

EXCERPT FROM THE DRAFT MINUTES OF MARCH 13, 1997

LAUREL MATTHEWS, M.D.

Dr. Matthews appeared before the Board pursuant to his request for release from the Board's March 11, 1992 Order.

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DR. STEINBERGH MOVED TO RELEASE DR. MATTHEWS FROM THE TERMS OF THE BOARD'S MARCH 11, 1992 ORDER. DR. GRETTER SECONDED THE MOTION. A vote was taken:

VOTE:	Mr. Albert	- aye
	Dr. Bhati	- aye
	Dr. Gretter	- aye
	Dr. Egner	- aye
	Mr. Sinnott	- aye
	Dr. Buchan	- aye
	Dr. Stienecker	- aye
	Dr. Agresta	- aye
	Dr. Steinbergh	- aye

The motion carried.

LAUREL MATTHEWS, M.D.

Dr. Matthews appeared before the Board pursuant to her request for modifications of the probationary terms of the Board's March 11, 1992 Order. Dr. Matthews requested termination of the psychiatric treatment requirement, reduction in the A.A. attendance requirement, and a change in the Board appearance schedule from every three months to every six months.

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DR. STEINBERGH MOVED TO APPROVE DR. MATTHEWS' REQUESTS TO TERMINATE THE BOARD'S PSYCHIATRIC COUNSELING REQUIREMENT, TO REDUCE THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF A.A. MEETINGS FROM FOUR TO TWO PER WEEK, AND TO CHANGE HER BOARD APPEARANCE SCHEDULE FROM EVERY THREE MONTHS TO EVERY SIX MONTHS. SHE FURTHER MOVED TO CONTINUE DR. MATTHEWS UNDER THE OTHER TERMS OF THE BOARD'S ORDER, WITH FUTURE APPEARANCES BEFORE THE BOARD SECRETARY OR DESIGNEE. DR. BUCHAN SECONDED THE MOTION. A vote was taken:

VOTE:	Mr. Albert	- aye
	Dr. Bhati	- aye
	Dr. Gretter	- aye
	Dr. Egner	- aye
	Dr. Agresta	- aye
	Dr. Buchan	- aye
	Ms. Noble	- aye
	Mr. Sinnott	- aye
	Dr. Garg	- aye
	Dr. Steinbergh	- aye

The motion carried.



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March 13, 1992

Laurel A. Matthews-Price, M.D.
13623 Larchmere Road
Shaker Heights, Ohio 44120

Dear Doctor Matthews-Price:

Please find enclosed certified copies of the Entry of Order; the Report and Recommendation of Joan Irwin Fishel, Attorney Hearing Examiner, State Medical Board of Ohio; and an excerpt of the Minutes of the State Medical Board, meeting in regular session on March 11, 1992, including Motions approving and confirming the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law of the Hearing Examiner, and adopting an amended Order.

Section 119.12, Ohio Revised Code, may authorize an appeal from this Order. Such an appeal may be taken to the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas only.

Such an appeal setting forth the Order appealed from and the grounds of the appeal must be commenced by the filing of a Notice of Appeal with the State Medical Board of Ohio and the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas within fifteen (15) days after the mailing of this notice and in accordance with the requirements of Section 119.12 of the Ohio Revised Code.

THE STATE MEDICAL BOARD OF OHIO


Henry G. Cramblett, M.D.
Secretary

HGC:em

Enclosures

CERTIFIED MAIL RECEIPT NO. P 741 123 639
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cc: Gerald Messerman, Esq.

CERTIFIED RECEIPT NO. P 741 123 640
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Mailed 3/18/92



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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the attached copy of the Entry of Order of the State Medical Board of Ohio; copy of the Report and Recommendation of Joan Irwin Fishel, Attorney Hearing Examiner, State Medical Board; and an excerpt of Minutes of the State Medical Board, meeting in regular session on March 11, 1992, including Motions approving and confirming the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law of the Hearing Examiner, and adopting an amended Order, constitute a true and complete copy of the Findings and Order of the State Medical Board in the matter of Laurel Matthews-Price, M.D., as it appears in the Journal of the State Medical Board of Ohio.

This certification is made by authority of the State Medical Board of Ohio and in its behalf.



Henry G. Cramblett, M.D.

(SEAL)

3/16/92

Date



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BEFORE THE STATE MEDICAL BOARD OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF

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LAUREL MATTHEWS-PRICE, M.D.

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ENTRY OF ORDER

This matter came on for consideration before the State Medical Board of Ohio the 11th day of March, 1992.

Upon the Report and Recommendation of Joan Irwin Fishel, Attorney Hearing Examiner, Medical Board, in this matter designated pursuant to A.C. 4731.23, a true copy of which Report and Recommendation is attached hereto and incorporated herein, and upon the modification, approval and confirmation by vote of the Board on the above date, the following Order is hereby entered on the Journal of the State Medical Board for the above date.

It is hereby ORDERED that:

1. The application of Laurel Matthews-Price, M.D., for a certificate to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Ohio, shall be GRANTED, provided that the application is otherwise complete .
2. Further, the certificate of Dr. Matthews-Price shall immediately be subject to the following probationary terms, conditions, and limitations for a minimum period of five (5) years:
 - a. Dr. Matthews-Price shall obey all federal, state, and local laws, and all rules governing the practice of medicine in Ohio.
 - b. Dr. Matthews-Price shall submit quarterly declarations under penalty of perjury stating whether or not there has been compliance with all the provisions of probation.
 - c. Dr. Matthews-Price shall appear in person for interviews before the full Board or its designated representative at three (3) month intervals or as otherwise requested by the Board.



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- e. Dr. Matthews-Price shall abstain completely from the personal use or possession of drugs, except those prescribed, administered, or dispensed to her by another so authorized by law who has full knowledge of Dr. Matthews-Price's history of chemical dependency.
- f. Dr. Matthews-Price shall abstain completely from the use of alcohol.
- g. Dr. Matthews-Price shall submit to random urine screenings for drugs and alcohol on a weekly basis or as otherwise directed by the Board. Dr. Matthews-Price shall ensure that all screening reports are forwarded directly to the Board on a monthly basis. Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Order, Dr. Matthews-Price shall submit to the Board for its prior approval the name of a supervising physician to whom Dr. Matthews-Price shall submit the required urine specimens. The supervising physician shall ensure that the urine specimens are obtained on a random basis, that the giving of the specimen is witnessed by a reliable person, and that appropriate control over the specimen is maintained. In addition, the supervising physician shall immediately inform the Board of any positive screening results. The supervising physician shall monitor Dr. Matthews-Price and provide the Board with reports on Dr. Matthews-Price's progress and status. Dr. Matthews-Price shall ensure that said reports are forwarded to the Board on a quarterly basis.

In the event that the designated supervising physician becomes unable or unwilling to so serve, Dr. Matthews-Price must immediately notify the Board in writing, and make arrangements acceptable to the Board for another supervising physician as soon as practicable.



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- j. Dr. Matthews-Price shall be ineligible to reapply for or to hold registration with the United States Drug Enforcement Administration, and shall not prescribe, order, dispense, administer, or possess (except as prescribed for Dr. Matthews-Price's use by another so authorized by law) any controlled substances without prior Board approval. Dr. Matthews-Price shall not seek the Board's approval to reapply for DEA registration for a minimum of twelve (12) months from the effective date of this Order.
- k. If the Board reinstates Dr. Matthews-Price's controlled substance privileges, Dr. Matthews-Price shall keep a log of all controlled substances prescribed, dispensed, or administered. Such log shall be submitted in the format approved by the Board thirty (30) days prior to Dr. Matthews-Price's personal appearances before the Board or its designated representative, or as otherwise directed by the Board.
 1. Dr. Matthews-Price shall not resume the practice of surgery unless and until the presence or absence of a hand tremor and its effect on her ability to perform surgery is assessed by a physician approved in advance by the Board. Also, Dr. Matthews-Price shall not practice surgery until Dr. Matthews-Price provides the Board with proof of satisfactory completion of a one year program, approved in advance by the Board, providing additional training in general surgery.



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 - n. Dr. Matthews-Price shall provide a copy of this Order to all employers and the chief of staff at each hospital where she has, applies for, or obtains privileges of any kind.
 - o. If Dr. Matthews-Price violates probation in any respect, the Board, after giving Dr. Matthews-Price notice and the opportunity to be heard, may institute whatever disciplinary action it deems appropriate, up to and including the permanent revocation of Dr. Matthews-Price's certificate to practice.
2. Upon successful completion of probation, Dr. Matthews-Price's certificate will be fully restored.

This Order shall become effective immediately upon mailing of notification of approval by the State Medical Board of Ohio.

(SEAL)


Henry G. Cramblett, M.D.
Secretary

3/16/92

Date

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION
IN THE MATTER OF LAUREL MATTHEWS-PRICE, M.D. 92 JAN 27 PM 12:05

The Matter of Laurel Matthews-Price, M.D., came on for hearing before me, Joan Irwin Fishel, Esq., Hearing Examiner for the State Medical Board of Ohio, on January 3, 1992.

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE

I. Basis for Hearing

- A. By letter dated October 9, 1991 (State's Exhibit #1), the State Medical Board notified Laurel Matthews-Price, M.D., that it proposed to determine whether to refuse to register or to take disciplinary action against her certificate to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Ohio because of her guilty plea to, and subsequent conviction for, Possession of a Controlled Substance, Schedule III, a Class 4 felony, in the District Court for the City and County of Denver, State of Colorado, on or about September 21, 1991. The Board alleged that the guilty plea and conviction constituted "a plea of guilty to, or a judicial finding of guilt of, a felony," as that clause is used in Section 4731.22(B)(9), Ohio Revised Code.
- B. By letter received by the Medical Board on November 5, 1991 (State's Exhibit #2), Gerald A. Messerman, Esq., requested a hearing on behalf of Dr. Matthews-Price.

II. Appearances

- A. On behalf of the State of Ohio: Lee I. Fisher, Attorney General, by Odella Lampkin, Assistant Attorney General
- B. On behalf of the Respondent: Gerald A. Messerman, Esq.

III. Testimony Heard

The Respondent presented the following witnesses at hearing:

- A. Laurel Matthews-Price, M.D.
- B. Dennis P. Cozzens, M.D.

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IV. Exhibits Examined

In addition to those noted above, the following exhibits were identified and admitted into evidence in this Matter:

A. Presented by the State

1. State's Exhibit #3: November 6, 1991 letter to Attorney Messerman from the State Medical Board advising that a hearing initially set for November 19, 1991 had been postponed pursuant to Section 119.09, Ohio Revised Code.
2. State's Exhibit #4: November 18, 1991 letter to Attorney Messerman from the State Medical Board scheduling the hearing for January 3, 1991.
3. State's Exhibit #5: November 19, 1991 letter to Attorney Messerman from the State Medical Board correcting the date of the hearing to January 3, 1992.
4. State's Exhibit #6: Certified copy of: the Guilty Plea in Case No. 90-CR-3022, People of the State of Colorado v. Laurel Matthews-Price, District Court, City and County of Denver, State of Colorado, dated August 5, 1991; and Entry of Probation in Case No. 90-CR-3022, People of the State of Colorado v. Laurel Matthews-Price, acknowledging Dr. Matthews-Price's guilty plea to possession of a controlled substance and sentencing her to two years of probation, signed by the Judge on September 26, 1991.
5. State's Exhibit #7: Dr. Matthews-Price's application for a certificate to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Ohio, filed July 10, 1990, with supporting documents received through September 1990.

B. Presented by the Respondent

1. Respondent's Exhibit A: Curriculum vitae of Laurel Matthews-Price, M.D.
2. Respondent's Exhibit B: August 3, 1988 letter to the Administrator of Aspen Valley Hospital from Goran Klintmalm, M.D., Ph.D., in support of Dr. Matthews-Price's request for privileges.

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3. Respondent's Exhibit C: June 22, 1988 letter to the Administration of Aspen Valley Hospital from W. Stewart Hiatt, M.D., in support of Dr. Matthews-Price's request for privileges.
4. Respondent's Exhibit D: June 28, 1988 letter to the Administrator of Aspen Valley Hospital from Charles M. Brown, M.D., in support of Dr. Matthews-Price's request for privileges.
5. Respondent's Exhibit E: June 3, 1985 letter to Thomas E. Starzl, M.D., from Dennis W. Shermeta, M.D., in support of Dr. Matthews-Price application for a fellowship in transplantation surgery.
6. Respondent's Exhibit F: October 5, 1984 letter to Marc I. Rowe, M.D., from P. K. Das Gupta, M.D., Ph.D., in support of Dr. Matthews-Price's application for residency.
7. Respondent's Exhibit G: December 30, 1991 letter to the State Medical Board from Maureen C. Maldonado, Dr. Matthews-Price's AA sponsor, regarding Dr. Matthews-Price's sobriety and commitment to recovery.
8. Respondent's Exhibit H: December 27, 1991 letter to the State Medical Board from Wendy L. Wilson, M.D., Medical Director of the Free Medical Clinic of Greater Cleveland, in support of Dr. Matthews-Price's licensure application.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On August 5, 1991, in the District Court for Denver County, Colorado, Laurel Matthews-Price, M.D., pled guilty to one count of Possession of a Controlled Substance, a class 4 felony. Dr. Matthews-Price had mailed a small amount of cocaine to her husband from the Denver airport on or about August 15, 1990. The court accepted her guilty plea and on or about August 19, 1991 she was convicted and sentenced to two years of probation.

These facts are established by State's Exhibit #6 and the testimony of Dr. Matthews-Price (Tr. 36-37).

2. Dr. Matthews-Price completed her undergraduate and medical school studies with honors. She began her five year residency in general surgery at Rush Presbyterian Hospital (1981-1983) and completed it

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at Michael Reese Hospital (1983-1986), both in Chicago. She followed her residency with a very prestigious fellowship in transplantation surgery at the University of Pittsburgh.

The first three months of the fellowship, Dr. Matthews-Price performed liver transplants on pediatric patients. Her patients were critically ill and many died. During this time period Dr. Matthews-Price also had to make arrangements for, and be present at, her mother's surgery for an ovarian mass. The surgery took place in Chicago. With the stress of the fellowship and her mother's surgery, Dr. Matthews-Price felt she "lost something" (Tr. 31). She transferred to the fellowship's satellite program at Baylor University in Dallas, Texas. She completed the fellowship year at Baylor and chose not to continue with a second year. Her supervisors were quite pleased with her skills and performance.

After the fellowship, Dr. Matthews-Price spent several weeks in the fall of 1987 at the University of Cincinnati performing kidney transplants as a visiting professor. She believes she had a temporary certificate to practice in Ohio. She then worked as a general surgeon for Kaiser Permanente, an HMO in Denver, Colorado, from November 1987 through June 1988.

From May 1988 to December 1989 Dr. Matthews-Price had a private practice in general surgery in Aspen, Colorado. Also, as the sole Medicaid-Medicare provider in the area she saw other medical problems for which she would attempt to make appropriate referrals. She testified that she closed her practice in December 1989 because she did not feel safe practicing. Her application states that she closed her practice in February 1990. Around this time, she began applying to law school.

In February 1990 she began using cocaine. Her use rapidly escalated. During this time period she was agitated, irrational and rarely slept. She was trying to stop in August 1990 when she came upon a small quantity of cocaine in her home. In order to remove the temptation, she mailed it to her husband, who was also using cocaine at the time. Dr. Matthews-Price testified that she was working at Fitzsimmons Army Hospital to make money for law school tuition and had been preparing to move.

Dr. Matthews-Price described her life after the conclusion of her fellowship as being on a downhill spiral. She characterized the years between the fellowship and her treatment for chemical dependency and bipolar disorder as unproductive. She had problems meeting her own expectations and problems interacting with peers.

These facts are established by the testimony of Dr. Matthews-Price (Tr. 13-37, 49, 57), and by Respondent's Exhibits B, C, D, E, and F.

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3. The day after mailing the cocaine, Dr. Matthews-Price's husband flew to Denver and took Dr. Matthews-Price back to Cleveland with him. She immediately entered treatment at the Cleveland Clinic. Her treating psychiatrist was Dr. Dennis Cozzens whose initial diagnosis was chemical dependency. When certain symptoms persisted beyond the normal withdrawal period, the additional diagnosis of bipolar disorder was considered. Dr. Cozzens eventually did diagnose this condition and considered it to be the primary diagnosis.

These facts are established by the testimony of Dr. Matthews-Price (Tr. 37-40) and the testimony of Dr. Cozzens (Tr. 66-67).

4. According to Dr. Cozzens, bipolar disorder is characterized by mood fluctuations between mania and depression. During the manic phase an individual has increased energy, a decreased need for sleep, rapid speech, and pressured thinking. Provided the individual does not reach a dillusional stage, sufferers of the disorder can be quite productive during the manic phase. Dr. Matthews-Price's professional history of high achievement and tirelessness fits the model of bipolar disorder.

Dr. Cozzens testified that he prescribed Lithium for the bipolar disorder and that Dr. Matthews-Price responded well. Common side effects associated with Lithium include GI distrubances, diarrhœa, hand tremors, difficulty sleeping, and weight gain.

Dr. Matthews-Price was cooperative with her chemical dependency treatment. In the first 90 days after treatment she attended 120 AA meetings. She currently attends three to five meetings per week and random urine screens are done at the Clinic bimonthly. She sees Dr. Cozzens on a weekly basis. In addition to Lithium, Dr. Matthews-Price currently takes 40 mg. of Prozac, an antidepressant, daily. In Dr. Cozzens' opinion, Dr. Matthews-Price is committed to recovery.

These facts are established by the testimony of Dr. Cozzens (Tr. 64, 71, and 76) and by the testimony of Dr. Matthews-Price (Tr. 15-31, 43).

5. Dr. Matthews-Price has surrendered her Colorado medical license. In July 1990 Dr. Matthews-Price submitted an application for medical licensure in Ohio. Contemporaneously, she applied to law schools. She currently attends Case Western Reserve University Law School in Cleveland, Ohio on a fulltime basis.

These facts are established by the testimony of Dr. Matthews-Price (Tr. 35, 45, 48, 54).

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6. For the past year, Dr. Matthews-Price has volunteered one day per week at the Free Medical Clinic of Greater Cleveland. If licensed in Ohio, Dr. Matthews-Price intends to work in the emergency/trauma area. She would lessen her law school course load depending upon the type of medical job obtained. She believes her ordeal with drug addiction and mania has made her a better physician. She will not perform general surgery without an additional year of training and she will not perform surgery if hand tremors effect her ability. Also, if she did resume her surgical career it would be on a fulltime basis.

Dr. Matthews-Price's husband has also undergone chemical dependency treatment. Dr. Matthews-Price testified that her life is better now than it ever was.

These facts are established by the testimony of Dr. Matthews-Price (Tr. 54, 83-84).

CONCLUSIONS

The conviction of Laurel Matthews-Price, M.D., on or about September 19, 1991, for possession of a controlled substance, a class 4 felony, and the acts underlying the conviction constitute, "a plea of guilty to, or a judicial finding of guilt of, a felony," as that clause is used in Section 4731.22(B)(9), Ohio Revised Code.

While it is the policy of this Board that impairment cannot serve as an excuse for a felony conviction, there are mitigating circumstances to consider. The act for which Dr. Matthews-Price was convicted was an attempt to remove herself from drugs rather than an attempt to acquire them. There is no evidence of patient harm. Dr. Matthews-Price sought treatment after realizing the gravity of her problem and has been fully compliant with her recovery program. She would appear to be a good candidate for rehabilitation through rigorous Board monitoring.

PROPOSED ORDER

It is hereby ORDERED that:

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Joan Irwin Fishel
Attorney Hearing Examiner



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REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. Gretter announced that the Board would now consider the findings and orders appearing on the Board's agenda.

Dr. Gretter asked whether each member of the Board had received, read, and considered the hearing record, the proposed findings, conclusions, and order, and any objections filed in the matters of Robert J. Eastway, Jr., D.O.; James G. Gianakopoulos, M.D.; William J. Strandwitz, III, M.T.; Chester J. Janecki, Jr., M.D.; Marian Korosec, M.D., N.E. Ohio Emergency Affiliates; Laurel Matthews-Price, M.D.; and Avelino S. B. Rosales, M.D. A roll call was taken:

ROLL CALL:	Dr. Cramblett	- abstain
	Mr. Albert	- aye
	Dr. Stephens	- aye
	Mr. Jost	- abstain
	Dr. Garg	- aye
	Dr. Kaplansky	- aye
	Dr. Heidt	- aye
	Dr. Hom	- aye
	Dr. Agresta	- aye
	Dr. Gretter	- aye

Dr. Hom indicated that she did not review the record in the matter of William J. Strandwitz, III, M.T., and would therefore abstain from voting in that case.

The original Reports and Recommendations shall be maintained in the exhibits section of this Journal.

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All Assistant Attorneys General and all Enforcement Coordinators left the meeting at this time.

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REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION IN THE MATTER OF LAUREL MATTHEWS-PRICE, M.D.

Dr. Gretter stated that if there were no objections, the Chair would dispense with the reading of the proposed findings of fact, conclusions and order in the above matter. No objections were voiced by Board members present.



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DR. AGRESTA MOVED TO APPROVE AND CONFIRM MS. FISHEL'S PROPOSED FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS, AND ORDER IN THE MATTER OF LAUREL MATTHEWS-PRICE, M.D. DR. HOM SECONDED THE MOTION.

Dr. Gretter asked if there were any questions concerning the proposed findings of fact, conclusions, and order in the above matter.

DR. O'DAY MOVED THAT THE PROPOSED ORDER IN THE MATTER OF LAUREL MATTHEWS-PRICE, M.D., BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

1. BY SPECIFYING IN PARAGRAPH 2 THAT THE PROBATIONARY PERIOD BE FOR A MINIMUM OF FIVE (5) YEARS.
2. BY MODIFYING PARAGRAPH 2i TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

Dr. Matthews-Price shall maintain participation in an alcohol and drug rehabilitation program acceptable to the Board, such as AA, NA or Caduceus, no less than four (4) times per week or as otherwise directed by the Board. At Dr. Matthews-Price's appearances before the Board or its designated representative, Dr. Matthews-Price shall submit acceptable documentary evidence of continuing compliance with this program.

ALL OTHER TERMS OF THE PROPOSED ORDER SHALL REMAIN THE SAME.

DR. STEPHENS SECONDED THE MOTION.

Dr. Heidt asked whether Dr. Matthews-Price is still in law school.

Dr. O'Day stated that she believes so.

Dr. Heidt commented that it will be difficult to attend four A.A. meetings if she is in law school.

Dr. O'Day stated that her amendment would allow the Board to change the number of meetings if a change is warranted. The original Order would not.

A roll call vote was taken on Dr. O'Day's motion to amend:

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Dr. Cramblett	- abstain
	Dr. O'Day	- aye
	Mr. Albert	- aye
	Dr. Stephens	- aye
	Mr. Jost	- abstain
	Dr. Garg	- aye



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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF MARCH 11, 1992
IN THE MATTER OF LAUREL MATTHEWS-PRICE, M.D.

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Dr. Kaplansky	- aye
Dr. Heidt	- aye
Dr. Hom	- aye
Dr. Agresta	- aye

The motion carried.

DR. AGRESTA MOVED TO APPROVE AND CONFIRM MS. FISHEL'S PROPOSED FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS, AND ORDER, AS AMENDED, IN THE MATTER OF LAUREL MATTHEWS-PRICE, M.D. DR. HEIDT SECONDED THE MOTION. A roll call vote was taken:

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Dr. Cramblett	- abstain
	Dr. O'Day	- aye
	Mr. Albert	- aye
	Dr. Stephens	- aye
	Mr. Jost	- abstain
	Dr. Garg	- aye
	Dr. Kaplansky	- aye
	Dr. Heidt	- aye
	Dr. Hom	- aye
	Dr. Agresta	- aye

The motion carried.



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October 9, 1991

Laurel Mathews-Price, M.D.
13623 Larchmere Road
Shaker Heights, OH 44120

Dear Doctor Mathews-Price:

In accordance with Chapter 119., Ohio Revised Code, you are hereby notified that the State Medical Board of Ohio intends to determine whether or not to limit, revoke, suspend, refuse to register or reinstate your certificate to practice medicine and surgery, or to reprimand or place you on probation for one or more of the following reasons:

- (1) On or about July 10, 1990, you submitted an application for medical licensure to the State Medical Board of Ohio.
- (2) On or about August 5, 1991, the District Court for the City and County of Denver, State of Colorado accepted your plea of guilty to Possession Of A Controlled Substance, Schedule III, a Class 4 felony, and on or about September 21, 1991 you were convicted of the same.

Your acts, conduct, and/or omissions as alleged in paragraph (2) above, individually and/or collectively, constitute "a plea of guilty to, or a judicial finding of guilt of, a felony," as that clause is used in Section 4731.22(B)(9), Ohio Revised Code.

Pursuant to Chapter 119., Ohio Revised Code, you are hereby advised that you are entitled to a hearing in this matter. If you wish to request such hearing, the request must be made in writing and must be received in the offices of the State Medical Board within thirty (30) days of the time of mailing of this notice.

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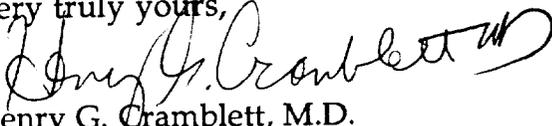
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You are further advised that you are entitled to appear at such hearing in person, or by your attorney, or by such other representative as is permitted to practice before this agency, or you may present your position, arguments, or contentions in writing, and that at the hearing you may present evidence and examine witnesses appearing for or against you.

In the event that there is no request for such hearing received within thirty (30) days of the time of mailing of this notice, the State Medical Board may, in your absence and upon consideration of this matter, determine whether or not to limit, revoke, suspend, refuse to register or reinstate your certificate to practice medicine and surgery or to reprimand or place you on probation.

Copies of the applicable sections are enclosed for your information.

Very truly yours,



Henry G. Cramblett, M.D.
Secretary

HGC:jmb

Enclosures:

CERTIFIED MAIL #P 055 328 563
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED