State of Rhode Island Department of Health Board of Medical Licensure & Discipline



IN THE MATTER OF:
Robert Gordon M.D.
License # MD 04002
Controlled substance registration CMD 04002
Complaint # C18-0152

SUSPENSION

Robert Gordon M.D. (hereinafter "Respondent") is licensed as a physician in Rhode Island. An investigation was conducted by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline (Board) regarding complaint C170480 which was resolved by a Consent Order ratified by the Board on November 8th, 2017. The Board and the Director of Health make the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Respondent is a licensed physician in Rhode Island and was issued his license on July 24th, 1968.
- 2. Respondent agreed to a Consent Order based on complaint C17080 which was ratified by the Board on November 8th, 2017. In the ratified Consent Order, paragraph 7 &8 state "Respondent will check the PMP before prescribing any controlled substance. Respondent will send to the Board monthly summaries of his controlled substance prescribing from the PMP".
- 3. Respondent has prescribed controlled substances as evidenced by review of the PMP, on 12 separate occasions to 11 different individuals and has not checked the PMP. Respondent has also not sent in monthly summaries of controlled substance prescribing as agreed upon in the previously ratified order.
- 4. The ratified Consent order stipulates in paragraph 9, "If any term of this Consent Order is violated, after it is signed and accepted, the Director of the Department of Health shall have the discretion to impose further disciplinary action. If the Director imposes further disciplinary action, Respondent shall be given notice and shall have the right to request a

hearing within twenty (20) days of the suspension and/or further discipline. The Director of the Department of Health shall also have the discretion to request a hearing after notice to Respondent of a violation of any term of this Consent Order. The Board may suspend Respondent's license, or impose further discipline, for the remainder of Respondent's licensing period if any alleged violation is proven by a preponderance of evidence."

5. Respondent has violated Rhode Island General Law § 5-37-5.1 (24) "Violating any provision or provisions of this chapter or the rules and regulations of the board or any rules or regulations promulgated by the director or of an action, stipulation, or agreement of the board;"

ORDER

After considering the findings of the Board regarding Robert Gordon, M.D. and the November 8th, 2017 Consent order, it is hereby ordered:

- 1. Respondent's controlled substance registration is suspended until further Order of the Department of Health, Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline.
- 2. Respondent's license to practice medicine is suspended, provided however, said suspension is stayed on the condition Respondent completes an evaluation from the Center for Personalized Education for Physicians (CPEP) within 6 months of this order and follows all recommendations made thereunder.
- 3. Respondent shall ensure appropriate continuity of care for his patients including ready access to medical records and appropriate referrals to qualified health professionals.

Respondent may request a hearing, in writing, within 20 days of this Order.

Nicole Alexander-Scott, M.D., M.P.H.

Director of Health

Date

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that a copy of this **ORDER** was delivered to Robert Gordon., via constable on this _______ day of ________, 2018.

Sale.

Marc Lautieri
RI State Constable License #6077