

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

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EX REL. THE OKLAHOMA BOARD)
OF MEDICAL LICENSURE)
AND SUPERVISION,)

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OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF
MEDICAL LICENSURE & SUPERVISION

Plaintiff,)

v.)

Case No. 10-04-3979

BRUCE SCOT CARLTON, P.A.,)
LICENSE NO. PA871,)

Defendant.)

**ORDER ACCEPTING
VOLUNTARY SUBMITTAL TO JURISDICTION**

Plaintiff, the State of Oklahoma, ex rel. the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision (the "Board"), by and through its attorney, Elizabeth A. Scott, Assistant Attorney General for the State of Oklahoma, and the staff of the Board, as represented by the Secretary of the Board, Gerald C. Zumwalt, M.D., and the Executive Director of the Board, Lyle Kelsey, and the Defendant, Bruce Scot Carlton, P.A., Oklahoma physician assistant license no. PA871, who appears in person and pro se, proffer this Agreement for acceptance by the Board *en banc* pursuant to Section 435:5-1-5.1 of the Oklahoma Administrative Code ("OAC").

AGREEMENT AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT BY DEFENDANT

By voluntarily submitting to jurisdiction and entering into this Order, Defendant pleads guilty to the allegations in the Complaint and Citation filed herein on June 7, 2010, and acknowledges that hearing before the Board would result in some sanction under the Oklahoma Allopathic Medical and Surgical Licensure and Supervision Act (the "Act") and the Oklahoma Physician Assistant Act.

Defendant, Bruce Scot Carlton, P.A., 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 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 has been reviewed and discussed with him.

PARTIES' AGREEMENT AND STIPULATIONS

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

Findings of Fact

1. The Board is a duly authorized agency of the State of Oklahoma empowered to license and oversee the activities of physician assistants in the State of Oklahoma pursuant to 59 Okla. Stat. §480 *et seq.* and 887.1 *et seq.* The Board has jurisdiction over this matter, and notice has been given in all respects in accordance with law and the rules of the Board.

2. Defendant, Bruce Scot Carlton, P.A., holds Oklahoma physician assistant license no. PA871 and practices in Prague, Oklahoma.

3. In or around July 2004, Defendant completed approximately fourteen (14) weeks of inpatient treatment for substance abuse at the Metro Atlanta Residential Recovery program in Georgia. Defendant was treated for abuse of alcohol, Xanax, Hydrocodone, Ritalin and IV Stadol. Upon completion of treatment, Defendant signed a five (5) year contract to be monitored by the Oklahoma Health Professionals Recovery Program.

4. In or around January 2009, Defendant relapsed on alcohol. Defendant admits that in October, he purchased Xanax "on the street" and began abusing it. Defendant further admits that in December 2009, he obtained Lortab from a friend and ingested it.

5. From January 3, 2010 until March 17, 2010, Defendant obtained treatment at Palmetto Addiction Recovery Center.

6. Defendant is guilty of unprofessional conduct in that:

- A. He has violated a provision of the Medical Practice Act or the rules promulgated by the Board pursuant to OAC 435:15-5-11(a)(7).
- B. He has engaged in dishonorable or immoral conduct which is likely to deceive, defraud, or harm the public in violation of 59 O.S. §509(8) and OAC 435:10-7-4(11).
- C. He has violated any provision of the medical practice act or the rules and regulations of the Board or of an action, stipulation, or agreement of the Board in violation of OAC 435:10-7-4(39).

- D. He habitually uses intoxicating liquors or habit-forming drugs in violation of OAC 435:15-5-11(a)(1), 59 O.S. §509(4) and OAC 435:10-7-4(3).
- E. He is unable to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of age, illness, drunkenness, excessive use of drugs, narcotics, chemicals or any other type of material or as a result of any mental or physical condition in violation of 59 O.S. §509(15) and OAC 435:10-7-4(40).
- F. He has violated or attempted to violate, directly or indirectly, any of the provisions of the Oklahoma Allopathic Medical and Surgical Licensure and Supervision Act, either as a principal, accessory or accomplice in violation of 59 O.S. §509(13).
- G. He has confessed to a crime involving violation of the antinarcotic or prohibition laws and regulations of the federal government and the laws of this state in violation of 59 O.S. §509(7).
- H. He violated any state or federal law or regulation relating to controlled substances in violation of OAC 435:10-7-4(27).
- I. He prescribed, sold, administered, distributed, ordered, or gave any drug legally classified as a controlled substance or recognized as an addictive dangerous drug to a family member or to himself or herself in violation of OAC 435:10-7-4(26).
- J. He purchased or prescribed any regulated substance in Schedule I through V, as defined by the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substance Act, for the physician's personal use in violation of OAC 435:10-7-4(5).

Conclusions of Law

1. The Board has jurisdiction and authority over the Defendant and subject matter herein pursuant to the Oklahoma Allopathic Medical and Surgical Licensure and Supervision Act (the "Act") and its applicable regulations. The Board is authorized to enforce the Act as necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

2. Defendant, Bruce Scot Carlton, P.A., Oklahoma physician assistant license no. PA871, is guilty of unprofessional conduct set forth below based on the foregoing facts:

- A. He has violated a provision of the Medical Practice Act or the rules promulgated by the Board pursuant to OAC 435:15-5-11(a)(7).
- B. He has engaged in dishonorable or immoral conduct which is likely to deceive, defraud, or harm the public in violation of 59 O.S. §509(8) and OAC 435:10-7-4(11).
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Order

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

1. The Board *en banc* hereby adopts the agreement of the parties in this Voluntary Submittal to Jurisdiction.
2. The license of Defendant, Bruce Scot Carlton, P.A., Oklahoma physician assistant license no. PA871, is hereby **SUSPENDED** for a period of **THIRTY (30) DAYS** beginning July 22, 2010 and continuing through August 21, 2010.
3. At the conclusion of the term of suspension, Defendant shall be placed on **PROBATION** for a period of **FIVE (5) YEARS** 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 and the Oklahoma Physician Assistant 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 in which he anticipates practicing to furnish to the Board Secretary of the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision a written statement regarding monitoring of his practice while performing services in or to that hospital.

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 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 physicians holding Defendant's records.

E. Defendant will submit biological fluid specimens to include, but not limited to, blood and urine, for analysis, upon request of the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision or its designee, and Defendant will pay for the analysis thereof.

F. Defendant will not prescribe, administer or dispense any medications for personal use or for that of any family member.

G. 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.

H. 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.

I. Defendant will authorize in writing the release of any and all information regarding his treatment at Palmetto and any other records of his medical, emotional or psychiatric treatment to the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision.

J. Defendant will abide by the recommendations of Palmetto.

K. Defendant will sign a contract with the Health Professionals Recovery Program and will abide by all terms of this contract.

- L. Defendant shall obtain a sponsor.
- M. Defendant shall obtain therapy a minimum of one (1) day per week with Julio Rojas, M.D. or another counselor approved in advance in writing by the Board Secretary. Defendant shall provide quarterly reports from his therapist to the Board Secretary for his review.
- N. Defendant shall obtain a primary care physician to be approved in advance in writing by the Board Secretary. Defendant's primary care physician shall manage all of Defendant's medications and shall be made aware of any medications prescribed by any other physician to Defendant.
- O. Defendant shall attend a minimum of four (4) 12-Step meetings per week, one (1) of which shall be the Health Professionals Recovery Program meeting.
- P. Defendant shall promptly notify the Board of any relapse, including any entry, or re-entry, into a treatment program for substance abuse.
- Q. Defendant shall promptly notify the Board of any citation or arrest for traffic or for criminal offenses involving substance abuse.
- R. Defendant will keep the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision informed of his current address.
- S. Defendant will keep current payment of all assessments by the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision for prosecution, investigation and monitoring of his case, which shall include but is not limited to a one hundred-fifty dollar (\$150.00) per month fee during the term of probation.
- T. Until such time as all indebtedness to the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision has been satisfied, Defendant will reaffirm said indebtedness in any and all bankruptcy proceedings.
- U. Defendant shall make himself available for one or more personal appearances before the Board or its designee upon request.
- V. Defendant shall submit any required reports and forms on a timely, accurate and prompt basis to the Compliance Coordinator

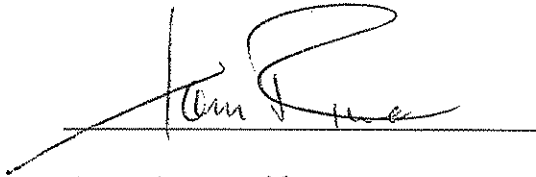
or designee.

W. Failure to meet any of the terms of this Board Order will constitute cause for the Board to initiate additional proceedings to suspend, revoke or modify Defendant's license after due notice and hearing.

4. Promptly upon receipt of an invoice, Defendant shall pay all costs of this action authorized by law, including without limitation, legal fees and costs, investigation costs, staff time, salary and travel expenses, witness fees and attorney's fees.

5. Defendant's suspended license shall not be reinstated unless Defendant has reimbursed the Board for all taxed costs and expenses incurred by the State of Oklahoma.

Dated this 22 day of July, 2010.

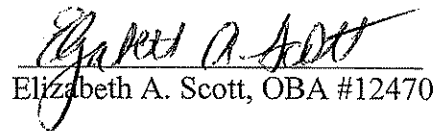


Tom Rine, President
Oklahoma State Board of
Medical Licensure and Supervision

AGREED AND APPROVED

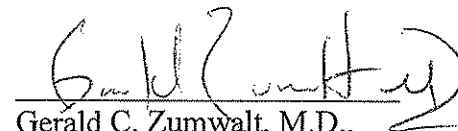


Bruce Scot Carlton, P.A.
License No. PA871



Elizabeth A. Scott, OBA #12470

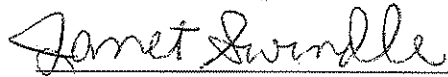
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Board of Medical Licensure
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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I certify that on the 23 day of July, 2010, a mailed a true and correct copy of the Order Accepting Voluntary Submittal to Jurisdiction to Bruce Scot Carlton, Prague Family Clinic, P.O. Box 842, Prague, OK 74864.


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