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

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APPLICATION OF)	NOV 1 0 2005
KRISHNAMURTHY ASHOK, M.D.)))	OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE & SUPERVISION
FOR REINSTATEMENT OF OKLAHOMA MEDICAL LICENSE NO. 24186))	Case No. 04-11-2906
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ORDER GRANTING REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSE UNDER TERMS OF PROBATION

This matter came on for hearing before the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision on November 3, 2005, at the Board office, 5104 North Francis, Suite C, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118, pursuant to notice given as required by law and rules of the Board.

Defendant, Krishnamurthy Ashok, M.D. appeared in person and pro se.

Elizabeth A. Scott, Assistant Attorney General, appeared on behalf of the State of Oklahoma, ex rel. the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision.

The Board *en banc* heard testimony, reviewed the exhibits presented, and being fully apprised of the premises, entered the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Orders:

Findings of Fact

- 1. The Board *en banc* has jurisdiction over the subject matter herein, and notice has been given in all respects as required by law and the rules of the Board.
- 2. On May 5, 2005, after hearing before the Board en banc, the Board entered a Final Order of Suspension whereby Defendant's license was suspended for a period of SIX (6) MONTHS, after which time Defendant could appear before the Board so that the terms of a five (5) year probation could be determined.
 - 3. Defendant is now seeking reinstatement of his Oklahoma medical license no. 24186.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Board has jurisdiction to reinstate the license of a physician pursuant to 59 O.S. §508.1
- 2. The Board may impose practice parameters and other restrictions as necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public under 59 O.S. §480 et seq.

ORDER

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

- 1. Defendant's medical license shall be reinstated under the following terms and conditions of **PROBATION**, which shall continue for a period of **FIVE (5) YEARS** from the date of reinstatement under the following terms and conditions:
 - A. Defendant will conduct his practice in compliance with the Oklahoma Allopathic Medical and Surgical Licensure and Supervision Act as interpreted by the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision. Any question of interpretation regarding said Acts 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 interpretation is received by Defendant from the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision.
 - B. Upon request of the Board Secretary, Defendant will request all hospitals, clinics and other facilities in which he practices to furnish to the Board Secretary a written statement regarding monitoring of his practice while performing services in or to that hospital, clinic or facility.
 - C. Defendant will furnish to each and every state in which he holds licensure or applies for licensure and hospitals, clinics or other institutions in which he holds or anticipates holding any form of staff privilege or employment, a copy of the Board Order stipulating sanctions imposed by the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision.
 - D. Defendant is approved to practice no more than twenty (20) hours per week at The Referral Center under the direct supervision of Hal Vorse, M.D. Any additional employment involving direct patient care up to a total of forty (40) hours per week must be approved in writing in advance by the Board Secretary. Any

employment over the total of forty (40) hours per week or a residency program must be approved in advance by the Board.

- E. Defendant will not supervise allied health professionals that require surveillance of a licensed physician.
- F. Defendant will submit for analysis biological fluid specimens including, but not limited to, blood and urine, upon request of the Board or its designee, and Defendant will pay for the costs attendant thereto.
- G. Defendant will not prescribe, administer or dispense any medications for personal use or for that of any family member.
- H. Defendant will take no medication except that which is authorized by a physician treating him for a legitimate medical need. Defendant has the affirmative duty to inform any and every doctor treating him of the Board Order immediately upon initiation, or continuation of treatment.
- I. Defendant will have the affirmative duty not to ingest any substance which will cause a body fluid sample to test positive for prohibited substances, including but not limited to alcohol.
- J. Defendant will execute such releases of medical and psychiatric records during the entire term of probation as necessary for use by the Compliance Consultant or other Board designee to obtain copies of medical records and authorize the Compliance Consultant or other Board designee to discuss Defendant's case with Defendant's treating physicians and/or any physicians holding Defendant's records.
- K. Defendant will abide by the terms and recommendations of his postcare contract with the Physicians' Recovery Program.
- L. Defendant will attend four (4) meetings per week of a local 12-step program, including one (1) meeting per week of the Physicians' Recovery Program.
- M. Defendant shall promptly notify the Board of any relapse, including any entry, or re-entry, into a treatment program for substance abuse.
- N. Defendant shall promptly notify the Board of any citation or arrest for traffic or for criminal offenses involving substance

abuse.

- O. Defendant will keep the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision informed of his current address.
- P. Defendant will keep current payment of all assessment by the Board for prosecution, investigation and monitoring of his case, including but not limited to a \$100.00 per month monitoring fee.
- Q. Until such time as all indebtedness to the Oklahoma State Board of Medial Licensure and Supervision has been satisfied, Defendant will reaffirm said indebtedness in any and all bankruptcy proceedings.
- R. Defendant shall make himself available for one or more personal appearances before the Board or its designee upon request.
- S. Defendant shall submit any required reports and forms on a timely and prompt basis to the Compliance Coordinator or designee.
- 2. During the period of probation, failure to meet any of the terms of probation will constitute cause for the Board to initiate additional proceedings to suspend or revoke Defendant's license, after due notice and hearing.
- 3. Defendant's license will be reinstated only upon payment in full of all costs and expenses incurred by the State of Oklahoma.
 - 4. A copy of this written order shall be sent to Defendant as soon as it is processed.

Dated this 10 day of November, 2005.

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

Certificate of Service

On the O day of November, 2005, a true and correct copy of this order was mailed, postage prepaid, to Krishnamurthy Ashok, 2865 Ann Dr., OKC, OK 73107.

Janet Swindle