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

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION
OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF

Steve Stuart Risman, M.D.
License No.: 25MA06974100

TO PRACTICE MEDICINE AND SURGERY
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

CONSENT ORDER OF LICENSURE

This matter was most recently opened to the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) upon receipt of a request from Steve Stuart Risman, M.D. (Dr. Risman) seeking to reinstate his medical license which was surrendered by way of a Consent Order dated January 2, 2007. Dr. Risman entered into a Consent Order of Voluntary Surrender of Licensure (Consent Order) on January 2, 2007, after the Board received information from the Physicians Assistance Program of the Medical Society of New Jersey (PAP) that Dr. Risman had admitted relapse into the abuse of controlled dangerous substances. Records reveal that since at least the year 2004, Dr. Risman has a history of intermittent and recurrent chemical dependency. He has been a participant with the PAP since 2004. In accordance with the 2007 Consent Order, Dr. Risman agreed to cease practicing and enter inpatient treatment at

Behavioral Health of the Palm Beaches in Florida. The Consent Order required Dr. Risman to immediately surrender his license to practice medicine; return his original license and CDS registration to the Board; and advise the DEA of the Consent Order. Further, the Consent Order stated that prior to any restoration of his license, Dr. Risman shall appear before a Committee of the Board to determine his readiness to reenter the practice of medicine; provide the Board with evidence that he is capable of discharging the functions of a licensee and that he is not suffering from any impairment or limitation resulting from the use of alcohol or any addictive substance which could affect his practice; provide the Board with reports from each and every mental health professional who has participated in Dr. Risman's treatment during the period of time from the entry of the 2007 Consent Order to his appearance; provide the Board with a report from the PAP detailing the nature and extent of his involvement with that entity; affirmatively establish his fitness, competence and capacity to reenter the active practice of medicine; and provide the Board with a full account of his conduct during the intervening period of time from the entry of the 2007 Consent Order to his appearance.

Dr. Risman and Dr. Edward Reading of the PAP appeared before a Committee of the Board on April 23, 2008. Dr. Risman testified that he is now, and has been drug free for over 18 months. He stated that after voluntary surrender of his license in 2007 he received inpatient treatment for approximately one month at Behavioral Health of the Palm Beaches. Dr. Risman further testified that after he successfully completed his treatment at Behavior Health of the Palm Beaches he continued to meet with Dr. Arnold Washton for six months, until he was released from treatment. Dr. Risman continues to meet once every two months with Laurence M. Westreich, M.D. and attend Alcoholics Anonymous meetings at least three times each week.

Dr. Reading of the PAP testified that Dr. Risman is now almost two years in continuous recovery and has been compliant with his entire after care plan and the recommendations of the PAP. The PAP recommended that Dr. Risman's license be reinstated with certain monitoring stipulations.

Dr. Risman now seeks leave to reinstate his license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of New Jersey. The Board finding that Dr. Risman has been fully compliant with his Consent Order and in solid recovery for an extended period of time and is fit to practice medicine and the Board further finding the within disposition is adequately protective of the public health, safety and welfare,

IT IS, therefore on this 11TH day of AUGUST, 2008

ORDERED THAT

1. Prior to reinstatement, Steve Stuart Risman, M.D. shall successfully complete all application requirements and shall undergo a criminal history background check.
2. After satisfying the terms of paragraph one (1), Dr. Risman's license will be reinstated subject to the terms and conditions of this Order.
3. Dr. Risman will comply fully with the monitoring program established for him by the PAP.

Such monitoring program shall include but not be limited to:

- a. Absolute abstinence from all psychoactive substances including alcohol unless prescribed by a treating health care professional for a documented medical condition and with notification from the treating health care professional to the executive medical director of the PAP of the diagnosis and treatment regime within five days of issuing the prescription. Dr. Risman shall advise all of his treating health care practitioners, who prescribe medications, of his addiction history and shall be responsible to ensure that the treating health care professional notifies the PAP of any prescription for a psychoactive substance within five days of issuance of the prescription. Dr. Risman shall also personally notify the PAP of any prescription for psychoactive substance within five days of issuance of the prescription.

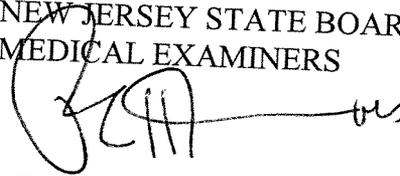
- b. Participation in individual psychotherapy with Dr. Westreich at a frequency determined by Dr. Westreich until such time as Dr. Westreich, in consultation with the executive medical director of the PAP agree that therapy is no longer required.
- c. Dr. Risman shall attend support group meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous at a frequency of not less than three meetings per week. Dr. Risman shall provide evidence of attendance at such groups directly to the PAP on a form or in a manner as required by the PAP.
- d. Dr. Risman shall undergo random witnessed urine monitoring under the supervision of the PAP on a random, unannounced basis, at a frequency of no less than 2 times per week for the first three months following Dr. Risman's return to practice and then no less than once per week for a minimum of an additional 12 months. Subsequent reductions in the frequency of urine screens shall be at the direction of the executive medical director of the PAP consistent with Dr. Risman's duration in recovery with prior notification to the State Board of Medical Examiners. All test results shall be provided in the first instance directly to the PAP and any positive result shall be reported immediately by the PAP to the Executive Director of the Board.
- e. The Board reserves the right to require a modification of the manner of the random witnessed urine testing by the PAP in the event technical developments or individual requirements indicate that a different methodology or approach is required to guarantee the accuracy and reliability of the testing.
- f. Dr. Risman's failure to submit to or provide a urine sample within twenty-four hours of a request shall be deemed to be the equivalent of a confirmed positive urine test and shall be deemed a violation of this order unless Dr. Risman is unable to appear for a scheduled urine test due to illness or other impossibility. Dr. Risman must advise the Board in writing within two (2) days, and cause the PAP to so advise the Board in writing within (2) days, of a claimed illness or impossibility. If Dr. Risman fails to appear for a scheduled urine test due to illness, Dr. Risman shall provide to the Board, written substantiation of the illness in the form of a physician's report, within two (2) days. "Impossibility" means an obstacle beyond the control of Dr. Risman that is insurmountable or that makes his appearance for the urine test so infeasible that a reasonable person would waive Dr. Risman's requirement to give the urine sample that day.
- g. All random witnessed alcohol and drug screens shall be negative for the presence of alcohol or drugs, unless the drugs detected by screening were taken for a documented illness pursuant to a valid prescription from a health care practitioner aware of Dr. Risman's substance abuse history. All positive results shall be confirmed by the Gas Chromatography Mass Spectrometry (GC/MS) testing method. Chain of custody documentation must accompany all laboratory reports and/or the laboratory reports must indicate that chain of custody procedures have been followed.

- h. Any urine test result showing creatinine levels below 20 mg/dl and a specific gravity below 1.003 shall create a rebuttable presumption of a confirmed positive urine test, and shall be followed by a confirming test. The method of the confirming test shall be determined by the PAP.
 - i. Dr. Risman shall become familiar with all foods, food additives or other products (such as poppy seeds) which may affect the validity of urine screens, be presumed to possess that knowledge, and shall refrain from the use of such substances. Dr. Risman specifically agrees that ingestion of such substances shall not be an acceptable reason for a positive urine screen and/or failure to comply with the urine monitoring program.
 - j. Dr. Risman shall submit to continued monitoring by the PAP and shall meet with the PAP on a face-to-face basis at least once a month for the first three months of Dr. Risman's return to practice, then once every two months for a minimum of an additional six months, with subsequent reductions at the direction of the executive medical director of the PAP consistent with Dr. Risman's duration in recovery and with prior notification to the State Board of Medical Examiners.
 - k. Dr. Risman shall be responsible to ensure that the PAP shall supply reports every ninety (90) days beginning on the "filed" date of this Order to the Board regarding his progress with the monitoring program.
 - l. Dr. Risman shall obtain the agreement of the PAP via a signature of its representative on this Order to notify the Board within 24 hours of its receipt of information of any noncompliant behavior, slip or relapse of impairment, including but not limited to any positive urine screen or failure to appear for urine monitoring or any scheduled appointment or any discontinuance of the PAP rehabilitation program whether initiated by Dr. Risman or by the PAP.
 - m. Dr. Risman expressly waives any claim to privilege or confidentiality that he may have concerning reports and disclosures to the Board, and use by the Board of that information in any license proceedings, including reports and disclosures by the urine monitoring program, or the PAP, or any other person or entity involved in the rehabilitation program.
 - n. All costs associated with the monitoring outlined above shall be the responsibility of, and paid directly by, Dr. Risman.
4. Dr. Risman hereby consents to the entry of an Order of automatic suspension of license without notice, upon the Board's receipt of any information which the Board in its sole discretion deems reliable that Dr. Risman has failed to comply with any of the conditions set forth above, any other

provision of this Order, any report of a confirmed positive urine, or a prima facie showing of a relapse or recurrence of the use of alcohol or psychoactive substance which is not prescribed by a treating health care professional with notification to the PAP as described in ordered paragraph 3a.

5. Dr. Risman shall have the right to apply for removal of the automatic suspension on five (5) days notice but in such event shall be limited to a showing that the urine tested was not his or was a false positive in the case of urine testing, or that other information submitted was false

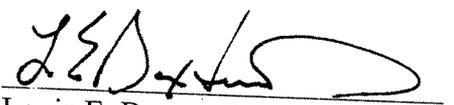
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By:

Paul Mendelowitz, M.D.
Board President

I have read the within Order
and agree to its terms.


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