

IN AND BEFORE THE OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF  
MEDICAL LICENSURE AND SUPERVISION

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ex rel, )  
 OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF )  
 MEDICAL LICENSURE AND )  
 SUPERVISION, )  
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 Plaintiff, )  
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 v. )  
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 THOMAS A. AVERY, M.D. )  
 Medical License No. 10046, )  
 )  
 Defendant. )

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 OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF  
 MEDICAL LICENSURE & SUPERVISION

CASE NO. 91-08-1209

FINAL ORDER

This cause came on for hearing before the Oklahoma Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision on May 14, 1993, at the office of the Oklahoma Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision, 5104 N. Francis, Suite C, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, pursuant to notice given as required by law and the rules of the Board.

Daniel J. Gamino, Attorney, appeared for the Plaintiff; and Thomas A. Avery, M.D., Defendant, appeared in person and by legal counsel, Charles M. Laster, Attorney at Law, 102 E. Highland, Shawnee, OK 74801.

The Oklahoma Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision en banc heard statements, reviewed exhibits and being fully advised in the premises, the Oklahoma Board finds and orders as follows:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. That Defendant, Thomas A. Avery, M.D., holds Oklahoma Medical License No. 10046.
2. That the Oklahoma Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision en banc has jurisdiction over the subject matter herein and that notice has been given in all respects as required by law and the rules of the Board.
3. That before hearing any testimony or reviewing any exhibits, the Board reviewed a Voluntary Submittal to Jurisdiction submitted to the Defendant and agreed to by the Defendant.
4. That the Board found the Voluntary Submittal to Jurisdiction and the terms and conditions thereof with amendments were an appropriate disposition of the case and accepted same in that in the event there was a contested hearing there was adequate evidence for some disciplinary action to be taken against Defendant based on previous alcohol dependence and related psychological problems of recurrent depression despite Defendant's completion of in-patient treatment at St. John's Hospital, Salina, Kansas, in Melbourne, Florida, and Timberlawn Hospital, Dallas, Texas, and the April, 1993, meeting of the Texas Medical Professional Group, and the Defendant's attendance at the Physician Recovery Committee of the Oklahoma State Medical Association since November, 1992, and despite Defendant's membership in the American Society for Addiction Medicine.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. That the Oklahoma Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to the Oklahoma Medical Practice Act, 59 O.S. 1991, Sec. 481 et seq.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Secretary of the Oklahoma Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision as follows:

1. That the Defendant, Thomas A. Avery, M.D., holding Oklahoma Medical License No. 10046, should be and is hereby placed on a term of PROBATION to the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision for a period of five (5) years beginning on May 14, 1993, under the following terms and conditions:

- (a) During the period of probation Defendant will not prescribe, administer or dispense any medications for his personal use, to specifically include controlled dangerous substances.
- (b) During the period of probation Defendant will take no medication except that which is authorized by a physician treating him for a legitimate medical need and Defendant shall have an affirmative duty to inform any physician treating him of Defendant's previous use of alcohol and previous diagnosis of recurrent depression.

During the period of probation Defendant will abstain from consuming alcohol or any substance, specifically including but not limited to controlled dangerous substances, which would adversely affect his ability to practice medicine or surgery as interpreted by the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision.

During the period of probation Defendant will submit biological fluid specimens to include, but not limited to, blood and urine, for analysis, upon request of any investigator or other agent representing the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision, and Defendant will pay for testing and analysis of those specimens.

During the period of probation Defendant will continue regular attendance at the Physician Recovery Committee of the Oklahoma State Medical Association and shall sign a recovery contract with that organization that shall include but not be limited to requiring Defendant to make 90 AA meetings in 90 days and to appear for and participate in weekly meetings of the Physician Recovery Committee until such time as the Committee advises weekly attendance is not mandatory and to make a copy of the contract available to Compliance Consultants of the Oklahoma Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision and Defendant shall fulfill all terms and conditions thereof. Defendant shall document attendance of the above meetings by producing sheet signed by Chairman of each session.

- (f) During the period of probation Defendant shall furnish each and every state in which he holds licensure or applies for licensure, and notify all hospitals or clinics or groups in which he anticipates holding any form of staff privileges, a copy of this Board Order stipulating sanctions imposed by the Board.

During the period of probation Defendant will furnish to the office of the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision all current legal addresses and any change of address in writing.

Defendant shall appear before the Board or a designated member thereof whenever requested to do so.

During the period of probation Defendant will submit to the Investigation Division of the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision any required reports and forms on a timely and prompt basis.

That Defendant will conduct his practice in compliance with the Oklahoma Medical Practice Act as interpreted by the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision. Any question of interpretation regarding said Act shall be submitted in writing to the Board and no action based on the subject of the question will be taken by Defendant until clarification of the interpretation is received by Defendant from the Board.

During the period of probation Defendant will not supervise a Physician's Assistant.

Pursuant to Title 59 O.S. Sec. 506, Defendant shall promptly pay within 30 days of receipt of invoice from the Board the costs of investigation, prosecution and probation of this case, unless the Defendant affirmatively obtains a deferment of all or part of said fees upon presentation of evidence that is acceptable to the Board Secretary.

During the period of probation Defendant will keep current payment of all assessment by the Board for investigation, prosecution and probation monitoring of his case.

That violation of any of the terms and conditions of probation shall be grounds for additional charges to be presented to the Board after notice to the Defendant.

2. That the jurisdiction of the Board in this individual proceeding will continue in this matter until the terms and conditions of probation are modified or withdrawn by the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision, either on their own motion or on the motion of the Defendant.

3. That failure to meet any of the above terms of probation will constitute cause for the Board to initiate

additional proceedings to suspend or revoke Defendant's Oklahoma medical license, after additional due notice and hearing.

DATED this 22 day of May, 1993.

Gerald C. Zumwalt  
GERALD C. ZUMWALT, M.D., Secretary  
State Board of Medical Licensure  
and Supervision

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing instrument was mailed, postage prepaid thereon, this 21 day of May, 1993, to:

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