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

OF

## CHARLES EDWARD SCHLOSSER, M.D. (NO. 25865)

## CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, CHARLES EDWARD SCHLOSSER, M.D., hereinafter referred to as "Licensee," is the current holder of Mississippi Medical License No. 25865, issued by the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure ("Board") on June 8, 2018, and said license expires on June 30, 2024;

WHEREAS, on September 20, 2021, Licensee, in order to avoid a disciplinary hearing, voluntarily entered into a Consent Order with the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, hereinafter referred to as the "Louisiana Board," for failure to comply with certain of the Louisiana Board's rules on the treatment of chronic pain;

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Board imposed discipline which included a public reprimand; a requirement for completion of Continuing Medical Education (CME) courses in Professionalism and Medical Ethics, Prescribing, and Record Keeping; and a Five Thousand Dollar (\$5,000.00) fine.

WHEREAS, during the investigation into the circumstances that culminated in the Louisiana Consent Order, representatives of this Board discovered that Licensee failed to fully disclose material information about the Louisiana investigation on his initial application for a Mississippi License and a subsequent Mississippi renewal application.

WHEREAS, the Board initiated the disciplinary process by filing allegations against Licensee, which if established before the Board, would constitute violations of the

Mississippi Medical Practice Act, specifically, Subsections (7), (9), and (8)(f) of 73-25-29, and § 73-25-83 (a) of Miss. Code Ann. (1972), 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 or about January 19, 2023, based on the evidence obtained by the investigative staff, Licensee's failure to timely disclose the information in question which could have been the result of mistake or carelessness. As such this Board and Licensee entered into a Consent Order. Licensee admitted the facts as set forth in the allegations subject to the terms, conditions and restrictions as follows:

- This Board found that the discipline imposed in the Louisiana Consent Order was appropriate and should be mirrored by the Board to the extent permitted by law. The Board issued Licensee a Public Reprimand and required Licensee to provide to this Board with proof of successful completion of each CME course ordered by Louisiana. Licensee was required to submit proof of the administrative fine of Five Thousand (\$5,000) in full to the Louisiana Board.
- 2. In addition to the requirements imposed by Louisiana, Licensee agreed to attend and successfully complete the PROBE Program (Professional/Problem-Based Ethics), offered by Center for Personalized Education for Physicians (CPEP). Licensee was required to submit proof of his successful completion to the Board in a timely basis. Licensee agreed to register for, and attend, said course within the six (6) months following January 19, 2023. Attendance of the PROBE Programs was in addition to the forty (40) hours of CME requirements as cited in Title 30, Part 2610, Chapter 2 of the Board's Rules and Regulations.

3. Licensee agreed to obey all federal, state, and local laws, and all rules and regulations governing the practice of medicine. Licensee agreed to reimburse this Board for all costs incurred in relation to the pending matter pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 73-25-30, said amount not to exceed \$10,000. Licensee was advised of the total assessment by separate written notification and tendered 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.

WHEREAS, Licensee timely provided this Board with proof of successful completion of each CME course ordered by Louisiana and proof of payment of the administrative fine of Five Thousand (\$5,000) in full to the Louisiana Board. Licensee also has obeyed all federal, state, and local laws, and all rules and regulations governing the practice of medicine. Licensee timely paid his fines and costs associated with the Consent Order to this Board.

WHEREAS, Licensee registered for and was an active participant in the PROBE course within the six (6) month period set by the Consent Order. Licensee attended all sessions, was prepared for participation and contributed to group discussions. However, Licensee did not submit his final assignment in a timely manner. Licensee submitted his final essay six (6) days after the deadline established by the PROBE Program and did not successfully complete the program.

WHEREAS, on September 28, 2023, Dr. Schlosser was served with a summons and second charging affidavit regarding his failure to successfully complete the PROBE course as required by the original consent order, and there are now pending before the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, certain allegations related to Licensee's conduct;

WHEREAS, Licensee acknowledges committing the violations of the Mississippi Medical Practice Act as stated and set forth in the Board's new charging affidavit;

WHEREAS, the allegations, if established before the Board, constitute violations of the Mississippi Medical Practice Act, specifically, Subsections (8)(d) and 13 of 73-25-29, and § 73-25-83 (a) of Miss. Code Ann. (1972), 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, 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 his joinder herein, does hereby **REPRIMAND** Licensee, subject to the following terms and conditions:

 Licensee shall attend and successfully complete the following additional
Continuing Medical Education (CME) course: The PROBE Program (Professional/Problem-Based Ethics), offered by Center for Personalized Education for Physicians (CPEP) ("PROBE Program"). Licensee shall not submit for credit any prior work developed from attending the June 1 – 3, 2023, PROBE course;

2. Licensee shall register for the PROBE Program within thirty (30) days of entry of this Consent Order;

3. Licensee shall submit proof of his successful completion to the Board on a timely basis. If additional time is needed for attendance, Licensee shall submit a written request for an extension, to be approved in advance by the Executive Director of the Board. All costs relating to CME requirements of this paragraph are borne by Licensee. This is in addition to the forty (40) hours of CME requirements as cited in Title 30, Part 2610, Chapter 2 of the Board's Rules and Regulations.

4. Licensee shall obey all federal, state, and local laws, and all rules and regulations governing the practice of medicine.

5. Licensee shall reimburse this Board for all costs incurred in relation to the pending matter pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 73-25-30, said amount not to exceed \$10,000. 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, 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 reinstated, and this matter shall be set for a full evidentiary hearing at the convenience of the Board.

Should the Board hereafter receive documented evidence of Licensee's 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.

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 the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, insurance company, insurance panel, healthcare network, agency or jurisdiction may take in response to this Order.

Recognizing his right to notice of charges specified against his, to have such charges adjudicated pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 73-25-27, to be represented therein by legal counsel of his choice, and to a final decision rendered upon written findings of fact and conclusions of law, **CHARLES EDWARD SCHLOSSER**, **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, thereby **PUBLICLY REPRIMANDING** his medical license, subject to those terms and conditions listed above.

Executed, this the  $15^{4}$  day of November, 2023.

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ACCEPTED AND APPROVED, this the <u>15th</u> day of November 2023, by the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure.

Michelle OWENS, M.D. Board President