

BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

IN THE MATTER OF PHYSICIAN'S LICENSE

OF

LA TANIA MICHELLE AKERS-WHITE, M.D.

CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, La Tania Michelle Akers-White, M.D., hereinafter referred to as "Licensee," is the current holder of License No. 27966, issued July 28, 2020, for the practice of medicine in the state of Mississippi;

WHEREAS, on August 8, 2022, the North Carolina Medical Board, hereinafter referred to as the "North Carolina Board," entered into a Consent Order with Licensee making findings of fact and conclusions of law related to activity and action taken previously by the Virginia Board of Medicine (the "Virginia Board") on August 25, 2021. Specifically, the Virginia Board found that Licensee had dispensed controlled substances after her license to dispense controlled substances had lapsed. Additionally, the Virginia Board found Licensee had prescribed opioid medications to five (5) patients without proper documentation or review of the Virginia Prescription Monitoring Program. Further, the Virginia Board found Licensee had prescribed medications for two (2) patients without an examination or documentation. To resolve the matter, the Virginia Board reprimanded licensee, levied a fine of \$5,000, and required twenty (20) hours of Continuing Medical Education (CME) in the areas of medical record-keeping and proper prescribing, in addition to other terms. Based on this action, the North Carolina Board mirrored the actions taken in Virginia;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Subsection (9) of Section 73-25-29, Mississippi Code Annotated (1972), the aforementioned actions by the North Carolina Board constitute action against Licensee's ability to practice in another jurisdiction, grounds for which the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure may revoke the Mississippi medical license of Licensee, suspend her right to practice for a time deemed proper by the Board, place her license on probation, the terms of which may be set by the Board, or take any other action in relation to her license as the Board may deem proper under the circumstances;

WHEREAS, 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, thereby admitting the facts and allegations set forth herein, subject to the terms, conditions and restrictions as specified below.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, with consent of Licensee as signified by her joinder herein, takes the following actions regarding Licensee's ability to practice medicine in the state of Mississippi, subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. Licensee is hereby formally reprimanded.
2. Licensee must comply with all requirements set forth in the aforementioned North Carolina Consent Order, and must comply with any previous or subsequent requirements set forth in any other jurisdictions. Licensee shall provide proof of compliance and satisfaction of the North Carolina Consent Order to the Board's Compliance Officer. Should the Board deem it necessary to obtain any information related Consent Order, Licensee agrees to execute any and all releases such that the Board may obtain said information.

3. Licensee shall obey all federal, state, and local laws, and all rules and regulations governing the practice of medicine. Any further violations shall result in further action.
4. Licensee understands and expressly acknowledges that, should Licensee challenge or dispute any provision or statement in this agreement during the Board approval process, this Consent Order will automatically be rendered null and void, formal charges will be brought, and this matter shall be set for a full evidentiary hearing at the convenience of the Board.
5. Licensee shall reimburse the Board for all costs incurred in relation to the pending matter pursuant to Miss. Code Ann., § 73-25-30. 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.

Should the Board hereafter receive documented evidence of Licensee violating any of the terms and conditions of this Consent Order, or of any further action(s) taken related to the facts and terms stated herein, 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.

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. 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.

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 Federation of State Medical Boards, 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 her, 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, **La Tania Michelle Akers-White, M.D.**, nonetheless, hereby waives her right to notice and a formal adjudication of charges and authorizes the Board to enter an order accepting this Consent Order.

Executed, this the 14 day of March, 2023.



La Tania Michelle Akers-White, M.D.

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED this the 22nd, day of March, 2023, by
the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure.



William David McClendon, M.D.
Board President