

JOHN J. FARMER
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF NEW JERSEY
By: Beatriz Valera-Schutz
Deputy Attorney General
Division of Law, 5th Floor
124 Halsey Street
P.O. Box 45029
Newark, New Jersey 07101
Tel: (973) 648-2478

FILED

January 10, 2000
NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION)
OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF:) Administrative Action
)
BRYAN P. CHAMBERS, M.D.) ~~MODIFIED CONSENT ORDER OF~~
) LIMITED LICENSURE
)
TO PRACTICE MEDICINE AND SURGERY)
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY)

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners (hereinafter "the Board") upon written request by Bryan P. Chambers, M.D., for clarification of paragraph one of the Consent Order of Limited Licensure filed with the Board on May 24, 1999. By that Order the Board reinstated Dr. Chambers' medical license which, by Consent Order filed with the Board on January 23, 1997, Dr. Chambers had voluntarily surrendered after admitting that he had relapsed into the abuse of controlled dangerous substances and had ceased practicing medicine.

The records of the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners reflect that Dr. Chambers was issued a license to practice medicine and surgery pursuant to a Consent Order filed on March 31, 1995. That Order recited his admitted prior substance abuse problems and his program of recovery. At that time, his

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY

licensure was recommended by the Physicians Health Program of the Medical Society of New Jersey ("PHP").

The records also reflect that on January 26, 1999 Dr. Chambers appeared before a Preliminary Evaluation Committee of the Board accompanied by Dr. David I. Canavan, the Medical Director of the PHP. Dr. Chambers testified that he has had a history of substance abuse since 1993 when he was in his third year of residency at Hahnemann University Hospital in Pennsylvania. Prior to his obtaining his New Jersey medical license, he had been voluntarily admitted to the Streckler Unit of the Institute of ~~Pennsylvania Hospital~~ and had completed a 28 day in-patient treatment program for drug abuse. After he voluntarily surrendered his license in 1997, he was voluntarily admitted to the William J. Farley Center in Williamsburg, Virginia for a three month in-patient program which lasted from February through April, 1997. After April, 1997, he had been seeing a psychologist recommended by the PHP on a weekly basis until January, 1998 when he began seeing the psychologist on a bi-weekly basis. He also testified that he was active in AA and participated in the PHP with monthly meetings and random urine monitoring. Dr. Canavan testified that since January, 1997, Dr. Chambers had consistently tested negatively in the random urine tests and that he had noted a significant progress in Dr. Chambers during the past year. After reviewing Dr. Chambers' testimony and submissions, including submissions regarding his recent employment history, and a psychiatric evaluation performed by Dr. Michael W. Shore, M.D., the Board was

satisfied that Dr. Chambers had demonstrated sufficient rehabilitation from his drug involvement such that he should receive a restricted license to practice medicine in this state. Accordingly, Dr. Chambers entered into the Consent Order filed May 24, 1999 providing as follows:

1. Dr. Bryan P. Chambers, M.D., shall be granted a restricted license to practice medicine in the State of New Jersey. The license is restricted in that he shall not be permitted to practice anesthesia until further Order of the Board. In addition, his continuing licensure is contingent upon Dr. Chambers' complying with the following provisions of this Order.

2. Dr. Chambers shall practice medicine in a supervised setting only. His supervisor must submit quarterly reports of Dr. Chambers' progress to the Board of Medical Examiners' Medical Director until further Order of the Board.

3. Dr. Chambers shall maintain absolute abstinence from alcohol and all mood altering chemicals, unless such substances are prescribed by a treating physician for a documented medical condition. Dr. Chambers shall continue his attendance at AA meetings for a minimum of two to three times per week until further Order of the Board.

4. Dr. Chambers shall continue his psychotherapy treatments with Dr. Lynn Montgomery on a schedule to be determined by Dr. Montgomery until further Order of the Board.

5. Dr. Chambers shall continue treatment with the Physicians Health Program, including therapy and random urine monitoring, as required by the program until further Order of the Board.

6. Dr. Chambers shall cause quarterly progress reports to be issued from the PHP and sent to the Medical Director of the Board. Dr. Chambers agrees that the staff of the PHP shall immediately notify the Medical Director of the Board if there is any evidence of non-compliance with this Order or if there is a relapse on the part of Dr. Chambers.

7. Dr. Chambers shall notify the Board of the name and ~~address of his employer~~ within thirty (30) days of his acceptance of employment as a physician in this state. Dr. Chambers shall show the within Order to his new employer and shall obtain the agreement of said employer to immediately notify the Board if there is any evidence of a recurrence of controlled dangerous substance or alcohol abuse. The employer shall send to the Board a written confirmation of this agreement within thirty (30) days of Dr. Chambers' acceptance of employment.

8. Dr. Chambers shall notify the Board of any and all changes in his employment status within thirty (30) days of such change.

9. Dr. Chambers shall obtain an agreement of the PHP to advise the Board immediately in the event it ~~receives information that he~~ has discontinued attendance at the Alcohol Anonymous meetings.

10. Dr. Chambers shall comply with all terms and conditions of the within Order, with all statutes and regulations concerning the practice of medicine and surgery, and with the general laws of

the State of New Jersey. If respondent fails to strictly comply with any of the aforesaid terms, the Board may, in addition to any other proceeding authorized by law, revoke respondent's license to practice medicine in this state.

On August 25, 1999 Dr. Chambers appeared before the Preliminary Evaluation Committee of the Board without counsel, accompanied by Louis Baxter, M.D., now Medical Director of PHP, to discuss clarification of paragraph "1" above, requiring that he not practice anesthesia. Dr. Chambers testified that he was currently unemployed but had an employment offer from a neurologist to ~~perform nerve blocks with the use of local anesthesia.~~ Dr. Chambers also testified that he had no plans of performing conscious sedation and emphasized that neither Fentanyl nor Morphine would be available. He added that the type of nerve blocks to be used would be the most common: lumbar sympathetic blocks.

Upon consideration of Dr. Chambers' request, his testimony, and sufficient cause shown:

IT IS ON THIS 10th DAY OF January, 2000

ORDERED THAT:

1. All provisions of the Consent Order filed with the Board on May 24, 1999, as set forth above, shall remain in effect with the exception of provision number "1".

2. Provision number "1" is hereby modified as follows: Dr. Bryan P. Chambers' license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of New Jersey shall continue to be restricted. The License

is restricted in that Dr. Chambers is authorized to perform nerve blocks in a medical office but only in an office in which no controlled dangerous substances are present and, prior to employment in such office, Dr. Chambers has secured, upon written proposal, the approval of the Board for the employment.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

By: Gregory J. Rokosz, D.O., J.D.
Gregory J. Rokosz, D.O., J.D.
President

I have read and understood
the within Order and agree
to be bound by its terms.
Consent is given to enter
this Order.

Bryan P. Chambers, M.D.
Bryan P. Chambers, M.D.