

**BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE
IN THE MATTER OF THE PHYSICIAN'S LICENSE**

OF

JAMES LEONARD WOOTTON, III, M.D.

CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, JAMES LEONARD WOOTTON, III, M.D., hereinafter referred to as "Licensee," is the current holder of Mississippi Medical License No. 25172, issued July 28, 2017, and said license number expires on June 30, 2022;

WHEREAS, the Investigative Division of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, hereinafter referred to as the "Board," has conducted an investigation into the medical practice of Licensee and has in its possession evidence which, if produced during the course of an evidentiary hearing, would substantiate that Licensee has violated certain provisions of the Mississippi Medical Practice Law, specifically, § 73-25-29(8)(d) and § 73-25-83(a), Miss. Code Ann., as amended, due to activities constituting professional sexual misconduct in the practice of medicine; 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, Licensee wishes to avoid an evidentiary hearing before the Board and, in lieu thereof, has agreed to execute this Consent Order, subject to the terms and conditions as specified below.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board, with consent of Licensee as signified by his joinder herein, does hereby take the following disciplinary action:

(1) Licensee's certificate (No. 25172) to practice medicine in the State of Mississippi is hereby **suspended** for an indefinite period of time from the date of execution

of the order, with no stay of the suspension. However, upon expiration of six (6) months from the date of execution of this order, Licensee shall have the right, but not the obligation, pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 73-25-32, to petition the Board for reinstatement of licensure.

(2) Prior to filing a petition for reinstatement of Licensee's certificate, Licensee shall enroll and successfully complete AMA Category 1 CME (Continuing Medical Education) courses in the areas of (1) Prescribing, and (2) Record Keeping, said courses to be selected from the list of Board-approved courses attached hereto as Exhibit "A." Following completion of the courses, Licensee shall submit to the Board documentary proof of successful completion. This is in addition to the forty (40) hours of Category 1 CME requirements, as cited in Title 30, Part 2610, Chapter 2 of the Board's Rules and Regulations.

(3) In addition, prior to filing a petition for reinstatement of Licensee's certificate, Licensee shall complete a Board-approved intensive treatment program at either the residential or partial-hospitalization level of care as recommended and specified by Pine Grove Behavioral Health & Addiction Services in its Preliminary Report dated December 16, 2021, for a minimum of six (6) weeks. This treatment shall specialize in addressing inappropriate and/or disruptive behavior among physicians, including sexual and non-sexual boundary concerns as well as problematic personality/relational issues. Prior to seeking reinstatement, Licensee shall therefore also submit documentary proof of successful completion of the intensive treatment program and his fitness to resume the practice of medicine with reasonable skill and safety. Licensee shall execute any and all releases so as to permit the Board to communicate with the treatment facility and receive directly from the facility any records related to Licensee's treatment. Licensee shall adhere to all treatment and/or training recommendations rendered by the facility. The Board shall be under no obligation to consider licensure reinstatement until such time as it has received written proof

of successful completion of each CME course, the intensive treatment program, and Licensee's fitness to resume the practice of medicine.

(4) In the event Licensee chooses to petition for reinstatement of his license, Licensee shall personally appear before the Board and present a plan of practice, consistent with the findings and recommendations of the aforementioned facility. Notwithstanding, the Board reserves the right in its sole and absolute discretion to impose any other restriction deemed necessary to protect the public.

(5) Licensee shall obey all federal, state, and local laws, and all rules and regulations governing the practice of medicine. Any further acts of misconduct will result in further action.

(6) 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.

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 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 DEA, 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 his right to notice of charges specified against him, to have such charges adjudicated pursuant to Miss. Code Ann., § 73-25-27 (1972), to be represented therein by legal counsel of his choice, and to a final decision based upon written findings of fact and conclusions of law, **JAMES LEONARD WOOTTON, III, M.D.**, nevertheless, hereby waives his right to notice and a formal adjudication of charges and authorizes the Board to enter an order accepting this Consent Order, subject to those terms and conditions listed above.

EXECUTED this, 20th day of January, 2022.


JAMES LEONARD WOOTTON, III, M.D.

APPROVED AND EFFECTIVE this, the 20th day of January, 2022.


WILLIAM D. MCCLENDON, M.D.
BOARD PRESIDENT