

BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF: AARON LaMASTER, DDS

CONSENT ORDER

On this day comes for hearing the matter of Aaron LaMaster, DDS. The Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners appeared together by a quorum of its membership, together with its attorney, William H. Trice, III. Aaron LaMaster, DDS, appeared in person and with his attorney, Ray Baxter. From the pleadings and agreement of the parties, the Board finds that:

I.

Aaron LaMaster, DDS, is licensed to practice dentistry in the State of Arkansas pursuant to the provisions of the Dental Practice Act.

II.

The Board issued an Emergency Order of Suspension and Notice of Hearing on 14 May 2012, alleging that Aaron LaMaster, DDS, had violated the Dental Practice Act, more specifically:

1. ACA §17-82-316(c)(3) that is, committing a criminal operation by diverting Schedule medication to his own use and benefit;
2. ACA §17-82-316(c)(3), that is, exhibiting an addiction to narcotics; and
3. ACA §17-82-316(c)(3), that is, exhibiting professional incompetency by prescribing Schedule medication for patients where no dental justification existed for the prescribing of said medication, and not delineating any justification in the patient's chart.

III.

Aaron LaMaster, DDS, has stipulated and testified that the Board could make a finding that he has violated the Dental Practice Act and the Rules and Regulations of the Board as alleged in the charging document of 14 May 2012 and referenced in Paragraph II above.

IV.

Pursuant to A.C.A. § 25-15-208 (b) of the Administrative Procedure Act, Aaron LaMaster, D.D.S., makes the following offer to the Board:

- A. The license to practice dentistry in the State of Arkansas of Aaron LaMaster, DDS and his Drug Enforcement Administration Permit (DEA) is suspended until such time as he complies with the terms of this offer.
- B. Aaron LaMaster, DDS will attend and complete an in-house in-patient treatment program for addiction and/or psychological evaluation at a facility approved by the Arkansas Medical Foundation;
- C. Aaron LaMaster, DDS upon completion of the in-patient treatment will comply with such recommendations of ongoing treatment and monitoring as recommended by the facility.
- D. Aaron LaMaster, DDS, will enter into a Contract for Rehabilitation and Monitoring with the Arkansas Medical Foundation and comply with the terms of that contract.
- E. Aaron LaMaster, DDS, will authorize the Arkansas Medical Foundation and any treatment facilities or therapy programs that he enters into to provide reports and medical records to the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners for their review.
- F. Aaron LaMaster, DDS, upon obtaining the advocacy of the Arkansas Medical Foundation that he is not a danger to himself or others and may safely practice dentistry, will appear before the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners to seek restoration of his license to practice dentistry in the State of Arkansas.
- G. Aaron LaMaster, DDS, will submit to the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners a proposed practice setting for the Board's approval prior to returning to the active practice of dentistry.

H. Aaron LaMaster, DDS, prior to resuming the active practice of dentistry will attend and complete a Continuing Education course in Schedule Medication Prescribing and Medical Record keeping such as offered at Vanderbilt University.

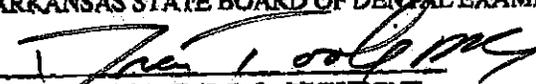
V.

The Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners pursuant to ACA§25-15-208(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act accepts the offer of Aaron LaMaster, DDS, described in Paragraph IV above finding that it protects the health and safety of the citizens of Arkansas and the rights of Aaron LaMaster, DDS.

WHEREFORE, it is CONSIDERED, ORDERED, and ADJUDGED, that the agreement of the parties stated in paragraph III and IV above is fair and equitable, and protects the health and safety of the citizens of Arkansas and the rights of Aaron LaMaster, DDS. The Board adopts said agreement as the Board's own Order.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS


DREW W. TOOLE, D.D.S., PRESIDENT

Date

1/18/2013

Approved as to Form:


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Aaron LaMaster, DDS