

**BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PHYSICIAN'S LICENSE**

**OF**

**DOROTHY GILLESPIE, M.D.**

**ORDER DENYING REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ON LICENSE**

**THIS MATTER** came on regularly for hearing on November 29, 2018, before the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, in response to the petition of Dorothy Gillespie, M.D. (hereinafter "Licensee"), seeking return of privileges to prescribe, administer and dispense controlled substances.

Licensee was present without counsel. Complaint Counsel for the Board was Honorable Stan T. Ingram. Sitting as legal advisor to the Board was Honorable Gloria Green, Assistant Attorney General. Board members present for all proceedings were Claude D. Brunson, M.D.; President, Charles D. Miles, M.D.; Charles K. Lippincott, M.D.; William D. McClendon, Jr., M.D.; Michelle Y. Owens, M.D.; Jeanne Ann Rea, M.D. and Kirk L. Kinard, D.O. Allen Gersh, M.D. was absent. Consumer members present were Wesley Breland, Maj. General (Ret.) Erik Hearon and Koonmarie "Shoba" Gaymes.

Evidence and testimony was then taken. Based on the evidence and testimony received, the Board determines that on December 15, 2014, the Board issued to Licensee a Summons and Affidavit charging her with 26 counts of violating the Mississippi Medical Practice Law pertaining to the prescribing, administering and dispensing of controlled substances, in particular, opioids for the treatment of chronic pain. On March 19, 2015, a hearing was conducted. After commencement of the hearing, Licensee elected to surrender her license and DEA Uniform Controlled Substances Registration Certificate. Two years later, on March 16, 2017, Licensee appeared before the full Board seeking reinstatement of her license, wherein Licensee entered into a Consent Order with the

Board authorizing reinstatement of her license, but with restrictions on her ability to prescribe controlled substances. Specifically, Licensee was prohibited from prescribing, distributing and administering any controlled substances except that for use in an institutional setting using that institution's DEA Uniform Controlled Substances Registration Certificate. Licensee now appears before the Board seeking authorization to reapply with DEA for full controlled substance privileges.

The Board takes into consideration the extensive history of the difficulty Licensee had handling controlled substances, including repeated complaints from law enforcement agencies, pharmacies and other parties relative to her mismanagement of control substances. In addition, the Board takes into consideration the multiple warning letters she has received and the extent of her aberrant prescribing of opioids, which ultimately led to the surrender of her license. While sympathetic with the difficulty Licensee has had finding a job without a DEA number, the fact remains, Licensee has failed to convince the Board that she is now able to properly manage such dangerous drugs. Licensee's testimony before the board reflects minimal insight into the situation.

Based upon the aforementioned evidence and testimony, the Board finds Licensee's request not well taken.

**THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED**, that Licensee's petition for authority to register with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration for a Uniform Controlled Substances Registration Certificate is hereby denied. The previous restrictions imposed by the March 16, 2017, Consent Order on her ability to administer, dispense or prescribe controlled substances shall remain.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED**, that pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §73-25-27(1972), a copy of this Order shall be sent by registered mail or personally served on Dorothy Gillespie, M.D.

**ORDERED**, this the 29th day of November 2018.

**MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF  
MEDICAL LICENSURE**

BY:



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**CLAUDE D. BRUNSON, M.D.  
PRESIDENT**