

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

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STATE OF OKLAHOMA, *ex rel.*)
OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF)
MEDICAL LICENSURE AND)
SUPERVISION,)

Plaintiff,)

vs.)

JAMES CURTIS CONNORS, M.D.)
LICENSE NO. 11752)

Defendant.)

Case No. 14-01-4910

VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF LICENSE
IN LIEU OF PROSECUTION

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State of Oklahoma)
Oklahoma County)

I, James Curtis Connors, M.D., being of lawful age and after first being duly sworn, depose and state as follows:

1. I hereby voluntarily surrender my Oklahoma medical license no. 11752.
2. The surrender of my license is freely and voluntarily made. I have not been subject to any coercion or duress, and I am fully aware of the consequences of the surrender of my license.
3. I am the subject of an investigation by the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision involving allegations that, if proven, would constitute grounds for disciplinary action by the Board.
4. The allegations to which I have pled guilty are as follows:

5. This case was initiated as a result of information received from the treatment facility, which reported Defendant left AMA without completing full treatment.
6. In an interview with Board Investigator RR, Defendant admitted to self-medicating with Fentanyl as early as 2012 and subsequently became addicted. To feed his addiction, Defendant began checking out more Fentanyl than what was required for surgical procedures, the remainder of which he would use on himself. This escalated to checking out Fentanyl for patients with no orders for the drug, which he would administer to himself. A medication audit completed in October of 2013 by Defendant's former employer revealed this abuse.
7. Defendant's former employer confronted Defendant about the audit's findings. In that conversation, Defendant admitted to the above-described conduct.
8. Defendant initially agreed with his former employer to attend a 90-day inpatient treatment program in California, but left after only 30 days. Defendant's voluntary discharge from the treatment program was against the professional judgment of the facility's healthcare providers. Defendant's failure to complete the treatment program resulted in his being discharged from his employment and losing his hospital privileges.
9. Defendant is guilty of unprofessional conduct in that he engaged in the following unprofessional conduct:
 - a. Habitual intemperance or the habitual use of habit-forming drugs in violation of Title 59 O.S. 2011, § 509(4);
 - b. Dishonorable or immoral conduct which is likely to deceive, defraud, or harm the public in violation of Title 59 O.S. 2011, § 509(8);
 - c. Prescribing, dispensing or administering of controlled substances or narcotic drugs in excess of the amount considered good medical practice, or prescribing, dispensing or administering controlled substances or narcotic drugs without medical need in accordance with published standards in violation of Title 59 O.S. 2011, § 509(16);
 - d. Indiscriminate or excessive prescribing, dispensing or administering of Controlled or Narcotic Drugs in violation of Oklahoma Administrative Code 435:10-7-4(1)

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- e. The habitual or excessive use of any drug which impairs the ability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to the patient in violation of Oklahoma Administrative Code 435:10-7-4(3);
 - f. Purchasing or prescribing any regulated substance in Schedule I through V, as defined by the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act, for the physician's personal use in violation of Oklahoma Administrative Code 435:10-7-4(5);
 - g. Dispensing, prescribing or administering a controlled substance or narcotic drug without medical need in violation of Oklahoma Administrative Code 435:10-7-4(6);
 - h. Conduct likely to deceive, defraud, or harm the public in violation of Oklahoma Administrative Code 435:10-7-4(11); and
 - i. Prescribing, selling, administering, distributing, ordering, or giving any drug legally classified as a controlled substance or recognized as an addictive dangerous drug to a family member or to himself or herself. Provided that this paragraph shall not apply to family members outside the second degree of consanguinity or affinity. Provided further that this paragraph shall not apply to medical emergencies when no other medical doctor is available to response to the emergency in violation of Oklahoma Administrative Code 435:10-7-4(26).
10. I hereby submit my wallet card and wall certificate as evidence of my intent to surrender my license.
11. I hereby agree that I will not apply for reinstatement of my Oklahoma medical license for a minimum of one year from the entry of the Order Accepting Voluntary Surrender in Lieu of Prosecution, and that if the Board ever reinstates my Oklahoma medical license, it will be under terms of probation to be set by the Board at the time of reinstatement.
12. As a condition to accepting my surrender of license in lieu of prosecution, I acknowledge that the Board may require me to pay all costs expended by the Board for any legal fees and costs, and any investigation, probation and monitoring fees, including but not limited to staff time, salary and travel expense, witness fees and attorney fees.

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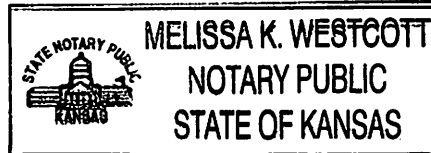
DATED this 10th day of June, 2014.

James Curtis Connors, MD
James Curtis Connors, MD, No. 11752

Subscribed and sworn before me this 10th day of June, 2014.

Melissa Westcott
Notary Public

My commission expires on 01/14/18.



ACCEPTED:

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

Dated: 7-17-14

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