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November 16, 2010

CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Gregory H. Silver, M.D.

REDACTED

Re: License No. 232881

Dear Dr. Silver:

Enclosed is a copy of Order BPMC #10-232 of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct. This order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect November 23, 2010.

If the penalty imposed by this Order is a surrender, revocation or suspension, you are required to deliver your license and registration within five (5) days of receipt of this Order to: Office of Professional Medical Conduct, c/o Physician Monitoring Unit, New York State Department of Health, 433 River Street, Suite 303, Troy, NY 12180-2299.

If the document(s) are lost, misplaced or destroyed, you are required to submit to this office an affidavit to that effect. Enclosed for your convenience is an affidavit. Please complete and sign the affidavit before a notary public and return it to the Office of Professional Medical Conduct.

Sincerely,

REDACTED

Katherine A. Hawkins, M.D., J.D.
Executive Secretary
Board for Professional Medical Conduct

Enclosure

cc: Wilfred T. Friedman, Esq.
60 East 42nd Street, 40th Floor
New York, NY 10165

IN THE MATTER
OF
GREGORY HANS SILVER, M.D.

CONSENT
ORDER
BPMC No. #10-232

Upon the application of **GREGORY HANS SILVER, M.D.**, (Respondent), in the attached Consent Agreement and Order, that is made a part of this Consent Order, it is

ORDERED, that the Consent Agreement, and its terms, are adopted and it is further

ORDERED, that this Consent Order shall be effective upon issuance by the Board, either by mailing of a copy of this Consent Order, either

by first class mail to Respondent at the address in the attached Consent Agreement or by certified mail to Respondent's attorney, or

upon facsimile transmission to Respondent or Respondent's attorney, whichever is first.

SO ORDERED.

DATED: 11-15-2010

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KENDRICK A. SEARS, M.D.
Chair
State Board for Professional
Medical Conduct

STATE OF NEW YORK : DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CONDUCT

IN THE MATTER
OF
GREGORY HANS SILVER, M.D.
CO-08-06-3737-A

CONSENT
AGREEMENT
AND ORDER

GREGORY HANS SILVER, M.D., (Respondent), representing that all of the following statements are true, deposes and says:

That on or about June 18, 2004, I was licensed to practice as a Physician in the State of New York, and issued license number 232881 by the New York State Education Department.

My current address is REDACTED, and I will advise the Director of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct of any change of my address within thirty (30) days, thereof.

I understand that the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct (Board) has charged me with four (4) Specifications of professional misconduct.

A copy of the Statement of Charges, marked as Exhibit "A," is attached to and part of this Consent Agreement.

I, Gregory Hans Silver, M.D., In full satisfaction of the charges against me, agree not to contest the First Specification of the Statement of Charges, and agree to the following penalty:

Pursuant to New York Pub. Health Law Sec. 230-a(2), my license to practice medicine in New York State shall be suspended for 90 days, and pursuant to N.Y. Pub. Health Law Sec. 230-a(9), I shall be placed on probation for a period of five years, subject to the terms set forth in attached exhibit "B".

I agree, further, that the Consent Order shall impose the following conditions:

That Respondent shall remain in continuous compliance with all requirements of New York Education Law § 6502 including, but not limited to, the requirements that a licensee shall register and continue to be registered with the New York State Education

Department (except during periods of actual suspension) and that a licensee shall pay all registration fees. Respondent shall not exercise the option provided in New York Education Law § 6502(4) to avoid registration and payment of fees. This condition shall take effect 30 days after the Consent Order's effective date and will continue so long as Respondent remains a licensee in New York State; and

That Respondent shall cooperate fully with the Office of Professional Medical Conduct (OPMC) in its administration and enforcement of this Consent Order and in its investigations of matters concerning Respondent. Respondent shall respond in a timely manner to all OPMC requests for written periodic verification of Respondent's compliance with this Consent Order. Respondent shall meet with a person designated by the Director, OPMC, as directed. Respondent shall respond promptly and provide all documents and information within Respondent's control, as directed. This condition shall take effect upon the Board's issuance of the Consent Order and will continue so long as Respondent remains licensed in New York State.

I stipulate that my failure to comply with any conditions of this Consent Order shall constitute misconduct as defined by New York Education Law § 6530(29).

I agree that, if I am charged with professional misconduct in future, this Consent Agreement and Order shall be admitted into evidence in that proceeding.

I ask the Board to adopt this Consent Agreement.

I understand that if the Board does not adopt this Consent Agreement, none of its terms shall bind me or constitute an admission of any of the acts of alleged misconduct; this Consent Agreement shall not be used against me in any way and shall be kept in strict confidence; and the Board's denial shall be without prejudice to the pending disciplinary proceeding and the Board's final determination pursuant to New York Public Health Law.

I agree that, if the Board adopts this Consent Agreement, the Chair of the Board shall issue a Consent Order in accordance with its terms. I agree that this Consent Order shall take effect upon its issuance by the Board, either by mailing of a copy of the Consent Order by first class mail to me at the address in this Consent Agreement, or to my attorney by certified mail, or upon facsimile transmission to me or my attorney, whichever is first. The Consent Order, this Agreement, and all attached Exhibits shall be public documents, with only patient identities, if any, redacted. As public documents, they may be posted on the Department's website.

I stipulate that the proposed sanction and Consent Order are authorized by New York Public Health Law §§ 230 and 230-a, and that the Board and OPMC have the requisite powers to carry out all included terms. I ask the Board to adopt this Consent Agreement of my own free will and not under duress, compulsion or restraint. In consideration of the value to me of the Board's adoption of this Consent Agreement, allowing me to resolve this matter without the various risks and burdens of a hearing on the merits, I knowingly waive my right to contest the Consent Order for which I apply, whether administratively or judicially, I agree to be bound by the Consent Order, and I ask that the Board adopt this Consent Agreement.

I understand and agree that the attorney for the Department, the Director, OPMC, and the Chair of the Board each retain complete discretion either to enter into the proposed Agreement and Consent Order, based upon my application, or to decline to do so. I further understand and agree that no prior or separate written or oral communication can limit that discretion.

AFFIRMED:

DATED: 10/26/2010

REDACTED

GREGORY HANS SILVER, M.D.
Respondent

The undersigned agree to Respondent's attached Consent Agreement and to its proposed penalty, terms and conditions.

DATE:

10/26/10

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WILFRED T. FRIEDMAN, ESQ.
Attorney for Respondent

DATE:

11/2/10

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MICHAEL G. BASS
Assistant Counsel
Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

DATE:

11/12/10

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KEITH W. SERVIS
Director
Office of Professional Medical Conduct

IN THE MATTER
OF
GREGORY HANS SILVER, M.D.

STATEMENT
OF
CHARGES

GREGORY HANS SILVER, M.D., Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York State on or about June 18, 2004, by the issuance of license number 232881 by the New York State Education Department.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- A. On or about June 5, 2007, in the Criminal Court of the City of New York, County of Kings, State of New York, Respondent was found guilty, based on a plea of guilty, of Driving While Intoxicated, in violation of New York Vehicle and Traffic Law, Section 1192(2), a misdemeanor, and was sentenced, inter alia, to a 1 year Conditional Discharge, a \$500.00 fine, and a 6 month suspension of his driver's license.
- B. On or about April 25, 2008, Respondent prepared and/or submitted to the New York State, Education Department, a Registration Renewal Document, wherein he falsely answered "No" to question "2. Since your last registration application, A. Have you been found guilty after trial, or pleaded guilty, no contest, or nolo contendere to a crime (felony or misdemeanor) in any court?".

- C. On or about January 22, 1994, Respondent was arrested and charged with Drinking Under the Influence by the Morgantown, West Virginia, Police Department. On or about April 28, 1994-February 24, 1995, Respondent was found guilty, based on a plea of no contest, of Driving Under the Influence, 1st Offense, and was sentenced, inter alia, to 24 hours in jail and a fine.
- D. On or about August 26, 2000, in the Southampton Town Court, State of New York, Respondent was found guilty, of Operating a Motor Vehicle While Impaired by Alcohol, in violation of Section 1192(1) of the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law, a violation, and was sentenced, inter alia, to a \$400.00 fine and a \$35.00 surcharge.
- E. On or about April 30, 2008 - May 1, 2008, in the City of New York, County of New York, State of New York, Respondent was arrested and charged with Obstruction of Governmental Administration in the Second Degree, a misdemeanor, in violation of Section 195.05 of the New York Penal Law, Disorderly Conduct, a violation, in violation of Section 240.20(6) of the New York Penal law, and Consumption of Alcohol in a Public Place, in violation of Local Law 10.125(b). On or about March 2, 2009, in the Criminal Court of the City of New York, County of New York, State of New York, Respondent was found guilty, based on a plea of guilty, of Disorderly Conduct, in violation of Section 240.20 of the New York State Penal Law, in full satisfaction of the aforementioned charges, and was sentenced, inter alia, to a 1 year conditional discharge and community service.

F. On or about March 27, 2010, in the City of New Rochelle, State of New York, Respondent was arrested for and charged with Driving While Intoxicated, in violation of New York Vehicle and Traffic Law Section 1192(1), as a felony, Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated, in violation of New York Vehicle and Traffic Law Section 1192.2(a) as a felony, and Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated, in violation of New York Vehicle and Traffic Law 1192.2(a) as a Misdemeanor. At the time of his arrest, it is alleged that Respondent had a blood alcohol content of .23 of 1%.

SPECIFICATIONS

FIRST SPECIFICATION

Respondent violated New York Education Law §6530(9)(a)(i) by being convicted of committing an act constituting a crime under New York state law, in that Petitioner charges:

1. The facts in paragraph A.

SECOND SPECIFICATION

Respondent violated New York Education Law §6530(2) by practicing the profession fraudulently, in that Petitioner charges:

2. The facts in paragraphs A and B.

THIRD SPECIFICATION

Respondent violated New York Education law §6530(21) in willfully making or filing a false report required by the education department, in that Petitioner charges:

3. The facts in paragraphs A and B.

FOURTH SPECIFICATION

Respondent violated New York Education Law §6530(8) by being a habitual abuser of alcohol in that Petitioner charges:

4. The facts in paragraphs, A,C,D,E, and/or F.

Dated: *September 8*, 2010
Albany, New York

REDACTED

~~PETER D. VAN BUREN~~
Deputy Counsel
Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

EXHIBIT B
Terms of Probation

1. Respondent's conduct shall conform to moral and professional standards of conduct and governing law. Any act of professional misconduct by Respondent as defined by N.Y. Educ. Law §§ 6530 or 6531 shall constitute a violation of probation and may subject Respondent to an action pursuant to N.Y. Pub. Health Law § 230(19).
2. Respondent shall maintain active registration of Respondent's license (except during periods of actual suspension) with the New York State Education Department, Division of Professional Licensing Services, and shall pay all registration fees.
3. Respondent shall provide the Director, Office of Professional Medical Conduct (OPMC), Hedley Park Place, 433 River Street Suite 303, Troy, New York 12180-2299 with the following information, in writing, and ensure that this information is kept current: a full description of Respondent's employment and practice; all professional and residential addresses and telephone numbers within and outside New York State; all current and past affiliations and/or privileges, with hospitals, institutions, facilities, medical practices, and managed care organizations, and/or applications for such affiliations, and/or privileges; and all investigations, arrests, charges, convictions and/or disciplinary actions by any local, state or federal agency, institution or facility. Respondent shall notify OPMC, in writing, within 30 days of any additions to or changes in the required information.
4. Respondent shall cooperate fully with, and respond in a timely manner to, OPMC requests to provide written periodic verification of Respondent's compliance with the terms of this Consent Order. Upon the request of the Director, OPMC, Respondent shall meet in person with the Director's designee.
5. Respondent's failure to pay any monetary penalty by the prescribed date shall subject Respondent to all provisions of law relating to debt collection by New York State, including but not limited to: the imposition of interest, late payment charges and collection fees; referral to the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance for collection; and non-renewal of permits or licenses [Tax Law § 171(27); State Finance Law § 18; CPLR § 5001; Executive Law § 32].
6. The probation period shall toll when Respondent is not engaged in active medical practice in New York State for a period of 30 consecutive days or more. Respondent shall notify the Director, OPMC, in writing, if Respondent is not currently engaged in, or intends to leave, active medical practice in New York State for a consecutive 30 day period or more. Respondent shall then notify the Director again at least 14 days before returning to active practice. Upon Respondent's return to active practice in New York State, the probation period shall resume and Respondent shall fulfill any unfulfilled probation terms and such additional requirements as the Director may impose as reasonably relate to the matters set forth in Exhibit "A" or as are necessary to protect the public health.
7. The Director, OPMC, may review Respondent's professional performance. This review may include but shall not be limited to: a review of office records, patient records, hospital charts, and/or electronic records; and interviews with or periodic visits with Respondent and staff at practice locations or OPMC offices.

8. Respondent shall adhere to federal and state guidelines and professional standards of care with respect to infection control practices. Respondent shall ensure education, training and oversight of all office personnel involved in medical care, with respect to these practices.
9. Respondent shall maintain complete and legible medical records that accurately reflect the evaluation and treatment of patients and contain all information required by State rules and regulations concerning controlled substances.
10. Respondent shall remain drug and alcohol free.
11. Respondent shall remain active in self-help groups such as, but not limited to, Narcotics Anonymous, Alcoholics Anonymous and Caduceus.
12. Respondent shall notify all treating physicians of Respondent's history of substance abuse. Respondent shall advise OPMC of any controlled or mood-altering substance given or prescribed by treating physicians.
13. Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the Consent Order, Respondent shall practice only when monitored by qualified health care professional monitors: a Sobriety Monitor, a Practice Supervisor and a Therapist. Any medical practice in violation of this term shall constitute the unauthorized practice of medicine.

All monitors shall be proposed by Respondent and approved, in writing, by the Director of OPMC before Respondent may practice after the effective date of this Order. Within 7 days of learning the approved monitor is no longer willing or able to serve, Respondent shall submit the name of a proposed successor to the Director of OPMC. Monitors shall not be family members or personal friends or be in professional relationships that would pose a conflict with monitoring responsibilities. All monitors shall execute acknowledgment forms provided by OPMC certifying familiarity with Respondent's history of substance abuse, with this Order and its terms, and acknowledging a willingness to comply with the monitor's reporting responsibilities regarding Respondent's compliance with the terms of this Order.

- A. Respondent shall ensure that the monitors are familiar with Respondent's history of substance abuse and with the terms of this Order. Respondent shall cause the monitors to report any deviation from compliance with the terms of this Order to OPMC. Respondent shall cause the monitors to submit required reports on a timely basis.
- B. Respondent shall submit to random, unannounced observed blood, breath and/or urine screens for the presence of drugs and alcohol (hereafter "drug screen"), when requested by a monitor. The monitoring shall be on a random, unannounced, directly-observed, 7-day-a-week, 24-hour-a-day basis. Respondent shall report for a drug screen within 4 hours of being contacted by a monitor. Monitors shall report to OPMC immediately if Respondent refuses or delays a test or if a test is positive for alcohol, or any other unauthorized drug or substance. Respondent shall avoid all substances that may cause positive urine drug screens, such as poppy seeds, mouthwash or cough medicine. Any positive test result shall constitute a violation of the terms of this Order.

- C. Respondent shall meet regularly with a Sobriety Monitor. During the first 12 months of monitoring, the Sobriety Monitor shall obtain drug screens at a frequency of no less than 6 times per month. If Respondent is compliant throughout the first 12-month period, subsequent drug screens shall be obtained at a frequency to be proposed by the Sobriety Monitor and approved by OPMC. The Sobriety Monitor shall submit quarterly reports to OPMC certifying Respondent's sobriety or lack of sobriety. These reports are to include forensically valid results of all drug screens performed and an assessment of self-help group (e.g., AA/NA/Caduceus) attendance and 12-step progress.
- D. Respondent shall practice only when supervised in medical practice by a licensed physician (hereafter "Practice Supervisor"). The Practice Supervisor shall be on-site at all locations, unless determined otherwise by the Director of OPMC, and shall be in a position to regularly observe and assess Respondent's medical practice. The Practice Supervisor shall oversee Respondent's compliance with the terms of practice imposed by the Order and Respondent's prescribing, administering, dispensing, inventorying, wasting and disposal of controlled substances. The Practice Supervisor shall report to OPMC immediately any suspected impairment, inappropriate behavior, questionable medical practice, possible misconduct, or violation by Respondent of any of the terms of this Order. The Practice Supervisor shall submit quarterly reports to OPMC regarding the quality of Respondent's medical practice and prescribing practices, any unexplained absences from work, and certifying Respondent's compliance or detailing Respondent's failure to comply with each term imposed.
- E. Respondent shall engage and continue in therapy with a treating health care professional (hereafter "Therapist"). Respondent shall cause the Therapist to submit a proposed treatment plan and quarterly reports to OPMC certifying whether Respondent is in compliance with the treatment plan. OPMC, at its discretion, may provide information or documentation from its investigative files concerning Respondent to Respondent's Therapist. The Therapist shall report to OPMC immediately if Respondent leaves treatment against medical advice or displays any symptoms of a suspected or actual relapse.
14. At the direction of the Director of OPMC, Respondent shall submit to evaluations by a board-certified psychiatrist, licensed mental health practitioner or other health care professional or program designated by the Director (hereafter "Evaluator.") Respondent shall provide the Evaluator with a copy of this Order and copies of all previous treatment records. OPMC, at its discretion, may provide information or documentation from its investigative files concerning Respondent to Respondent's Evaluator. The Evaluator shall report to the Director regarding Respondent's condition and fitness or incapacity to practice medicine. Respondent shall comply with all treatment recommendations based upon the evaluation; failure to comply with such treatment recommendations shall constitute professional misconduct.
15. Respondent shall enroll, or continue enrollment, in the Committee for Physician Health (CPH) and shall engage in a contract with CPH that defines the terms, conditions and duration of Respondent's recovery program. Respondent shall comply with the contract. Respondent shall give written authorization for CPH to provide the Director of OPMC with all information or documentation requested by OPMC to determine whether Respondent is in compliance with the contract and with this Order, including full access to all records maintained by CPH will respect to Respondent;

- A. Respondent shall cause CPH to report to OPMC promptly if Respondent refuses to comply with the contract, refuses to submit to treatment or if Respondent's impairment is not substantially alleviated by treatment;
 - B. Respondent shall cause CPH to report immediately to OPMC if Respondent is regarded at any time to be an imminent danger to the public.
16. Respondent shall comply with this Consent Order and all its terms, and shall bear all associated compliance costs. Upon receiving evidence of noncompliance with, or a violation of, these terms, the Director, OPMC, and/or the Board may initiate a violation of probation proceeding, and/or any other such proceeding authorized by law, against Respondent.