

# STATE OF RHODE ISLAND & PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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## RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE & DISCIPLINE

In the matter of:

ARTHUR HILTON PARMENTIER M.D.

License Number MD 09179

Complaint Number C16-415

### VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF LICENSE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE

Arthur Hilton Parmentier M.D., (hereinafter "Respondent") is licensed as a physician in Rhode Island. After a review of the above-referenced matter the Board of Medical Licensure & Discipline (Board) makes the following:

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is a licensed physician in Rhode Island and was issued his license on June 17<sup>th</sup>, 1996. His primary specialty is psychiatry, his practice is located at the Suite 208, 360 Kingstown Road in North Kingstown, Rhode Island. Respondent is a graduate of Ross University School of Medicine.
2. The Board received complaint C16-415 regarding Patient A (alias) regarding care she received while under the care of the Respondent.
3. Respondent is a psychiatrist and Patient A sought care in 2008, after being discharged from a hospital due to exacerbation of her behavioral health conditions.

4. Respondent initially treated patient for her pre-existing behavioral health conditions which included counseling and pharmacotherapy. Respondent initially saw Patient A every 2 weeks and then monthly and then at regular intervals.
5. Respondent is alleged to have committed a boundary violation with Patient A as well as alleged to have prescribed to Patient A controlled substances, including opioids during this time period. The Board is actively investigating this matter and Respondent is agreeing to surrender his license to practice medicine, without assurance of reinstatement.

**Based on the foregoing, the parties agree as follows:**

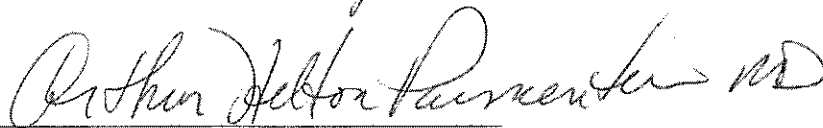
1. Respondent admits to and hereby agrees to remain under the jurisdiction of the Board.
2. Respondent has read this Voluntary Surrender of License to Practice Medicine and understands that it is a proposal and is subject to the final approval of the Director. This Voluntary Surrender of License to Practice Medicine becomes a public document the day it is approved by the Director. This Voluntary Surrender of License to Practice Medicine becomes effective at 12:00 AM on October 26th, 2016, allowing Respondent time to close his practice and arrange continuity of care for his patients in an orderly manner.
3. Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:
  - a. The right to appear personally or by counsel or both before the Board;
  - b. The right to produce witnesses and evidence in his behalf at a hearing;

- c. The right to cross examine witnesses;
  - d. The right to have subpoenas issued by the Board;
  - e. The right to further procedural steps except for specifically contained herein;
  - f. Any and all rights of appeal of this Voluntary Surrender of license to practice medicine;
  - g. Any objection to the fact that this Voluntary Surrender of license to practice medicine may be presented to the Board for consideration and review;
  - h. Any objection to the fact that it may be necessary for the Board to become acquainted with all evidence pertaining to this matter in order to review adequately this Voluntary Surrender of license to practice medicine;
  - i. Any objection to the fact that potential bias against the Respondent may occur as a result of any presentation of this Voluntary Surrender of license to practice medicine.
4. This Voluntary Surrender of License to Practice Medicine shall become part of the public record of this proceeding once it is approved by the Director, and it shall be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank, the Federation of State Medical Boards and posted on the Rhode Island Department of Health web site.
5. Failure to comply with this Voluntary Surrender of License to Practice Medicine, when approved by the Director, shall subject the Respondent to disciplinary action. If Respondent seeks to reinstate his license he shall first attend the Acumen Institute (or similar Board approved entity) and earn their endorsement regarding his return to the practice of medicine prior to applying for reinstatement.

This shall be a prerequisite to Respondent seeking reinstatement of his license, but is not an assurance that reinstatement will occur.

6. Respondent will keep his office open reasonable business hours for 45 days from ratification of this order to allow medical records to be copied and transferred. Respondent will help existing patients with continuity of care and provide patients with a list of physicians, of similar specialty, who Respondent has verified are accepting new patients.
7. Respondent agrees to submit within 60 days of ratification of this order \$1800 for administrative fees, relevant to this matter that have been incurred up until this point, in a check made payable to the Rhode Island General Treasury.

Signed this 13 day of September, 2016.



Arthur Hilton Parmentier, M.D.

Approved this 13 day of September, 2016.



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