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

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ex rel.	
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OF MEDICAL LICENSURE)
AND SUPERVISION,) OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE & SUPERVISION
Plaintiff,	
v.) Case No. 19-05-5748
PEDRO MEJIA GARAGORRY, M.D.,)
LICENSE MD 34104,)
)
Defendant.)

AGREED ORDER GRANTING REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSE <u>UNDER TERMS OF PROBATION</u> AFTER VOLUNTARY SUBMITTAL TO JURISDICTION

This matter came on for hearing before the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision ("Board") on July 20, 2023, at the office of the Board, 101 N.E. 51st Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105, pursuant to notice given as required by law and rules of the Board.

This Order Granting Reinstatement of License Under Terms of Probation After Voluntary Submittal to Jurisdiction is entered into by and between Billy H. Stout, Secretary of the Board and Pedro Mejia Garagorry, M.D. 59 O.S. § 506(A).

Billy Stout, M.D., Board Secretary appeared in person on behalf of Plaintiff. Defendant appeared in person, and through counsel Elizabeth A. Scott. Plaintiff and Defendant are collectively referred to herein as the "Parties."

The following witness was sworn and testified: Defendant, Pedro Mejia Garagorry, M.D.

The Board heard representations of Billy Stout, M.D., and testimony of Defendant. The Board reviewed the exhibits presented and being fully advised of the premises, makes the following findings of fact, conclusions of law and orders.

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Plaintiff, Defendant and the Board staff stipulate and agree as follows:

1. In Oklahoma, Defendant holds medical license no. 34104.

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- 2. On October 14, 2019, a Verified Complaint ("2019 Complaint") and Citation were each filed by the Board.
- 3. On January 16, 2020, an Order Accepting Voluntary Submittal to the Jurisdiction was filed. ("VSJ").
- 4. On October 13, 2021, A Motion to Enforce Board was filed.
- 5. On March 10, 2022. an Order Accepting Voluntary Submittal to the Jurisdiction was filed. ("2022 VSJ").
- 6. The 2022 VSJ provided Defendant would not request reinstatement for at least one (1) year from the date of the Order. It further provided any such license would be reinstated under terms and conditions of probation for a period of five (5) years and that Defendant shall complete a Clinical Skills Assessment and a Psychiatric Assessment in advance of applying for reinstatement.
- 7. Defendant has completed both the Clinical Skills Assessment and a Psychiatric Assessment.
- 8. On July 11, 2023, Defendant applied for reinstatement of his Oklahoma medical license ("2023 Application for Reinstatement").
- 9. At the July 20, 2023, Board meeting, Billy Stout, M.D., Board Secretary, advised the Board regarding Defendant's history and 2023 Application for Reinstatement. Dr. Stout advised that Defendant has met all requirements for reinstatement as listed in the 2022 VSJ, as ordered by the Board.
- 10. Defendant testified on his own behalf.
- 11. The Board found that Defendant has met all requirements for reinstatement, and Defendant's license will be reinstated pursuant to terms of probation.
- 12. Any conclusion of law below which is more properly characterized as a finding of fact is hereby incorporated as a finding of fact.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 13. 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 physicians and surgeons in the State of Oklahoma. 59 O.S. § 480 et seq., 59 O.S. 492 et seq.; Okla. Admin. Code §§ 435:5-1-1 et seq., 435:10-4-2.
- 14. The Board may require satisfactory evidence of professional competence and good moral character from applicants requesting reinstatement of any license or certificate issued by the Board. 59 O.S. § 495h.

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- 15. 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.
- 16. Defendant has met all requirements for reinstatement of his license. 59 O.S. § 492.1 *et seq.*, Okla. Admin. Code §§ 435:5-1-6, *et seq.*, 435:5-1-6.1.
- 17. Any finding of fact above which is more properly characterized as a conclusion of law is hereby incorporated as a conclusion of law.

ORDERS

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

- 18. Pursuant to the terms and conditions herein stated, the Oklahoma medical license no. 34104 of **PEDRO MEJIA GARAGORRY**, **M.D.**, is **REINSTATED**, effective on the date of the filing of this order.
- 19. **PEDRO MEJIA GARAGORRY, M.D.** is hereby placed on **PROBATION** for a period of five (5) years. Probation begins at the time Defendant commences practicing on Oklahoma residents, including via telemedicine or locum tenens.
- 20. **PEDRO MEJIA GARAGORRY, M.D.** shall comply with all of the following terms and conditions:

Specific Terms:

- a. Any employment involving the treatment of Oklahoma residents including locum tenens, telemedicine, shall be approved of in advance by the Board Secretary.
- b. Defendant shall follow all the terms and conditions set forth in the Ohio Professionals Health Program ("OhioPHP") monitoring agreement that was signed on January 18, 2022 and is in effect for a period of three (3) years.
- c. Defendant shall authorize and ensure OhioPHP will provide quarterly reports to the Board Secretary and Compliance Coordinator. Quarterly reports shall confirm Defendant's compliance with status until the OhioPHP monitoring agreement is complete.
- d. Defendant shall complete one (1) continuing medical education ("CME") course, approved of in advance by the Board Secretary, consisting of one CME course for professionalism. This course is in addition to Defendant's regular CME courses and shall be completed within one (1) year from the effective date of the filing of this Order. Documentation of the completed CME courses must be provided to the Compliance Coordinator.

Standard Terms:

e. Defendant shall conduct his practice in compliance with the Oklahoma Allopathic Medical and Surgical Licensure and Supervision Act ("Act") as interpreted by the

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- Board. Any question of interpretation regarding the Act or this Order 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 Board or its authorized designee. 59 O.S. § 480, *et seq*.
- f. Defendant shall furnish a file-stamped copy of this Order stipulating terms imposed by the Board, to each and every state in which he holds licensure or applies for licensure and to all hospitals, clinics or other facilities in which he holds or anticipates holding any form of staff privileges or employment.
- g. Defendant shall keep the Board informed of his current address. Okla. Admin. code § 435:10-7-7.
- h. Defendant shall keep current payment of all assessments by the Board for prosecution, investigation, and monitoring of his case, which shall include, but is not limited to, a fee of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) per month during the term of probation, unless Defendant affirmatively obtains a deferment of all or part of said fees upon presentation of evidence that is acceptable to the Board Secretary.
- i. Until such time as all indebtedness to the Board has been satisfied, Defendant will reaffirm said indebtedness in any bankruptcy proceeding.
- Defendant shall not supervise allied health professionals, physician assistants, or advanced nurse practitioners, that requires surveillance of a licensed medical practitioner.
- k. Defendant shall promptly notify the Board Secretary or Compliance Coordinator of any citation or arrest for traffic or for criminal offenses.
- Upon request, Defendant shall make himself available to the Board Secretary or Compliance Coordinator for personal visits and for personal appearances before the board or its designee.
- m. Defendant shall submit any required reports and forms on a timely and prompt basis to the Compliance Coordinator or authorized designee.
- n. Defendant shall obey all state, federal and local laws governing the practice of medicine in the State of Oklahoma. Licensee shall immediately notify the Board or its designee of any arrest or charge filed against him.
- o. If during Defendant's term of probation, he ceases to practice on Oklahoma residents, including via telemedicine and locum tenens, this Order will be tolled until such time as Defendant resumes his Oklahoma practice. Defendant will notify the Board Secretary and Compliance Coordinator prior to the commencement or cessation of his Oklahoma practice.

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- p For good cause shown, upon request of the Board or its designee, Defendant will submit biological specimens for analysis, including but not limited to, blood, urine, hair follicle and nail samples, and Defendant will pay the costs attendant thereto.
- q. Defendant will take no medication except that which is authorized by a physician treating him for a legitimate medical need, and only during that time in which he is being treated by the physician for that specific medical need. Defendant has the affirmative duty to inform any and every doctor treating him of this Order immediately upon initiation, or continuation of treatment. In the event that Defendant is prescribed any controlled dangerous substance during the term of this Order, Defendant shall contact the Board Secretary or the Board designee to discuss the prescription.
- r. Defendant shall not prescribe, administer or dispense any prescription medications for personal use or for that of any family members, friends, employees or associates.
- s. Defendant will have the affirmative duty not to ingest any substance, including but not limited to alcohol, which will cause a body fluid sample to test positive for prohibited substances.
- t. Failure to meet any of the terms of this Order will constitute cause for the Board to initiate additional proceedings to suspend, revoke or modify Defendant's license after due notice and hearing.
- u. Immediately upon learning that a licensee is in violation of a Board-ordered probation, the Executive Director of the Board may summarily suspend the license based on imminent harm to the public and assign a hearing date for the matter to be presented at the next scheduled Board meeting. 59 O.S. § 506(B).

21. A copy of this Order shall be provided to Defendant as soon as it is processed.

Dated this 20 th day of Jucy , 2023.

Billy H. Stout, M.D., Board Secretary

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Certificate of Service

This is to certify that on the 20th day of July, 2023, the foregoing instrument was transmitted as indicated, postage prepaid, to the following:

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