

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

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MEDICAL LICENSURE & SUPERVISION

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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OKEY NWOKOLO, M.D.,)
LICENSE NO. MD 19613,)
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Defendant.)

Case No. 23-10-6273

**ORDER ACCEPTING
VOLUNTARY SUBMITTAL TO JURISDICTION**

The State of Oklahoma, *ex rel.* Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision (“Board”), by and through Alex A. Pedraza, Assistant Attorney General, for the State of Oklahoma (“State”) and Board staff, as represented by the Secretary of the Board, Billy H. Stout, M.D., and the Executive Director of the Board, Lyle Kelsey, along with Okey Nwokolo, M.D. (“Defendant”), Medical Doctor license no. 19613, represented by counsel E. Ed Bonzie, (collectively, the “Parties”), appear and offer this Order Accepting Voluntary Submittal to Jurisdiction (herein, “Order” or “Agreement”) for acceptance by the Board. Okla. Admin. Code § 435:5-1-5.1.

By voluntarily submitting to jurisdiction and entering into this Order, Defendant acknowledges the allegations contained herein and further acknowledges that a hearing before the Board could result in some sanction under the Oklahoma Allopathic Medical and Surgical Licensure and Supervision Act (“Act”). 59 O.S. § 480, *et seq.*

Defendant, Okey Nwokolo, M.D., states that he is of sound mind and is not under the influence of, or impaired by, any medication or drug and that he fully recognizes his right to appear before the Board for an evidentiary hearing on the allegations made against him. Defendant hereby voluntarily waives his right to a full hearing, submits to the jurisdiction of the Board and agrees to abide by the terms and conditions of this Order. Defendant acknowledges that he has read and understands the terms and conditions stated herein, and that this Agreement may be reviewed and discussed with him by legal counsel prior to execution.

If the Board does not accept this Order, the Parties stipulate that it shall be regarded as null and void. Stipulations by Defendant herein, if any, shall not be regarded as evidence against him

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in a subsequent disciplinary hearing. Defendant will be free to defend himself and no inferences will be made from his willingness to have this Order accepted by the Board. The Parties stipulate that neither the presentation of this Order nor the Board's consideration of this Order shall be deemed to have unfairly or illegally prejudiced the Board or its individual members and, therefore, shall not be grounds for precluding the Board nor any individual Board member from further participation in proceedings related to the matters set forth herein.

Findings of Fact


Plaintiff, Defendant and Board staff each, and jointly, stipulate and agree as follows:

1. Defendant, an allopathic physician licensed by the Board, supervises Ngozi Nwokolo, Advanced Practice Register Nurse ("APRN") at his clinic.
2. Ngozi Nwokolo, APRN, allowed her Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs ("OBN") registration, no. 61826, to become inactive for the period of December 2, 2021, through September 20, 2023.
3. During the time period described above, Ngozi Nwokolo, APRN, wrote at least five (5) prescriptions for controlled dangerous substances ("CDS") despite the fact that her OBN registration was expired.
4. Defendant had a duty to provide adequate supervision of his supervisee and accordingly knew or should have known that supervisee Ngozi Nwokolo, APRN's OBN registration number was expired and that she was legally precluded from writing prescriptions for CDS during this time.

Conclusions of Law

1. The Board has jurisdiction over the subject matter and is a duly authorized agency of the State of Oklahoma empowered to license and oversee the activities of allopathic physicians and surgeons in the State of Oklahoma. 59 O.S. § 480, *et seq.* and Okla. Admin. Code 435:5-1-1, *et seq.*
2. Notice was provided as required by law and the rules of the Board. 75 O.S. § 309; 59 O.S. § 504; Okla. Admin. Code §§ 435:3-3-5, 435:3-3-6.
3. The Board is authorized to suspend, revoke or order any other appropriate sanctions or disciplinary action against the license of any allopathic physician or surgeon holding a license to practice medicine in the State of Oklahoma for unprofessional conduct. 59 O.S. §§ 503, 513(A)(1). The Board's action is authorized by 59 O.S. § 509.1.
4. The Board is authorized to accept voluntary submittals to jurisdiction mutually agreed to by parties to a disciplinary action to resolve the action without need for a hearing. 75 O.S. § 309(E); Okla. Admin. Code § 435:5-1-5.1.

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5. Based on the foregoing, Defendant is guilty of unprofessional conduct as follows:
- a. Aiding or abetting, directly or indirectly, the practice of medicine by any person not duly authorized under the laws of this state, in violation of 59 O.S. 509(14).

Orders

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

1. The Board hereby adopts the Agreement of the Parties in this Order Accepting Voluntary Submittal to Jurisdiction, including the findings of fact and conclusions of law stated herein.
2. **OKEY NWOKOLO, M.D.**, Oklahoma Allopathic Physician license no. 19613, is hereby formally **REPRIMANDED**.
3. **OKEY NWOKOLO, M.D.**, shall pay a fine of \$5,000 to the Board within one hundred and twenty (120) days of the entry of this Order.
4. Promptly upon receipt of an invoice, Defendant shall pay all costs of this action authorized by law, including without limitation, legal fees, investigation costs, staff time, salary and travel expenses, witness fees and attorneys' fees.
5. A copy of this Order shall be provided to Defendant as soon as it is processed.

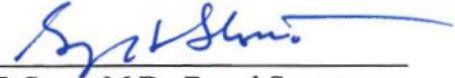
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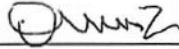
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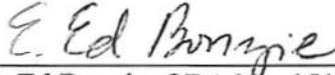
Billy H. Stout, M.D., Board Secretary
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that on the 17th day of May 2024, a true and correct copy of this Order was transmitted as indicated, postage prepaid, to the following:

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