

IN THE MATTER OF

BEFORE THE MARYLAND

ALEXANDRA GOLD, M.D.

STATE BOARD OF

Respondent

PHYSICIANS

License Number: D74407

Case Number: 2014-0486

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CONSENT ORDER

BACKGROUND

The Maryland Board of Physicians (the “Maryland Board”) received information that Alexandra Gold, M.D., (the “Respondent”), License Number D74407, was disciplined by the Delaware Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline (the “Delaware Board”) based upon a guilty plea to one count of maintaining a drug-involved premises. In an Order dated October 7, 2014, the Delaware disciplined the Respondent by permanent revocation of her medical license.

Based on the above referenced Delaware sanction, the Maryland Board has grounds to charge the Respondent with violating the following provisions of the Maryland Medical Practice Act (the “Act”), under H. O. § 14-404(a):

- (a) Subject to the hearing provisions of § 14-405 of this subtitle, a disciplinary panel, on the affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum of the disciplinary panel, may reprimand any licensee, place any licensee on probation, or suspend or revoke a license if the licensee:
 - (21) Is disciplined by a licensing or disciplinary authority or convicted or disciplined by a court of any state or country or disciplined by any branch of the United States uniformed services or the Veteran’s Administration for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under this section,

The Maryland Board has determined that the acts for which the Respondent was disciplined in Delaware would be grounds for disciplinary action under H.O. § 14-404(a). The grounds for disciplinary action under H.O. § 14-404(a) are as follows:

- (3) Is guilty of:
 - (i) Immoral conduct in the practice of medicine;
 - (ii) Unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine;
- (27) Sells, prescribes, gives away, or administers drugs for illegal or illegitimate medical purposes.

Based on the action taken by the Delaware Board, the Respondent agrees to enter into this Consent Order with the Maryland Board of Physicians, consisting of Procedural Background, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order of reciprocal action.

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

The Board finds the following:

1. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was a physician licensed to practice Obstetrics and Gynecology in the State of Maryland. The Respondent was initially licensed in Maryland in June, 2012.
2. In November, 2013, the Drug Enforcement Administration (“DEA”) filed a criminal complaint alleging that the Respondent violated: (i) 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) (knowingly and intentionally possessing with the intent to distribute a controlled substance) by participating in the sale of controlled substances over the internet via the website “Silk Road,” by shipping controlled substances through the mail in boxes of candy, and by utilizing an on-line alias identity and a shipping address registered to a fictitious company; and (ii) 21 U.S.C. § 846 (conspiracy to distribute a controlled substance).

3. The Respondent was also arrested and charged in Delaware with at least one count of violation of 21 U.S.C. § 856(a)(1), a federal criminal law that renders it a felony to knowingly and intentionally maintain and use a dwelling for the purpose of unlawfully manufacturing and distributing controlled substances.

4. At the time of her arrest, the Respondent admitted that she engaged in packing controlled substances in candy boxes for distribution via mail, including Xanax, Oxycodone and Adderall.

5. As a result of the Respondent's actions, the Maryland Board summarily suspended the Respondent's medical license in this State on February 25, 2014, and continued the summary suspension on March 14, 2014.¹

6. On June 18, 2014, the Respondent pleaded guilty to the federal charge of violating 21 U.S.C. § 856. By Order dated October 7, 2014, the Delaware Board permanently revoked the Respondent's medical license. A copy of the Delaware Order is attached hereto.

II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Maryland Board concludes as a matter of law that the disciplinary action taken by the Delaware Board against the Respondent constitutes a violation of Health Occ. § 14-404(a)(21) (is disciplined by a licensing or disciplinary authority of any state for an act or acts that would be grounds for disciplinary action under this section). The Respondent's acts would violate Health Occ. § 14-404(a)(3)(i) (immoral conduct in the practice of medicine) and (ii) (unprofessional

¹ The Respondent's medical license in Maryland expired on September 30, 2014. With respect to the medical license of an individual the Board regulates, however, "the license [may not] lapse by operation of law while the individual is under investigation or while charges are pending." H.O. § 14-403(a).

conduct in the practice of medicine) and (27) (sells, prescribes, gives away, or administers drugs for illegal or illegitimate purposes) if committed in this state.

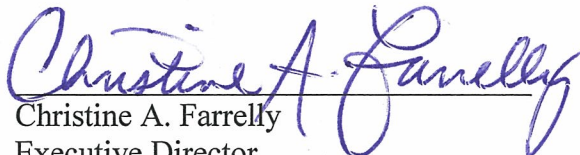
III. ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is hereby:

ORDERED that the Respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of Maryland be and is hereby **PERMANENTLY REVOKED**; and be it further

ORDERED that this **CONSENT ORDER** is a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT** pursuant to Md. State Gov't Code Ann. § 10-611 et seq. (2009 Repl. vol.).

11/12/2014
Date


Christine A. Farrelly
Executive Director
Maryland Board of Physicians

CONSENT


I, Alexandra Gold, M.D., acknowledge that I have had the opportunity to consult with counsel before signing this document. By this Consent, I admit to the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and I agree and accept to be bound by this Consent Order and its conditions and restrictions. I waive any rights I may have had to contest the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

I acknowledge the validity of this Consent Order as if entered into after the conclusion of a formal evidentiary hearing in which I would have had the right to

counsel, to confront witnesses, to give testimony, to call witnesses on my behalf, and to all other substantive and procedural protections as provided by law. I acknowledge the legal authority and the jurisdiction of the Board to initiate these proceedings and to issue and enforce this Consent Order. I also affirm that I am waiving my right to appeal any adverse ruling of the Board that might have followed any such hearing.

I sign this Consent Order after having had an opportunity to consult with counsel, without reservation, and I fully understand and comprehend the language, meaning and terms of this Consent Order. I voluntarily sign this Consent Order, and understand its meaning and effect.

11/3/14
Date



Alexandra Gold, M.D.
Respondent

STATE OF _____

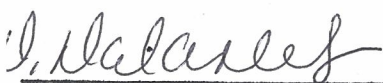
CITY/COUNTY OF _____

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this _____ day of _____, 2014, before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public for the State and City/County aforesaid, personally appeared Alexandra Gold, M.D., and made oath in due form of law that the execution of the foregoing Consent Agreement was her voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESSETH my hand and my notarial seal

Notary Public

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES:


CASE MANAGER,

Authorized by the Act of July 7, 1955, as amended, to administer oaths (18 U.S.C. § 4004).

11/3/2014. I, Alexandra Gold, a #07655-015
signed this document in my
presence. FDC Philadelphia, 400 Arch St. Phila, PA 19106