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

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ex rel.,
THE OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD
OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND
SUPERVISION,
Plaintiff,
vs.



Case No. 21-04-5983

HAISAM AL-KHOURI, M.D., LICENSE NO. MD 18417,

Defendant.

# MOTION TO ENFORCE BOARD ORDER

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Pursuant to 59 O.S., 2011 § 513(B), the State of Oklahoma, *ex rel*. Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision ("Board"), by and through its attorney Joseph L. Ashbaker, Assistant Attorney General for the State of Oklahoma ("State"), requests this Board enter an Order finding Haisam Al-Khouri, M.D. ("Defendant") has failed to comply with a previously issued Board Order, and order appropriate sanctions and remedies for those violations. In support thereof, the State submits the following brief:

#### I. VIOLATIONS

On January 19, 2023, the Board entered an Order Accepting Voluntary Submittal to Jurisdiction ("VSJ"). The order set forth the terms and conditions to which Defendant agreed and the Board ordered.

Defendant was found guilty of unprofessional conduct in that:

- a. Prescribing, dispensing or administering of controlled substances or narcotic drugs in excess of the amount considered good medical practice, in accordance with published standards in violation of Title 59 § 509(16)(a) and OAC 435:10-7-4(1), (2) and (6).
- b. Failure to maintain an office record for each patient which accurately reflects the evaluation, treatment and medical necessity of treatment of the patient in violation of Title 59 § 509(18) and OAC 435:10-7-4(41).

Among the terms and conditions agreed to by Defendant and Ordered by the Board were the following:

## Specific Terms:

- c. Defendant shall participate in a supervised remedial educational plan with the following recommendations providing the foundation for educational intervention.
  - i. Defendant shall initially engage in a structured review of the profile of each patient taking controlled substances, create a written inventory, and present all patients for whom he intends to prescribe controlled substances to a Preceptor to discuss medication selection and dosing, screening for substance use disorder, informed consent, and monitoring.
  - ii. Subsequently, Defendant shall review all patients whom he plans to initiate controlled substances or increase the dosage of existing medication with the Preceptor.
- d. Educational Preceptor: Defendant shall establish a relationship with an experienced educational Preceptor Board Certified in Psychiatry. This involves regularly scheduled meetings to review cases and documentation, discuss decisions related to those cases, review specific topics, and make plans for future learning.

Controlled Substance Prescribing Intensive Review:

- i. Dr. Al-Khouri shall review all patients prescribed controlled dangerous substances including but not limited to benzodiazepines and/or benzodiazepine-like medications and stimulant medications with a preceptor. This review would include discussions of patient evaluations, diagnoses, informed consent, monitoring, and documentation.
- ii. Dr. Al-Khouri shall review with a preceptor a selection of charts for patients prescribed controlled substances.
- iii. The schedule and frequency of meetings will be determined by the Preceptor.
- iv. The Preceptor and remedial educational plan shall be approved of in advance by the Board Secretary.
- v. The Preceptor will make himself or herself available to Board staff and will cooperate with Board staff in their monitoring of the Defendant and his practice.
- vi. Defendant shall ensure that quarterly reports from the Preceptor are provided to the Board Secretary and Compliance Coordinator.

- vii. If the Parties are unable to agree to a Preceptor within ten (10) days from the effective date of this Order, then either party may make application with the Board for the approval of a Preceptor for the purposes stated herein.
- viii. In the event the original Preceptor becomes unavailable, for any reason, a replacement shall be named by the Board Secretary who is acceptable to the Defendant. If the Parties are unable to agree to practice monitor/mentor within thirty (30) days, then either party may make application before the Board for the approval of a replacement Preceptor for the purposes stated herein.
- ix. The Defendant shall be responsible for any costs of mentoring by the Preceptor.
- x. The relationship between the Preceptor and Defendant, including their recommendations for the Defendant, shall be reviewed by the Board Secretary at one (1) year from the effective date of this order for consideration of modifications to the terms of this Order.

On March 23, 2023, the preceptor for Defendant wrote a letter to the Secretary of the Board as well as the Board itself and informed each of his intent to resign from the mentoring of Defendant. The preceptor stated numerous reasons for his resignation and among them were that not only was Defendant continuing to overprescribe benzodiazepines, but also stated that his patients "come here expecting benzodiazepines" and that his understanding of the Order was his is not expected to change his practice but simply to comply with visits from a proctor. Defendant also stated that if he "tapered and discontinued benzodiazepines on any one or number of patients, they would simply go elsewhere to obtain the same prescriptions and in his practice would be replaced by others who would be seeking benzodiazepine prescriptions and to whom he would then begin writing benzodiazepines."

Defendant has failed to meet the terms and conditions of the Board Ordered VSJ.

## **II. CONCLUSION**

It is requested that this Honorable Board find, by clear and convincing evidence, that Defendant has willfully violated Board Orders and the terms and conditions of his VSJ and order appropriate sanctions and remedies in accordance with 59 O.S. § 513(B) and 59 O.S. § 509.1.

Respectfully Submitted,

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