

1 BEFORE THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

2 In the Matter of

3 **TAMERA B. JORDAN, M.D.**

4 Holder of License No. 34494
5 For the Practice of Allopathic Medicine
6 In the State of Arizona.

Case No. MD-14-1541B

**ORDER FOR LETTER
OF REPRIMAND; AND
CONSENT TO THE SAME**

7 Tamera B. Jordan, M.D. ("Respondent"), elects to permanently waive any right to a
8 hearing and appeal with respect to this Order for a Letter of Reprimand; admits the
9 jurisdiction of the Arizona Medical Board ("Board"); and consents to the entry of this Order
10 by the Board.

11 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

12 1. The Board is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of
13 the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

14 2. Respondent is the holder of license number 34494 for the practice of
15 allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

16 3. The Board initiated case number MD-14-1541B after receiving a complaint
17 from a healthcare group employing Respondent ("Employer") regarding the abrupt
18 resignation of Respondent and another physician on October 22, 2014, alleging that the
19 nature of the resignations resulted in abandonment of pediatric patients and compromised
20 medical care.

21 4. Respondent was employed as a pediatric provider with her Employer. On
22 October 22, 2014, Respondent was scheduled to see patients, but did not come in to the
23 office, and provided a letter of resignation to the Chief Operating Officer of the Employer
24 that was delivered by another pediatric provider who also resigned that morning. As a
25 result, the Employer's clinic did not have any physicians to see the patients scheduled to
be seen that day. The Employer was ultimately unable to secure a locum tenens for ten

1 days following the resignations and appointments for pediatric patients had to be
2 cancelled, rescheduled or the patients were referred elsewhere during that time period.

3 5. The standard of care requires a physician to give a reasonable amount of
4 time before resigning from a practice to assure seamless care of the patients in that
5 practice setting. Respondent deviated from the standard of care by abruptly resigning
6 from the practice without reasonable notice to assure seamless care of the patients in the
7 practice setting.

8 6. There was potential harm identified due to the unavailability of coverage for
9 the patients at the Employer's clinic. Potential harm can be viewed as anything that places
10 a patient at risk and/or leads to a delay of treatment. These patients were put at risk due to
11 the delay of care provided, especially patients who were in the waiting room and had
12 appointments to be seen the day that Respondent resigned.

13 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

14 a. The Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over
15 Respondent.

16 b. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute unprofessional
17 conduct pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1401(27)(q) ("[a]ny conduct or practice that is or might be
18 harmful or dangerous to the health of the patient or the public.").

19 **ORDER**

20 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

21 1. Respondent is issued a Letter of Reprimand.

22 DATED AND EFFECTIVE this 7th day of April, 2016.

23 ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

24 By Patricia E. McSorley
25 Patricia E. McSorley
Executive Director

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2 **CONSENT TO ENTRY OF ORDER**

3 1. Respondent has read and understands this Consent Agreement and the
4 stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order ("Order"). Respondent
5 acknowledges she has the right to consult with legal counsel regarding this matter.

6 2. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that this Order is entered into freely
7 and voluntarily and that no promise was made or coercion used to induce such entry.

8 3. By consenting to this Order, Respondent voluntarily relinquishes any rights to
9 a hearing or judicial review in state or federal court on the matters alleged, or to challenge
10 this Order in its entirety as issued by the Board, and waives any other cause of action
11 related thereto or arising from said Order.

12 4. The Order is not effective until approved by the Board and signed by its
13 Executive Director.

14 5. All admissions made by Respondent are solely for final disposition of this
15 matter and any subsequent related administrative proceedings or civil litigation involving
16 the Board and Respondent. Therefore, said admissions by Respondent are not intended
17 or made for any other use, such as in the context of another state or federal government
18 regulatory agency proceeding, civil or criminal court proceeding, in the State of Arizona or
19 any other state or federal court.

20 6. Upon signing this agreement, and returning this document (or a copy thereof)
21 to the Board's Executive Director, Respondent may not revoke the consent to the entry of
22 the Order. Respondent may not make any modifications to the document. Any
23 modifications to this original document are ineffective and void unless mutually approved
24 by the parties.
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1 7. This Order is a public record that will be publicly disseminated as a formal
2 disciplinary action of the Board and will be reported to the National Practitioner's Data
3 Bank and on the Board's web site as a disciplinary action.

4 8. If the Board does not adopt this Order, Respondent will not assert as a
5 defense that the Board's consideration of the Order constitutes bias, prejudice,
6 prejudgment or other similar defense.

7 9. **Respondent has read and understands the terms of this agreement.**

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9 TAMERA B. JORDAN, M.D.

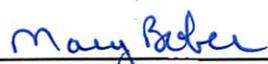
DATED: 2-28-2016

10 EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing mailed
11 this 7th day of April, 2016 to:

12 Tamera B. Jordan, M.D.
13 Address of Record

14 ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed
15 this 7th day of April, 2016 with:

16 Arizona Medical Board
17 9545 E. Doubletree Ranch Road
18 Scottsdale, AZ 85258

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20 Board Staff