them for their service. Dr. Miles presented Resolutions to Virginia M. Crawford, M.D, William S. Mayo, D.O., and S. Randall Easterling, M.D. A copy of the Resolutions is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

Dr. Miles advised that the officers for the upcoming year are: President - Dr. Claude D. Brunson, Vice President - Dr. J. Ann Rea, and Secretary - Dr. David W. McClendon, effective July 1, 2018.

HEARING IN THE CASE OF ROBERT BLAIR LEE, M.D., OCEAN SPRINGS, MS MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL LICENSE NUMBER: 10711

Mr. Ingram introduced Dr. Lee's attorney, Mark Garriga. Mr. Ingram briefly summarized Dr. Lee's licensure status having been charged with violating the medical practice act by virtue of being disciplined and surrendering his medical license in the State of Kentucky.

Mr. Ingram advised the Board that action in this case as a result of action taken by the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure was placed in abeyance, during which time Licensee agreed not to practice medicine in Mississippi under any circumstances until he has resolved his licensure problems in Kentucky regarding competency. Dr. Lee has submitted to a clinical assessment which resulted in a recommendation to obtain a neuropsychological evaluation.

Mark Garriga, counsel for Licensee advised Dr. Lee entered voluntarily into an Order on September 21, 2017, which required an assessment. Mr. Garriga is requesting to continue this matter until the next Board meeting so that the recommended neuropsychological evaluation may be completed.

A motion was made by Dr. Crawford, seconded by Dr. Mayo and carried to grant Dr. Lee a continuance of this matter until the next Board meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS UPDATE ON LICENSING SOFTWARE

A motion to close the meeting was made by Dr. Easterling to discuss whether to go into executive session, seconded by Brunson and carried. Dr. Brunson moved to go into

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executive session to discuss prospective litigation, Dr. Miles second and carried. The Board then entered into executive session.

Upon a motion by Dr. Easterling, seconded by Dr. Miles and carried the Board came out of executive session. Dr. Miles advised the Board received information related to the status of the contract with the software vendor and termination of that contract.

REQUEST APPROVAL OF PROPOSED CONSENT ORDER FOR KAREN Y. MULLEN, M.D., BILOXI, MS, MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL LICENSE NUMBER 14226

REQUEST APPROVAL FOR CHANGES OF PROPOSED CONSENT ORDER FOR ASIAMA AMPONSAH, M.D., HATTIESBURG, MS, MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL LICENSE NUMBER 17488

A motion to close the meeting was made by Dr. Crawford, seconded by Dr. Owens and carried to discuss whether to go into executive session. Dr. Crawford moved to go into Executive Session, and seconded by Dr. Brunson and carried to discuss two consent orders which are the result of investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct or violations of law by Licensees. The Board then entered into executive session.

Upon a motion by Dr. Miles, seconded by Dr. Easterling and carried the Executive Committee came out of Executive Session. The following actions were reported:

Upon a motion by Dr. Crawford, seconded by Dr. Owens and carried the Board approved the proposed Consent Order for Karen Y. Mullen, M.D.

Upon a motion by Dr. Mayo, seconded by Dr. Crawford and carried the Board denied request of changes to the Consent Order proposed to Asiamia Amphonsah, M.D., at the March 22, Board meeting. Should Licensee fail to execute the proposed Consent Order, he will be summoned before the Board for a hearing.

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**HEARING IN THE CASE OF OTIS ANDERSON, III, M.D., HOLLY SPRINGS, MS
MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL LICENSE NUMBER: 21754**

Mr. Ingram advised this matter will be a lengthy hearing and recommended the Board consider scheduling a special session / setting. The Board agreed to schedule this hearing for Wednesday, June 27 and Thursday, June 28 to begin at 8:00 am.

ADJOURN MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 18, 2018, and for Thursday, July 19, 2018.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:46 a.m.



Charles D. Miles, MD
President

Minutes taken and transcribed
By Frances Carrillo
Staff Officer
May 10, 2018

Part 2605 Chapter 3: Temporary Licensure

Rule 3.1 Temporary Licensure.

- A. Mississippi temporary medical or podiatric licenses may be issued to applicants for licensure in Mississippi under the following conditions:
 - 1. A restricted temporary medical or podiatric license may be issued upon proper completion of an application to an applicant who otherwise meets all requirements for licensure except successful completion:
 - a. of the postgraduate training requirements provided in Part 2605, Chapter 1, Rule 1.1 or Chapter 2, Rule 2.1; and/or
 - b. of Step 3 of USMLE, Level 3 of COMLEX, or Part 3 of the APMLE.Such restricted temporary license shall entitle the physician to practice medicine or podiatric medicine only within the confines of an ACGME, AOA or APMA approved postgraduate training program in this state and may be renewed annually for the duration of the postgraduate training for a period not to exceed five (5) years.
 - 2. An unrestricted temporary medical license may be issued in an exceptional case to an applicant seeking licensure by credentials. Such an unrestricted temporary license shall remain valid only for a period of time sufficient for applicant to submit required documents and credentials to complete an application for permanent licensure, but in no instance to exceed 30 days.
- B. The Board may issue a temporary license to practice medicine for a period not to exceed 90 days at a youth camp licensed by the State Department of Health to any nonresident physician who is not licensed to practice medicine in this state or to any resident physician who is retired from the active practice of medicine in this state while serving as a volunteer at such camp.
 - 1. Nonresident Physician
 - a. must have favorable references from two physicians with whom the applicant has worked or trained within the last year;
 - b. must have written certification from the medical licensing authority in the state in which he or she holds a currently valid license to practice medicine; and
 - c. must submit fee prescribed by the Board.
 - 2. Retired Resident Physician
 - a. must be in good standing with the Board, and
 - b. must submit fee as prescribed by the Board.
- C. The Board may issue a temporary license to practice medicine to physicians who have been admitted for treatment in a drug and/or alcohol treatment program approved by the Board, or who are enrolled in the fellowship of addictionology in the Mississippi State Medical Association Professionals Health Program; provided that, a nonresident applicant shall hold a valid (unrestricted) license to practice medicine in another state and the medical licensing authority of that state shall certify to the Board in writing that such license is in good standing.
 - 1. A temporary license issued under this rule shall be valid for a period of ninety (90) days but may be renewed every ninety (90) days for the duration of the fellowship or treatment program. If the applicant discontinues treatment or leaves the

- fellowship program, the temporary license shall automatically become null and void. The Board may rescind or extend this temporary license for cause.
2. A temporary license issued to a physician under this rule shall be limited to the out-patient phase of the treatment program or the time necessary to complete the fellowship of addictionology. The physician to whom the license is issued may administer treatment and care within the scope of the drug and/or alcohol treatment program or fellowship in an institutional setting and shall not otherwise practice in this state. ~~A physician licensed under this rule shall not apply to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration for a controlled substances registration certificate and must be under the supervision of another physician holding a valid and unrestricted license in this state.~~
 3. A physician who has had his or her permanent license to practice in this state revoked or suspended by the Board due to habitual personal use of intoxicating liquors or narcotic drugs, or any other drug having addiction-forming or addiction-sustaining liability, may be granted a temporary license pursuant to this rule provided the temporary license is not in conflict with the prior disciplinary order of the Board rendered against the physician.
 4. The applicant applying for a ninety (90) day temporary license to practice while in treatment in an approved drug and/or alcohol treatment program or while enrolled in the fellowship of addictionology shall pay a fee prescribed by the Board (not to exceed \$50.00) to the Board. No additional fee shall be charged for an extension.

~~Mississippi temporary medical licenses are issued under the condition that the licensee shall not apply to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration for a Controlled Substances Registration Certificate.~~

Adopted September 13, 1979; amended July 1, 1981; amended March 16, 1995; amended May 17, 2007; and amended March 20, 2015.

Source: Miss. Code Ann. §73-43-11 (1972, as amended).

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Virginia Crawford, M.D., Hattiesburg, Mississippi, faithfully and conscientiously served the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure as a member for twelve years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Crawford served as President, Vice President, and Secretary of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure throughout her time with the Board; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Crawford discharged her duties with firmness, dignity and compassion, always in keeping with the intent of the Medical Practice Act and Rules and Regulations of this Board, and thereby working to the great benefit of the Board and citizens of the State of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, during her years of service Dr. Crawford continually and graciously gave her efforts, time and abilities toward maintaining the highest standard of medical practice for which the State of Mississippi is noted.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, on behalf of the Board and the people of the State of Mississippi, by means of this resolution, express to Dr. Crawford its gratitude and appreciation for her services during the years she devoted to the Board and the State of Mississippi; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Board and a copy be given to Dr. Crawford expressing to her the highest esteem of the Board.

DATED, this, the **tenth** day of **May**, **2018**.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, William S. Mayo, D.O., Oxford, Mississippi, faithfully and conscientiously served the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure as a member for twelve years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mayo served as President, Vice President, and Secretary of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure throughout his time with the Board; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mayo discharged his duties with firmness, dignity and compassion, always in keeping with the intent of the Medical Practice Act and Rules and Regulations of this Board, and thereby working to the great benefit of the Board and citizens of the State of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, during his years of service Dr. Mayo continually and graciously gave his efforts, time and abilities toward maintaining the highest standard of medical practice for which the State of Mississippi is noted.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, on behalf of the Board and the people of the State of Mississippi, by means of this resolution, express to Dr. Mayo its gratitude and appreciation for his services during the years he devoted to the Board and the State of Mississippi; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Board and a copy be given to Dr. Mayo expressing to him, the highest esteem of the Board.

DATED, this, the **tenth** day of **May**, **2018**.

Charles D. Miles, M.D.
President

Ken Lippincott, M.D.

Michelle Y. Owens, M.D.

Claude D. Brunson, M.D.
Vice President

William D. McClendon, M.D.

Jeanne A. Rea, M.D.
Secretary

Virginia Crawford, M.D.

S. Randall Easterling, M.D.

ATTEST:

Kenneth Cleveland, M.D.
Executive Director

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, S. Randall Easterling, Vicksburg, Mississippi, faithfully and conscientiously served the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure as a member for twelve years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Easterling served as President, Vice President, and Secretary of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure throughout his time with the Board; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Easterling discharged his duties with firmness, dignity and compassion, always in keeping with the intent of the Medical Practice Act and Rules and Regulations of this Board, and thereby working to the great benefit of the Board and citizens of the State of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, during his years of service Dr. Easterling continually and graciously gave his efforts, time and abilities toward maintaining the highest standard of medical practice for which the State of Mississippi is noted.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, on behalf of the Board and the people of the State of Mississippi, by means of this resolution, express to Dr. Easterling its gratitude and appreciation for his services during the years he devoted to the Board and the State of Mississippi; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Board and a copy be given to Dr. Easterling expressing to him, the highest esteem of the Board.

DATED, this, the **tenth** day of **May**, **2018**.

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President

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Michelle Y. Owens, M.D.

Claude D. Brunson, M.D.
Vice President

William D. McClendon, M.D.

Jeanne A. Rea, M.D.
Secretary

Virginia Crawford, M.D.

William S. Mayo, D.O.

ATTEST:

Kenneth Cleveland, M.D.
Executive Director

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Virginia Crawford, M.D., Hattiesburg, Mississippi, faithfully and conscientiously served the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure as a member for twelve years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Crawford served as President, Vice President, and Secretary of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure throughout her time with the Board; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Crawford discharged her duties with firmness, dignity and compassion, always in keeping with the intent of the Medical Practice Act and Rules and Regulations of this Board, and thereby working to the great benefit of the Board and citizens of the State of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, during her years of service Dr. Crawford continually and graciously gave her efforts, time and abilities toward maintaining the highest standard of medical practice for which the State of Mississippi is noted.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, on behalf of the Board and the people of the State of Mississippi, by means of this resolution, express to Dr. Crawford its gratitude and appreciation for her services during the years she devoted to the Board and the State of Mississippi; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Board and a copy be given to Dr. Crawford expressing to her the highest esteem of the Board.

DATED, this, the **tenth** day of **May**, **2018**.

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Claude D. Brunson, M.D.
Vice President

William D. McClendon, M.D.

Jeanne A. Rea, M.D.
Secretary

William S. Mayo, D.O.

S. Randall Easterling, M.D.

ATTEST:

Kenneth Cleveland, M.D.
Executive Director

BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

IN THE MATTER OF THE PHYSICIAN LICENSE

OF

KAREN YALTAH MULLEN, M.D.

CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, KAREN YALTAH MULLEN, M.D., hereinafter referred to as "Licensee," is the current holder of Mississippi Medical License No. 14226, said license number expires on June 30, 2018;

WHEREAS, the Investigative Staff of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, hereinafter referred to as the "Board," has conducted an investigation of Licensee and has in its possession evidence indicating that Licensee has administered, prescribed or dispensed controlled substances in a manner inconsistent with appropriate professional practice; has failed to maintain proper and complete medical records and is guilty of conduct which falls within the regulation prohibiting any dishonorable or unethical conduct likely to deceive, defraud or harm the public;

WHEREAS, the above conduct, if established before the Board in the course of a full evidentiary hearing, constitutes violations of the Mississippi Medical Practice Act, specifically, Subsections (3), (8)(d) and (13) of § 73-25-29 and §73-25-83(a), Miss. Code Ann., as amended, for which the Board may revoke the medical license of Licensee, suspend it for a time deemed proper by the Board, or take any other action as the Board may deem proper under the circumstances;

WHEREAS, on April 5, 2018, Licensee and her Counsel met with the Board's Executive Director and the Board's Counsel to discuss the aforementioned investigation. After a detailed discussion of the matter, it is the desire of Licensee to avoid an evidentiary hearing before the Board and, in lieu thereof, has agreed to enter into this Consent Order;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, with consent of Licensee as signified by her joinder herein, does hereby place Licensee's medical license on **probation**, subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. Licensee must immediately cease taking on any new Chronic Pain patients as that term is defined by Board rules and regulations;
2. Licensee is hereby prohibited from treating patients for Chronic Pain and has six (6) months from date of Board approval of this Order to appropriately transfer care or otherwise reduce her Chronic Pain patient base to zero;
3. Licensee shall, within one (1) year of the date of Board approval of this Order, successfully complete Board approved Continuing Medical Education (CME) in the areas of (i) Medical Ethics, (ii) Practice Boundaries, (iii) Prescribing of Controlled Substances, and (iv) Medical Record Keeping, said courses to be selected from the list of Board approved courses attached hereto as Exhibit "A". Licensee shall provide proof of attendance and participation in each aspect of the courses required herein. Any credit received for such CME shall be in addition to the usual forty (40) hours of Category I credits required by Board regulation. Licensee will be required to be on-site while taking the CME course(s), as the course(s) cannot be taken on-line or by other means. Licensee shall submit proof of successful completion to the Board;
4. Licensee shall obey all federal, state and local laws, and all rules and regulations governing the practice of medicine and any further violation of the Mississippi Medical Proactive Law shall result in further action, including suspension and/or revocation;
5. Licensee expressly agrees she will not seek an appearance before the Board for reconsideration of this Order until after expiration of one (1) year from the date of Board approval of this Order and Licensee further agrees that the terms and conditions of this Order, once executed, may not be appealed; and,
6. Licensee shall reimburse the Board for all costs incurred in relation to the pending matter pursuant to Miss. Code Ann., § 73-25-30 and Licensee shall be advised of the total assessment

by separate written notification, and shall tender to the Board a certified check or money order made payable to the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, on or before forty (40) days from the date the assessment is mailed to Licensee via U.S. Mail to Licensee's current mailing address.

This Consent Order shall be subject to approval by the Board. If the Board fails to approve this Consent Order, in whole or in part, it shall have no force or effect on the parties and may not be used as evidence in any subsequent proceeding before the Board. It is further understood and agreed that the purpose of this Consent Order is to avoid a hearing before the Board. In this regard, Licensee authorizes the Board to review and examine any documentary evidence or material concerning the Licensee prior to or in conjunction with its consideration of this Consent Order. Should this Consent Order not be accepted by the Board, it is agreed that presentation to and consideration of this Consent Order and other documents and matters pertaining thereto by the Board shall not unfairly or illegally prejudice the Board or any of its members from participation in any further proceedings.

Should the Board hereafter receive documented evidence of Licensee violating any of the terms and conditions of this Consent Order, the Board shall have the right, pursuant to a full evidentiary hearing, to revoke the medical license of Licensee, suspend it for a time deemed proper by the Board, or take any other action determined as necessary by the Board.

Further, it is not the intent or purpose of this Order to encourage malpractice liability as a result of Board action. Therefore, by execution of this Consent Order, Licensee is not admitting to or acknowledging any misconduct or act of malpractice.

Licensee understands and expressly acknowledges that this Consent Order, if approved and executed by the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, shall constitute a public record of the State of Mississippi. Licensee further acknowledges that the Board shall provide a copy of this Order to, among others, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, and the Board makes no representation as to action, if any, which any other agency or jurisdiction may take in response to this Order.

Recognizing her right to notice of charges specified against Licensee, to have such charges adjudicated pursuant to Miss. Code Ann., § 73-25-27 (1972), to be represented therein by legal counsel of her choice, and to a final decision rendered upon written findings of fact and conclusions of law, **KAREN YALTAH MULLEN, M.D.**, nevertheless, hereby waives her right to notice and a formal adjudication of charges and authorizes the Board to enter an order accepting this Consent Order, thereby placing her medical license on probation, subject to those terms and conditions listed above.

EXECUTED AND EFFECTIVE, this the 9th day of May, 2018.


KAREN YALTAH MULLEN, M.D.
YALTAH

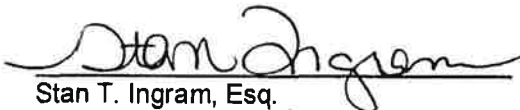
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED, this the 9th day of May, 2018, by the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure.


CHARLES D. MILES, M.D., PRESIDENT

APPROVED:



Bill Whitfield, Esq.
Counsel for Licensee




Stan T. Ingram, Esq.
Board Complaint Counsel

Executive Session
Mississippi Board of Medical Licensure
May 9, 2018

AGENDA ITEM: Question/discussion of consent order for Dr. Karen Yaltah Mullen, M.D.,
License No.: 14226

In a motion by Dr. Crawford, seconded by Dr. Owens, and carried, the Board elected to approve
the consent order for Dr. Karen Yaltah Mullen, M.D.

VOTE:	FOR:	AGAINST:	ABSTAIN:	ABSENT:
Charles D. Miles, M.D.	X			
Claude D. Brunson, M.D.	X			
J. Ann Rea, M.D.	X			



Charles Miles, M.D., President

Executive Session
Mississippi Board of Medical Licensure
May 9, 2018

AGENDA ITEM: Question/Discussion for consent order of Akwasi Amponsah M.D., License No.: 17488

The Board has considered the proposal to change the consent order presented in March 2018.
If he does not sign the consent order he will have a hearing.

VOTE:	FOR:	AGAINST:	ABSTAIN:	ABSENT:
Claude D. Brunson, M.D.	X			
Virginia M. Crawford, M.D.	X			
S. Randall Easterling, M.D.	X			
C. Ken Lippincott, M.D.	X			
William S. Mayo, M.D.	X			
W. David McClendon, M.D.	X			
Charles D. Miles, M.D.	X			
Michelle Y. Owens, M.D.	X			
J. Ann Rea, M.D.	X			



Charles Miles, M.D., President