BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF:

DOMINIC TRINCA, M.D.

ORDER

THIS MATTER came on regularly for hearing on May 19, 2022, before the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure (hereinafter "Board"), pursuant to Title 73, Chapter 25 of Mississippi Code (1972) Annotated. Dominic Trinca, M.D. ("Licensee") is seeking approval for advancement in a reentry-to-practice program as prescribed in CPEP's reentry plan.

Licensee was present and represented by Honorable Philip Chapman. Complaint Counsel for the Board was Honorable Paul Barnes. Also present was Complaint Co-Counsel Honorable Stan T. Ingram. Sitting as legal advisor and hearing officer to the Board was Honorable Alexis E. Morris, Special Assistant Attorney General. Board members present for the proceedings were David McClendon, M.D., President; Michelle Owens, M.D.; Ken Lippincott, M.D.; Daniel Edney, M.D.; Charles D. Miles, M.D.; Kirk Kinard, D.O.; Thomas Joiner, M.D.; and Roderick Givens, M.D. Consumer members present were Koomarie "Shoba" Gaymes and Wesley Breland.

Licensee's history with the Board is substantial, containing multiple instances of non-compliance with Board orders and contracts with the Mississippi Professional Health Program (MPHP). In July 2020, the Board denied Licensee's request for reinstatement, since the evaluation report from the Center for Personalized Education for Professionals (CPEP) showed multiple deficiencies in competency needed for reinstatement, including but not limited to, gaps in medical knowledge and clinical judgment and reasoning. While denying the petition, the Board advised Licensee that upon presentation of an acceptable education plan prepared and supported by CPEP, the Board would then consider granting a restricted license so as to permit Licensee to practice in a structured supervised setting by completing the education requirements as prescribed by CPEP.

The last formal action before the Board occurred on May 20, 2021, wherein the Board granted Licensee's request for reinstatement of licensure on a restricted basis. Licensee was ordered to be under "Direct Observation" of a preceptor for six (6) months. At all times during the six (6) months, the Preceptor was required to personally observe all of Licensee's medical procedures or patient encounters. In the event the current preceptor declined to serve or for any reason cannot continue to serve in that capacity, Licensee's responsibility was to advise the Board and secure another preceptor with written consent in advance from CPEP and the Board's executive director. Licensee was also ordered to always have a chaperone present during any encounter with a female patient and was prohibited from performing pelvic or breast exams on female patients.

Additionally, Licensee was ordered to appear before the Board at its November 2021 regularly held meeting to address the status of the CPEP preceptorship program, compliance with the order and MPHP, and to determine what, if any, restrictions should be continued.

At the May 19, 2022 hearing, the Board reviewed several exhibits that were introduced including Licensee's petition to reappear before the Board; Licensee's May 20, 2021 Board Order; Licensee's CPEP progress report dated December 8, 2021; Licensee's CPEP progress report dated April 26, 2022; DEA cover letter dated April 1, 2022 signed; Memo of understanding between Licensee and the DEA; and a progress letter from Acumen. Three letters of recommendation were also submitted on Licensee's behalf—including one from Licensee's Preceptor.

Licensee testified that he could not appear before the Board in November 2021, because he did not start working with his Preceptor until October 2021. Licensee also testified that in order for him to ultimately advance to end-of-day practice in the CPEP-prescribed program, he would need the Board's approval to move to the next step of advancement, which is concurrent-case review. Advancement would require the Board to lift the restriction requiring the Preceptor to personally observe all of Licensee's medical procedures or patient encounters. Ultimately, the Board found that Licensee had been in compliance with the May 2021 Board order.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, that the request of Dominic Trinca, M.D. for advancement in the reentry-to-practice program as prescribed by CPEP is approved. Further advancement to end-of-day practice is subject to the approval of the executive director. Licensee shall return to the Board upon completion of the CPEP-prescribed reentry-to-practice program in its entirety.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that pursuant to Section 73-25-27, a copy of this Order shall be sent by registered mail or personally served upon Dominic Trinca, M.D.

SO ORDERED, this the 19th day of May 2022.

MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

BY: William Dan Cliff WILLIAM D. MCCLENDON, JR., M.D.

PRESIDENT