

1 BEFORE THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

2 In the Matter of

3 **JAMES N. YARUSSO, M.D.**

4 Holder of License No. 31732
5 For the Practice of Allopathic Medicine
6 In the State of Arizona

Case No. MD-05-0280A

**CONSENT AGREEMENT FOR
LETTER OF REPRIMAND**

7 **CONSENT AGREEMENT**

8 By mutual agreement and understanding, between the Arizona Medical Board
9 ("Board") and James N. Yarusso, M.D. ("Respondent"), the parties agreed to the following
10 disposition of this matter.

11 1. Respondent has read and understands this Consent Agreement and the
12 stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order ("Consent Agreement").
13 Respondent acknowledges that he has the right to consult with legal counsel regarding
14 this matter.

15 2. By entering into this Consent Agreement, Respondent voluntarily
16 relinquishes any rights to a hearing or judicial review in state or federal court on the
17 matters alleged, or to challenge this Consent Agreement in its entirety as issued by the
18 Board, and waives any other cause of action related thereto or arising from said Consent
19 Agreement.

20 3. This Consent Agreement is not effective until approved by the Board and
21 signed by its Executive Director.

22 4. The Board may adopt this Consent Agreement of any part thereof. This
23 Consent Agreement, or any part thereof, may be considered in any future disciplinary
24 action against Respondent.

25 5. This Consent Agreement does not constitute a dismissal or resolution of other
matters currently pending before the Board, if any, and does not constitute any waiver,

1 express or implied, of the Board's statutory authority or jurisdiction regarding any other
2 pending or future investigation, action or proceeding. The acceptance of this Consent
3 Agreement does not preclude any other agency, subdivision or officer of this State from
4 instituting other civil or criminal proceedings with respect to the conduct that is the subject
5 of this Consent Agreement.

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

12 7. Upon signing this agreement, and returning this document (or a copy thereof) to
13 the Board's Executive Director, Respondent may not revoke the acceptance of the
14 Consent Agreement. Respondent may not make any modifications to the document. Any
15 modifications to this original document are ineffective and void unless mutually approved
16 by the parties.

17 8. If the Board does not adopt this Consent Agreement, Respondent will not
18 assert as a defense that the Board's consideration of this Consent Agreement constitutes
19 bias, prejudice, prejudgment or other similar defense.

20 9. This Consent Agreement, once approved and signed, is a public record that will
21 be publicly disseminated as a formal action of the Board and will be reported to the
22 National Practitioner Data Bank and to the Arizona Medical Board's website.

23 10. If any part of the Consent Agreement is later declared void or otherwise
24 unenforceable, the remainder of the Consent Agreement in its entirety shall remain in force
25 and effect.

1 11. Any violation of this Consent Agreement constitutes unprofessional conduct
2 and may result in disciplinary action. A.R.S. § § 32-1401(27)(r) (“[v]iolating a formal order,
3 probation, consent agreement or stipulation issued or entered into by the board or its
4 executive director under this chapter”) and 32-1451.
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9 James N. Yarusso, M.D.

DATED: 7.3.06

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1 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

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

4 2. Respondent is the holder of license number 31732 for the practice of
5 allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

6 3. In May 2004 Respondent submitted his license renewal application. Along
7 with his application Respondent submitted a copy of a psychiatric evaluation and
8 neuropsychological test performed by Talbott Marsh in August 1996. The evaluation
9 provided by Respondent reflected Respondent's IQ score as being 121.

10 4. Board staff requested Talbott Marsh to provide a copy of the evaluation
11 direct from the facility. The evaluation Board staff received from Talbott Marsh directly
12 reflected Respondent's IQ score as being 102.

13 5. During an investigative interview with Board Staff in May 2004 Respondent
14 stated he put the report in his computer and altered the results before submitting it to the
15 Board because he was embarrassed about his low scores.

16 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

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

19 2. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute unprofessional
20 conduct pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1401 (27)(jj) – (“[k]nowingly making a false or misleading
21 statement to the board or on a form required by the board or in a written correspondence,
22 including attachments, with the board.”)

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. Respondent is issued a Letter of Reprimand for knowingly making a false statement to the Board.

2. This Order is the final disposition of case number MD-05-0280A.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE this 11th day of August, 2006.

(SEAL)



ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

By Timothy C. Miller
TIMOTHY C. MILLER, J.D.
Executive Director

ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed this 11th day of August, 2006 with:

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EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing mailed this 11th day of August, 2006 to:

James N. Yarusso, M.D.
Address of Record

Jim Miller
Investigational Review