



State Medical Board of Ohio

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August 13, 2003

David B. Coverdale, M.D.
6508 Maplecrest Avenue
Parma Heights, OH 44130

Dear Doctor Coverdale:

Please find enclosed a certified copy of the Findings, Order and Journal Entry approved and confirmed by the State Medical Board meeting in regular session on August 13, 2003.

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

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. Any such appeal must be filed 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.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lance A. Talmage, M.D.", written in black ink.

Lance A. Talmage, M.D.
Secretary

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the attached copy of the Findings, Order and Journal Entry approved by the State Medical Board, meeting in regular session on August 13, 2003, constitutes a true and complete copy of the Findings, Order and Journal Entry in the Matter of David B. Coverdale, M.D., as it appears in the Journal of the State Medical Board of Ohio.

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



Lance A. Talmage, M.D.
Secretary

(SEAL)

August 13, 2003

Date

BEFORE THE STATE MEDICAL BOARD OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF _____ :

DAVID B. COVERDALE, M.D. _____ :

FINDINGS, ORDER AND JOURNAL ENTRY

This matter came on for consideration before the State Medical Board of Ohio on August 13, 2003, pursuant to a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing issued to David B. Coverdale, M.D., on May 14, 2003. No request for hearing having been received within the statutorily mandated time period, Attorney Hearing Examiner Sharon W. Murphy, on behalf of the Board, reviewed and summarized evidence supporting the Notice, and prepared Proposed Findings and a Proposed Order.

WHEREFORE, having reviewed Ms. Murphy's Proposed Findings and Proposed Order, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, the Board hereby finds that there is reliable, probative and substantial evidence to support the allegations as set forth in the May 14, 2003, Notice of Opportunity for Hearing.

Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that:

- A. **GRANTING OF CERTIFICATE OR LICENSURE:** The Board shall not consider renewing or reinstating the training certificate of David B. Coverdale, M.D., and shall not consider granting an application for a new training certificate or for full licensure to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Ohio, for an indefinite period of time, but not less than three years.
- B. **CONDITIONS FOR GRANTING APPLICATION:** The Board shall not consider renewing or reinstating Dr. Coverdale's original training certificate, and shall not consider granting his application for a new training certificate or for full licensure to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Ohio, unless all of the following conditions have been met:
 - 1. **Application and Fees:** Dr. Coverdale shall submit an application for training certificate or for full licensure, accompanied by appropriate fees, if any.
 - 2. **Completion of Inpatient Treatment:** Dr. Coverdale shall complete a minimum of twenty-eight days of inpatient or residential treatment, or a

combination thereof, for his chemical dependency. Such inpatient or residential treatment shall be completed without interruption. Further, such inpatient or residential treatment shall be provided in accordance with Rule 4731-16-08(A)(13), Ohio Administrative Code, by a treatment provider approved under Section 4731.25, Ohio Revised Code.

In addition, upon discharge from treatment, Dr. Coverdale shall enter into, and thereafter maintain compliance with, a post-discharge aftercare contract which complies with Rule 4731-16-10, Ohio Administrative Code, with a treatment provider approved under Section 4731.25, Ohio Revised Code, who has access to Dr. Coverdale's treatment records.

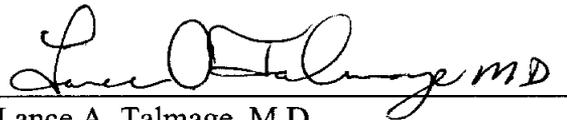
3. **Demonstration of Ability to Resume Practice:** Dr. Coverdale shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Board that he can practice in compliance with acceptable and prevailing standards of care under the provisions of his certificate. Such demonstration shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
 - a. Certification from a treatment provider approved under Section 4731.25 of the Revised Code that Dr. Coverdale has successfully completed the required inpatient treatment.
 - b. Evidence of continuing full compliance, for at least eighteen months immediately prior to submission of Dr. Coverdale's application for training certificate or for full licensure, with a post-discharge aftercare contract with a treatment provider approved under Section 4731.25 of the Revised Code. Such evidence shall include, but not be limited to, a copy of the signed aftercare contract. The post-discharge aftercare contract must comply with Rule 4731-16-10 of the Administrative Code.
 - c. Two written reports indicating that Dr. Coverdale's ability to practice has been assessed and that he has been found capable of practicing according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care. The reports shall be made by individuals or providers approved by the Board for making such assessments and shall describe the basis for this determination.
4. **Consent Agreement:** Dr. Coverdale shall enter into a written consent agreement with the Board. The consent agreement shall include probationary terms, conditions, and limitations, as determined by the Board to assure that Dr. Coverdale is able to practice according to acceptable standards of care.
5. **Absence from Practice:** In the event that Dr. Coverdale has not been engaged in the active practice of medicine and surgery for a period in excess of two years prior to the submission of his application for training certificate or for

full licensure, the Board may exercise its discretion under Section 4731.222, Ohio Revised Code, to require additional evidence of Dr. Coverdale's fitness to resume practice.

- C. **REQUIRED REPORTING BY LICENSEE TO EMPLOYERS AND HOSPITALS:** Within thirty days of the effective date of this Order, Dr. Coverdale shall provide a copy of this Order to all employers or entities with which he is under contract to provide health care services or is receiving training; and the Chief of Staff at each hospital where he has privileges or appointments. Further, Dr. Coverdale shall provide a copy of this Order to all employers or entities with which he contracts to provide health care services, or applies for or receives training, and the Chief of Staff at each hospital where he applies for or obtains privileges or appointments.
- D. **REQUIRED REPORTING BY LICENSEE TO OTHER STATE LICENSING AUTHORITIES:** Within thirty days of the effective date of this Order, Dr. Coverdale shall provide a copy of this Order by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the proper licensing authority of any state or jurisdiction in which he currently holds any professional license. Dr. Coverdale shall also provide a copy of this Order by certified mail, return receipt requested, at time of application to the proper licensing authority of any state in which he applies for any professional license or reinstatement or restoration of any professional license. Further, Dr. Coverdale shall provide this Board with a copy of the return receipt as proof of notification within thirty days of receiving that return receipt.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDER: This Order shall become effective immediately upon the mailing of notification of approval by the Board.

This Order is hereby entered upon the Journal of the State Medical Board of Ohio for the 13th day of August 2003, and the original thereof shall be kept with said Journal.



Lance A. Talmage, M.D.
Secretary

(SEAL)

August 13, 2003
Date

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**PROPOSED FINDINGS AND PROPOSED ORDER
IN THE MATTER OF DAVID B. COVERDALE, M.D.**

The Matter of David B. Coverdale, M.D., was reviewed by Sharon W. Murphy, Attorney Hearing Examiner for the State Medical Board of Ohio.

INTRODUCTION

I. Basis for the Review

- A. By letter dated May 14, 2003, the State Medical Board of Ohio [Board] notified David B. Coverdale, M.D., that it had proposed to take disciplinary action against his certificate to practice medicine and surgery in Ohio. The Board's action was based on allegations pertaining to Dr. Coverdale's history of impairment and relapse. The Board further alleged that Dr. Coverdale's conduct constitutes "[i]mpairment of ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care because of habitual or excessive use or abuse of drugs, alcohol, or other substances that impair ability to practice," as that clause is used in Section 4731.22(B)(26), Ohio Revised Code."

In addition, Board advised Dr. Coverdale that he was entitled to a hearing if such hearing was requested within thirty days of the mailing of the notice of opportunity for hearing. (Exhibit 2).

- B. In accordance with Section 119.07, Ohio Revised Code, the notice of opportunity for hearing was sent via certified mail, return receipt requested, to the address of record for Dr. Coverdale at Aultman Hospital – Medical Education Department, 2600 Sixth Street SW, Canton, Ohio 44710. Moreover, a copy of the notice of opportunity for hearing was sent to Dr. Coverdale's secondary address: 6508 Maplecrest Ave., Parma Heights, Ohio 44130. The notices of opportunity for hearing were mailed on May 15, 2003, and proper service was documented. (Exhibits 1 through 3).
- C. More than thirty days have elapsed since the mailing of the notice of opportunity for hearing and Dr. Coverdale has not submitted a hearing request. (Exhibit 1).

EVIDENCE EXAMINED

1. Exhibit 1: July 11, 2003, Memorandum from Barbara A. Jacobs, Public Services Administrator, to Gregory Porter, Chief Hearing Officer.

2. Exhibit 2: Copy of the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed on May 15, 2003, with copies of certified mail receipts.
3. Exhibit 3: Affidavit of Debra L. Jones, Chief, Continuing Medical Educations, Records and Renewal for the Board.
4. Exhibit 4: Affidavit of Kathleen S. Peterson, Enforcement Coordinator for the Board, with copies of records from Aultman Health Foundation.
5. Exhibit 5: Copy of Dr. Coverdale's Application for Training Certificate.
6. Exhibit 6: Affidavit of Carol S. Young, Administrative Director of Medical Education for Aultman Health Foundation.
7. Exhibit 7: Certified copy of Dr. Coverdale's blood alcohol content results from blood drawn on November 6, 2002.
8. Exhibit 8: Copy of a November 6, 2002, letter to Dr. Coverdale from Carol Young.
9. Exhibit 9: Copy of a July 28, 2003, Memorandum from Sharon W. Murphy, Attorney Hearing Examiner, to Barbara A. Jacobs, Public Services Administrator.
10. Exhibit 10: Affidavit of Kay L. Rieve, Administrative Officer for the Board.

SUMMARY OF THE EVIDENCE

All exhibits, even if not specifically mentioned, were thoroughly reviewed and considered by the Attorney Hearing Examiner prior to preparing this Proposed Findings and Proposed Order.

1. On May 2, 2002, David B. Coverdale, M.D., submitted an application for a training certificate to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Ohio. In the application, Dr. Coverdale stated that he was planning to participate in the residency program of Aultman Hospital in Canton, Ohio. (Exhibit 5 at 1).

The Board issued Dr. Coverdale a training certificate to be effective July 1, 2002, through June 30, 2003. (Exhibit 5 at 25). The certificate remained valid through June 30, 2003. As of July 30, 2003, the Board had not received an application for Dr. Coverdale for either renewal of the training certificate or for a full, unrestricted license. (Exhibit 10).

2. In Dr. Coverdale's application for a training certificate, Dr. Coverdale advised that he had received his medical degree in 1999 from the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine in Cincinnati, Ohio. From July 1999 through May 2000, Dr. Coverdale was a "transitional

resident” at Riverside Regional Medical Center in Newport News, Virginia. For the following year, Dr. Coverdale did not work as a physician, but held various construction jobs. From July 2001 through February 2002, Dr. Coverdale worked as a surgical resident at the University of Tennessee Medical Center in Knoxville, Tennessee. (Exhibit 5 at 2, 4).

3. In his application for the training certificate, Dr. Coverdale also reported a history of substance abuse, treatment, and relapse that includes the following:
 - a. On three occasions in early 2000, Dr. Coverdale was charged with and pled guilty to Driving Under the Influence of alcohol.
 - b. Dr. Coverdale participated in a six-week inpatient treatment program in June and July 2000 at the William F. Farley Program at Williamsburg Place in Virginia.
 - i. Because he was receiving inpatient treatment in June 2000, Dr. Coverdale was unable to complete his internship year until February 2001.
 - ii. Dr. Coverdale was forced to void a contract with the University of Florida-Gainesville radiology program which was to begin on July 1, 2000, because he was receiving inpatient treatment and was unable to begin the training year.
 - c. Dr. Coverdale relapsed in June or July 2001. The relapse lasted approximately one week.
 - d. Dr. Coverdale completed a second six-week inpatient treatment program from July to August 2001 at the New Life Lodge in Tennessee.
 - e. Dr. Coverdale relapsed in around February 2002. The relapse lasted approximately one week.
 - f. After the 2002 relapse, Dr. Coverdale returned to New Life Lodge for a two-week reevaluation.
 - i. Because of his 2002 relapse and treatment, Dr. Coverdale resigned his position at the University of Tennessee Medical Center.
 - ii. At the time of his 2002 relapse and treatment, Dr. Coverdale was diagnosed with a dual diagnosis of alcoholism and depression/anxiety.
 - g. Following the 2002 reevaluation at New Life Lodge, Dr. Coverdale entered into a contract with the Ohio Physicians Effectiveness Program [OPEP]. He attended daily Alcoholics Anonymous [AA] meetings and weekly Caduceus meetings. In addition, he submitted random urine specimens for toxicology screening. Dr. Coverdale had two

AA sponsors. Finally, Dr. Coverdale stated that he had been receiving treatment for depression and anxiety, and that he believed his recovery program had been unsuccessful in the past due to his untreated psychiatric conditions.

(Exhibit 5 at 8, 10-12).

4. Carol S. Young, Administrative Director of Medical Education for Aultman Health Foundation, submitted an affidavit to the Board. In the affidavit, Ms. Young advised that, on November 6, 2002, at the start of his regularly scheduled work shift as a resident, Dr. Coverdale had presented to work with the odor of alcohol on his person. Dr. Coverdale was ordered to report to Employee Health Services for a Blood Alcohol Concentration test [BAC]. (Exhibit 6). The BAC test results revealed a blood alcohol level of .122. (Exhibit 7).

By letter dated November 6, 2002, Aultman Hospital indefinitely suspended Dr. Coverdale from the residency program, without pay, effective immediately. (Exhibit 8).

5. On February 27, 2003, Board staff contacted Dr. Coverdale. During the conversation, Dr. Coverdale admitted that he had relapsed on alcohol in early October of 2002. Dr. Coverdale further admitted to drinking alcohol on the evening of November 5, 2002. Nevertheless, Dr. Coverdale denied drinking alcohol before reporting to work on the morning of November 6, 2002. (Exhibit 4).

PROPOSED FINDINGS

1. In May 2002, David B. Coverdale, M.D., applied for a training certificate to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Ohio. The Board issued Dr. Coverdale a training certificate to be effective July 1, 2002, through June 30, 2003. In Dr. Coverdale's application for a training certificate, he reported a history of treatment for substance abuse and relapse. Dr. Coverdale reported that he had completed a six-week inpatient treatment program in June 2000 at the William F. Farley Program at Williamsburg Place in Virginia. He further reported that, after relapsing in 2001, he had completed a second six-week inpatient treatment program at New Life Lodge in Tennessee. Finally, Dr. Coverdale reported that, after relapsing in February 2002, he had returned to New Life Lodge for a two-week reevaluation.
2. On November 6, 2002, while a radiology resident at Aultman Hospital in Canton, Ohio, Dr. Coverdale was ordered to submit to a Blood Alcohol Concentration test [BAC] after he presented to work with the smell of alcohol about his person. The BAC test results showed a blood alcohol level of .122.
3. On February 27, 2003, Dr. Coverdale admitted to Board staff that he had relapsed on alcohol in early October of 2002. Dr. Coverdale further admitted to drinking alcohol on the evening

of November 5, 2002, but denied drinking alcohol before reporting to work on the morning of November 6, 2002.

4. Dr. Coverdale's conduct, as set forth in Findings 1, 2 and 3 above, constitutes "[i]mpairment of ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care because of habitual or excessive use or abuse of drugs, alcohol, or other substances that impair ability to practice," as that clause is used in Section 4731.22(B)(26), Ohio Revised Code.

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Since first entering treatment, Dr. Coverdale has suffered repeated relapses of alcoholism. Most egregiously, Dr. Coverdale reported to work while under the influence of alcohol. Such behavior suggests that allowing Dr. Coverdale to practice medicine and surgery at any time in the future might present too great a risk of harm to the public.

Nevertheless, the Board has traditionally attempted to support impaired physicians in their recovery process, so long as it can be assured that no patient or public harm will result. In this case, Dr. Coverdale has relapsed repeatedly. Moreover, prior to each relapse, he had not maintained sobriety for an extended period of time. Accordingly, it is appropriate that, before allowing Dr. Coverdale to return to the practice of medicine and surgery in Ohio, he must first complete an additional twenty-eight days of inpatient treatment for substance abuse. In addition, since Dr. Coverdale has relapsed on three occasions, Rule 4731-16-02(D), Ohio Administrative Code, suggests that Dr. Coverdale shall not be eligible to apply for a new training certificate or for full licensure for three years from the date of his license suspension.

PROPOSED ORDER

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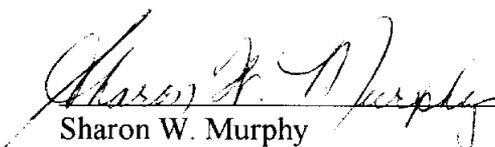
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Sharon W. Murphy
Attorney Hearing Examiner



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May 14, 2003

David B. Coverdale, M.D.
c/o Aultman Hospital- Medical Education Dept.
2600 Sixth St. SW
Canton, Ohio 44710

Dear Doctor Coverdale:

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

- (1) In or about May of 2002, you applied for a training certificate to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Ohio. The Board issued you a training certificate to be effective July 1, 2002, through June 30, 2003. In your application for the training certificate, you reported a history of treatment for substance abuse and relapse that includes the following: you completed a six-week inpatient treatment program in June of 2000 at the William F. Farley Program at Williamsburg Place in Virginia; after relapsing in 2001, you completed a second six-week inpatient treatment program at New Life Lodge in Tennessee; and, after relapsing in February of 2002, you returned to New Life Lodge for a two-week reevaluation.
- (2) On or about November 6, 2002, while a radiology resident at Aultman Hospital in Canton, Ohio, you were ordered to submit to a Blood Alcohol Concentration test [BAC] after the Administrator of Medical Education smelled alcohol on you. The BAC test results showed a .122 BAC.
- (3) On or about February 27, 2003, you admitted to Board staff that you had relapsed on alcohol in or about early October of 2002. You further admitted to drinking alcohol on the evening of November 5, 2002, but denied drinking alcohol before reporting to work on the morning of November 6, 2002.

Your acts, conduct, and/or omissions as alleged in paragraphs (1), (2) and (3) above, individually and/or collectively, constitute "[i]mpairment of ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care because of habitual or excessive use or abuse of drugs, alcohol, or other substances that impair ability to practice," as that clause is used in Section 4731.22(B)(26), 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

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must be received in the offices of the State Medical Board within thirty days of the time of mailing of this notice.

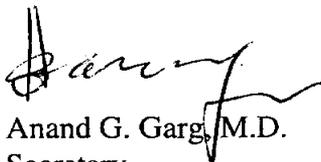
You are further advised that, if you timely request a hearing, you are entitled to appear at such hearing in person, or by your attorney, or by such other representative as is permitted to practice before this agency, or you may present your position, arguments, or contentions in writing, and that at 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 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, permanently revoke, suspend, refuse to register or reinstate your training certificate and/or certificate to practice medicine and surgery or to reprimand or place you on probation.

Please note that, whether or not you request a hearing, Section 4731.22(L), Ohio Revised Code, provides that "[w]hen the board refuses to grant a certificate to an applicant, revokes an individual's certificate to practice, refuses to register an applicant, or refuses to reinstate an individual's certificate to practice, the board may specify that its action is permanent. An individual subject to a permanent action taken by the board is forever thereafter ineligible to hold a certificate to practice and the board shall not accept an application for reinstatement of the certificate or for issuance of a new certificate."

Copies of the applicable sections are enclosed for your information.

Very truly yours,


Anand G. Garg, M.D.
Secretary

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