

C-7772

IN THE MATTER OF) (BEFORE THE
) (
THE LICENSE OF) (TEXAS STATE BOARD
) (
FREDERICK S. SHIELDS, M.D.) (OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

AGREED ORDER

On this the 4th day of October, 1991, came on to be heard before the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners ("the Board"), duly in session the matter of the license of Frederick S. Shields, M.D. ("the Respondent"). On April 18, 1991 Respondent appeared in person without legal representation at an Informal Settlement Conference in response to the Board's letter of invitation dated March 27, 1991.

The Texas State Board of Medical Examiners was represented at the Informal Settlement Conference on April 18, 1991 by Barbara J. Coe and C. Richard Stasney, M.D., members of the Board. Upon recommendation of said representatives and with consent of Respondent, as evidenced by his signature hereto, the Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Frederick S. Shields, M.D. holds Texas medical license C-7772.

2. The Board has jurisdiction over the subject matter and the Respondent. The Respondent received all notice which may be required by law and by the rules of the Board. All jurisdictional requirements have been satisfied.

3. The Board has received and has investigated allegations that:

a. Respondent performed a dilatation and curettage on patient J.B. at the Surgicare Outpatient Center in Victoria, Texas on July 8, 1988. Before the procedure was completed, the patient began

hemorrhaging. She was transferred to Detar Hospital by Respondent for emergency care, where she expired a few hours later.

b. Respondent offered in a letter dated March 21, 1990 to cease drinking alcohol, to take Disulfiram as directed by his therapist, to participate in the activities of Alcoholics Anonymous as directed by his therapist, and to surrender his admitting privileges at Citizens Medical Center, Victoria, Texas. The hospital's executive committee accepted Respondent's offer in resolution of a peer review complaint on April 10, 1990.

c. Respondent received treatment for alcohol dependence at La Hacienda Hospital, Hunt, Texas in 1984. Respondent displayed severe alcohol withdrawal symptoms during his hospitalization for treatment of an acute posterior myocardial infarction in September, 1989 in Victoria, Texas. Respondent failed to stop drinking alcohol as he agreed with the Executive Committee of Citizens Medical Center in March, 1990.

4. If the allegations referenced in paragraph 3 of this Order were as alleged, such conduct would constitute violations of Sections 3.08(3), 3.08(16), 3.08(18) and 3.08(19) of the Medical Practice Act of Texas, Tex. Rev. Civ. Stat. Ann. Art. 4495b.

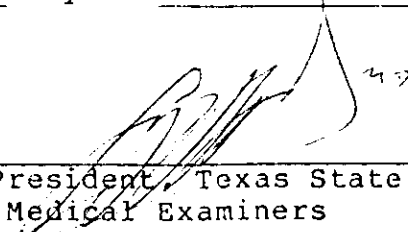
5. Respondent voluntarily and irrevocably surrenders Texas medical license number C-7772.

6. Section 3.05(e) of the Medical Practice Act states, in pertinent part, "[the] Board in its discretion may accept the voluntary surrender of a license."

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. Respondent's voluntary surrender of Texas medical license C-7772 is accepted by the Board.

SIGNED AND ENTERED this 5th day of October, 1991.



Vice-President, Texas State Board of
Medical Examiners

Approved as to form and content:

Arthur L. Lapham
Attorney for Respondent

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