BEFORE THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

In the Matter of **CHRISTOHPHER HINSON, M.D.** Holder of License No. **44464** For the Practice of Allopathic Medicine In the State of Arizona.	**Case No. MD-11-0779A** **INTERIM ORDER FOR PRACTICE RESTRICTION AND CONSENT TO THE SAME**

INTERIM CONSENT AGREEMENT

Christopher Hinson, M.D. ("Respondent") elects to permanently waive any right to a hearing and appeal with respect to this Interim Order for Practice Restriction; admits the jurisdiction of the Arizona Medical Board ("Board"); and consents to the entry of this Order by the Board.

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

2. Respondent is the holder of License No. 44464 for the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

3. Dr. Hinson was issued an Arizona Medical License on February 18, 2011. Dr. Hinson answered "no" to the confidential question, "Are you now being treated or have you in the last five years been treated for a drug or alcohol addiction of participated in a rehabilitation program?

4. On June 1, 2011, the Board received a written report from the Physician Health Program (PHP) Contractor that based on information he had received from the New York Committee for Physician Health that Dr. Hinson was a participant in their program for a substance use disorder.

5. On June 2, 2011, Dr. Hinson met with Board Staff, and did not acknowledge a history of substance use disorder.

6. On June 10, 2011, Dr. Hinson was referred to the Physician Health Program in order to undergo an assessment.

7. On June 27, 2011, the Board received a Discharge Summary from a substance abuse treatment facility, that Dr. Hinson attended treatment for substance abuse from April 1, 2008 through May 27, 2008.

8. On June 28, 2011 the Board received written correspondence from the New York Committee for Physician Health ("Committee") that Dr. Hinson signed a 5 year substance abuse monitoring agreement with them on April 4, 2008. The report further stated that after leaving New York when his residency program collapsed, Dr. Hinson did not contact the Committee for several months. He further stated that when contact was successful, Dr. Hinson indicated that he would contact the Committee again but did not follow through.

9. On June 29, 2011, the Board received an assessment from the PHP Contractor stating that Dr. Hinson was currently not safe to practice and recommended a chemical dependency evaluation.

10. The Executive Director has consulted with investigative staff and the Board's medical consultant, who has reviewed the case and agrees that a consent agreement is appropriate.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over Respondent.

2. The Executive Director may enter into a consent agreement with a physician if there is evidence of danger to the public health and safety pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1405(C)(25) and § 32-1451(F); A.A.C. R4-16-504.

3. Based on the information in the Board's possession there is evidence that if Respondent were to practice medicine in Arizona there would be a danger to the public health and safety.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. Respondent shall not practice clinical medicine or any medicine involving direct patient care, and is prohibited from prescribing any form of treatment including prescription medications, until Respondent applies to the Board and receives permission to do so.

2. This is an interim order and not a final decision by the Board regarding the pending investigative file and as such is subject to further consideration by the Board.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE this 30th day of June, 2011.

SEAL

ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

By Amada Richl
for Lisa S. Wynn
Executive Director

CONSENT TO ENTRY OF INTERIM ORDER

1. Respondent has read and understands this Interim Order for Practice Restriction and Consent to the Same and the stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of

Law and Order ("Interim Order"). Respondent acknowledges he has the right to consult with legal counsel regarding this matter.

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

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

4. The Interim Order is not effective until approved and signed by the Executive Director.

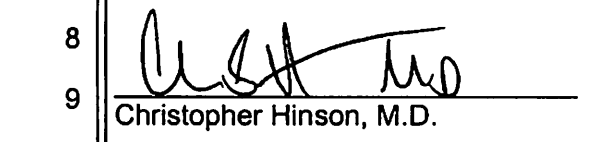
5. All admissions made by Respondent are solely for final disposition of this matter and any subsequent related administrative proceedings or civil litigation involving the Board and Respondent. Therefore, said admissions by Respondent are not intended or made for any other use, such as in the context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

6. Upon signing this Interim Order, and returning this document (or a copy thereof) to the Board's Executive Director, Respondent may not revoke the consent to the entry of the Interim Order. Respondent may not make any modifications to the document. Any modifications to this original document are ineffective and void unless mutually approved by the parties.

7. This Interim Order is a public record that will be publicly disseminated as a formal action of the Board and will be reported to the National Practitioner's Data Bank and on the Board's web site.

8. If any part of the Interim Order is later declared void or otherwise unenforceable, the remainder of the Interim Order in its entirety shall remain in force and effect.

9. Any violation of this Interim Order constitutes unprofessional conduct and may result in disciplinary action. A.R.S. § § 32-1401(27)(r) ("[v]iolating a formal order, probation, consent agreement or stipulation issued or entered into by the board or its executive director under this chapter") and 32-1451.



Christopher Hinson, M.D.

DATED: 6/30/11

EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing mailed this 30th day of June, 2011 to:

Christopher Hinson, MD
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ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed this 30th day of June, 2011 with:

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