

BEFORE THE
NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

In re:)
Francis Charles Corrigan, M.D.) CONSENT ORDER
Respondent.)

This matter is before the North Carolina Medical Board ("Board") on information regarding Francis Charles Corrigan, M.D. ("Dr. Corrigan"). Dr. Corrigan admits and the Board finds and concludes that:

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

The Board is a body duly organized under the laws of North Carolina and is the proper party to bring this proceeding under the authority granted it in Article 1 of Chapter 90 of the North Carolina General Statutes and the rules and regulations promulgated thereto.

FINDINGS OF FACT

On or about November 16, 1991, the Board issued a license to Dr. Corrigan to practice medicine, license number 34839.

During the time relevant herein, Dr. Corrigan practiced medicine in Pinehurst, North Carolina.

On October 2, 2014, Dr. Corrigan was arrested on a charge of Driving While Impaired ("DWI") in Wake County, North Carolina.

Dr. Corrigan self-reported to the North Carolina Physicians Health Program ("NCPHP") and subsequently entered in-patient treatment at Fellowship Hall on October 27, 2014, through January 23, 2015.

On January 23, 2015, Dr. Corrigan entered into a five-year monitoring contract with NCPHP, and NCPHP advocates that Dr. Corrigan is safe to practice medicine.

The Board is in possession of no evidence that patient care was ever compromised as a result of Dr. Corrigan's consumption of alcohol in his personal life.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Dr. Corrigan admits that his abuse of alcohol, if untreated, could render him unable to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(5) and grounds may exist for the Board to suspend, revoke or limit Dr. Corrigan's license or to deny any application he might make in the future.

PROCEDURAL STIPULATIONS

Dr. Corrigan acknowledges and agrees that the Board has jurisdiction over him and over the subject matter of this case.

Dr. Corrigan knowingly waives his right to any hearing and to any judicial review or appeal in this case.

Dr. Corrigan acknowledges that he has read and understands this Consent Order and enters into it voluntarily.

Dr. Corrigan would like to resolve this matter without the need for more formal proceedings.

The Board has determined that the facts and circumstances of this case do not warrant or require a restriction or limitation to be placed on Dr. Corrigan's license to practice medicine and that it is in the public interest to resolve this case as set forth below.

ORDER

Now, therefore, with Dr. Corrigan's consent, it is ORDERED that:

1. Dr. Corrigan's license to practice medicine in North Carolina is hereby INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED; however, that suspension is immediately STAYED.

2. Dr. Corrigan shall maintain his current contract with NCPHP and abide by its terms, including the timely payment of any fees required by NCPHP.

3. Unless lawfully prescribed for Dr. Corrigan by someone other than himself, Dr. Corrigan shall refrain from the use or possession of alcohol and all other mind- or mood-altering substances and all controlled substances including but not limited to, sedatives, stimulants, and pain medication.

4. Dr. Corrigan shall notify the Board in writing within ten (10) days of his use of such medication or alcohol. This notice shall include, but shall not be limited to, identification of the prescribing physician and of the pharmacy filling the prescription.

5. In the event that Dr. Corrigan is prescribed controlled substances for any medical reason, Dr. Corrigan agrees to contact NCPHP immediately, and he must not work unless or until he is approved to do so by NCPHP.

6. Upon request by the Board, Dr. Corrigan shall supply urine, blood, hair, or any other bodily fluid or tissue sample the Board might reasonably require for the purposes of analysis to determine if he has consumed any of the substances mentioned above. All costs of obtaining and analyzing such samples shall be borne by Dr. Corrigan.

7. Dr. Corrigan shall obey all laws. Likewise, he shall obey all rules or regulations involving the practice of medicine.

8. Dr. Corrigan shall notify the Board in writing of any change in his residence or practice addresses within ten (10) days of the change.

9. If Dr. Corrigan fails to comply with any of the terms of this Consent Order, that failure shall constitute

unprofessional conduct within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(6) and shall be grounds, after any required notice and hearing, for the Board to annul, suspend, revoke, condition, or limit Dr. Corrigan's license to practice medicine or to deny any application he might make in the future or then have pending for a license.

10. This Consent Order shall take effect immediately upon its execution by both Dr. Corrigan and the Board and it shall continue in effect until specifically ordered otherwise by the Board.

11. Dr. Corrigan hereby waives any requirement under any law or rule that this Consent Order be served on him.

12. Upon execution by Dr. Corrigan and the Board, this Consent Order shall become a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the North Carolina General Statutes and shall be subject to public inspection and dissemination pursuant to the provisions thereof. Additionally, it will be reported to persons, entities, agencies, and clearinghouses, as required and permitted by law.

By Order of the North Carolina Medical Board this the 14th
day of July, 2015.

NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

Cheryl L. Walker-McGill, M.D.

By:

Cheryl L. Walker-McGill, M.D.
President

Consented to this the 10th day of July, 2015.

Francis Charles Corrigan
Francis Charles Corrigan, M.D.

State of North Carolina
County of Moore

I, Meagan E. Lee, a Notary Public for the above named County and State, do hereby certify that Francis Charles Corrigan, M.D. personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument.

Witness my hand and official seal

this the 10th day of July, 2015.

Meagan E. Lee
Notary Public

(SEAL)

My Commission expires: 04/16/2018

