BEFORE THE WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE

IN RE: PADMAJA POLAVARAPU, M.D.

CONSENT ORDER

The West Virginia Board of Medicine ("Board") and Padmaja Polavarapu, M.D. ("Dr. Polavarapu") freely and voluntarily enter into the following Consent Order pursuant to W. Va. Code § 30-3-14, et seq.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Dr. Polavarapu currently holds an active license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of West Virginia, License No. 17433, issued in 1993 by the Board, and her address of record is in Bland, Virginia.

2. On November 10, 2008, the Complaint Committee of the Board ("Committee") initiated a complaint against Dr. Polavarapu, based upon a Consent Order entered into between the Virginia Board of Medicine and Dr. Polavaparu on October 25, 2008, wherein Dr. Polavaparu's license was suspended for a period of not less than six (6) months.

3. Dr. Polavaparu filed a timely response to the complaint and appeared before the Committee for a full discussion in January, 2009.

4. Dr. Polavaparu expressed her desire not to engage in private practice in the future.

5 Both parties now desire to terminate any dispute and settle this matter through the following Consent Order.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Board has a mandate pursuant to the West Virginia Medical Practice Act to protect the public interest. W. Va. Code § 30-3-1.

2. Probable cause exists to substantiate charges of disqualification of Dr. Polavarapu from the practice of medicine and surgery in the State of West Virginia due to violations of the West Virginia Medical Practice Act and a rule of the Board, including W. Va. Code § 30-3-14(c)(17) and 11 CSR 1A 12.1(e), (g), and (j), all relating to unprofessional, unethical and dishonorable conduct, and having her license acted against in another state.

3. The Board has determined that it is appropriate and in the public interest to waive the commencement of proceedings against Dr. Polavarapu, and to proceed without the filing of formal charges in a Complaint and Notice of Hearing at this time, provided Dr. Polavarapu enters into this Consent Order.

CONSENT

Padmaja Polavarapu, M.D., by affixing her signature hereon, agrees solely and exclusively for purposes of this agreement and the entry of the Order provided for and stated herein, and proceedings conducted in accordance with this Order, to the following:

1. Dr. Polavarapu acknowledges that she is fully aware that, without her consent here given, no permanent legal action may be taken against her except after a public hearing held in accordance with W. Va. Code § 30-3-14(h) and § 29A-5-1, et seq.

2. Dr. Polavarapu further acknowledges that she has the following rights, among others: the right to a formal public hearing before the Board, the right to reasonable notice of said hearing, the right to be represented by counsel at her own expense, and the right to cross-examine witnesses against her.

3. Dr. Polavarapu waives all rights to such a public hearing.

4. Dr. Polavarapu consents to the entry of this Order relative to her practice of medicine and surgery in the State of West Virginia.

5. Dr. Polavarapu understands that this Order is considered public information, and that matters contained herein may be reported, as required by law, to the National Practitioner Data Bank and the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank.

ORDER

WHEREFORE, on the basis of the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law of the Board, and on the basis of the Consent of Dr. Polavarapu, the West Virginia Board of Medicine hereby **ORDERS** as follows:

1. Effective February 7, 2009, the license of Dr. Polavarapu, License Number 17433, is placed on PROBATION until her license is reinstated in Virginia and the Board has been notified of the full reinstatement in writing from the Virginia Board of Medicine.

2. Until her license is fully reinstated in Virginia, Dr. Polavarapu shall limit her practice of medicine in West Virginia to emergency department practice in a hospital setting, or as a hospitalist.

3. Within the next three (3) months, Dr. Polavarapu shall read the book Responsible Opioid Prescribing, A Physician's Guide, authored by Scott M. Fishman, M.D.,

which book has been sent free of charge to all West Virginia licensed physicians in 2008, and shall by May 1, 2009, submit a report on what she has learned from her reading of the book.

4. Before March 1, 2009, Dr. Polavarapu shall document to the Committee her attendance at and successful completion of two (2) courses held at the University of California at San Diego in January, 2009, which courses are in physician prescribing and medical record keeping.

5. Prior to February 15, 2009, Dr. Polavarapu shall meet with Bradley Hall, M.D., of the West Virginia Medical Professionals Health Program, Inc., for a full discussion of the Virginia action, an evaluation, and any steps which Dr. Hall may consider advisable and necessary for Dr. Polavarapu to take in order to maintain her medical license in West Virginia.

6. Dr. Polavarapu is PUBLICLY REPRIMANDED for the actions which led to the suspension of her medical license in Virginia and for the suspension of her medical license in Virginia.

7. Within ten (10) days of entry of this Consent Order, Dr. Polavarapu shall provide a copy of this Consent Order to any health care or medical facility where she has privileges, is employed, or seeks employment or privileges of any kind.

The failure of Dr. Polavarapu to comply with any of the terms of this Consent Order, as determined by the Board, shall constitute grounds for further discipline of her license to practice medicine in the State of West Virginia.

The foregoing Consent Order was entered this 12th day of February, 2009.

WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE

John A. Wade, Jr., M.D.
President

Catherine Slemp, M.D., M.P.H.
Secretary

Padmaja Polavarapu, M.D.

Date: 1-28-2009

STATE OF Virginia

COUNTY OF Bland

I, Vickie B. Kitts, a Notary Public for said county and state do hereby certify that Padmaja Polavarapu, M.D., whose name is signed on the page above has this day acknowledged the same before me.

Given under my hand this 28th day of January, 2009.

My commission expires 11-30-2012.

VICKIE B. KITTS
Notary Public
Commonwealth of Virginia
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My Commission Expires Nov 30, 2012

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