



December 4, 2018

Certified Mail - Return Receipt Requested

Candace S. Cooley, M.D.
1025 N. Beal Parkway, Suite C
Ft. Walton Beach, FL 32547

Dear Dr. Cooley:

The North Carolina Medical Board (“NC Board”) has concluded its investigation related to the action taken against your Florida medical license by the Florida Board of Medicine (“FL Board”). It is the NC Board’s decision not to commence formal proceedings against your North Carolina license at this time. However, the NC Board voted to issue you this public letter of concern.

The NC Board is concerned that the FL Board restricted you from practicing medicine through an Order of Emergency Restriction of License on November 29, 2017. The FL Board found that you were unable to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety as a result of your being diagnosed with Severe Alcohol Use Disorder and Alcohol Induced Depressive Disorder. The NC Board notes the FL Board has since issued an Order Lifting Emergency Restriction effective June 18, 2018 and specifically finding that you are safe to continue practicing medicine in Florida. The NC Board also notes that a formal disciplinary proceeding initiated in connection with the summary restriction is set to be resolved in February 2018, with a proposed Settlement Agreement providing for payment of costs and a requirement to comply with your Professionals Resource Network (PRN) monitoring contract in Florida.

Since your North Carolina license is currently inactive, the NC Board has decided not to pursue formal disciplinary proceedings against you at this time. However, if you apply for reinstatement of your license, this letter and all other relevant facts will be considered when your license application is evaluated.

This public letter of concern is a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the North Carolina General Statutes and is subject to public inspection and dissemination as required by that law. It will be reported to the Federation of State Medical Boards; however, it will not be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank.

Sincerely,

Barbara E. Walker, D.O.
President

BEW/PFB/lt

Consent and Waiver

I, Candace S. Cooley, M.D., would like to resolve this matter without the need for more formal proceedings and consent to the Board's issuance of a Public Letter of Concern in resolution of the above matter.

Consented to this the 29 day of November, 2018.

Candace Cooley
Candace S. Cooley, M.D.

State of Florida

County of Okaloosa

I, Jennifer Welner Hoover, do hereby certify that Candace S. Cooley, M.D., personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument.

Witness my hand and official seal this the 29 day of November, 2018.

Jennifer Welner Hoover
Notary Public



(Official Seal)

My Commission Expires: 10/17/20

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