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OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINE, A.V. ZOGG BLDG., 800 FOURTH STREET, RM. 347, LEEPPHOL, NEW YORK 13088

July 24, 1997

William M. Kollios, Physician
702 East 82nd Street
Brooklyn, New York 11236

Re: Application for Restoration

Dear Dr. Kollios:

Enclosed please find the Commissioner's Order regarding Case No. 97-64-60R which is in reference to Calendar No. 0015790. This order and any decision contained therein goes into effect five (5) days after the date of this letter.

Very truly yours,

DANIEL J. KELLEHER
Director of Investigations

By:

Gustave Martine
Supervisor



IN THE MATTER

of the

Application of WILLIAM M. KOLLIOS
for restoration of his license to practice
as a physician in the State of New York

Case No. 97-64-60R

It appearing that the license of WILLIAM M. KOLLIOS, 702 East 82nd Street, Brooklyn, New York 11236, to practice as a physician in the State of New York, was revoked by action of the Board of Regents on November 20, 1987, and he having petitioned the Board of Regents for restoration of said license, and the Regents having given consideration to said petition, and having agreed with and accepted the recommendations of the hearing panel and the Committee on the Professions, now, pursuant to action taken by the Board of Regents on June 12, 1997, it is hereby

ORDERED that the petition for restoration of License No. 152046, authorizing WILLIAM M. KOLLIOS to practice as a physician in the State of New York, is denied, but that the execution of the revocation of his license is stayed, and said WILLIAM M. KOLLIOS is placed on probation for a period of five years under the attached terms and conditions.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, RICHARD P. MILLS, Commissioner of Education of the State of New York, for and on behalf of the State Education Department, do hereunto set my hand and affix the seal of the State Education Department at the City of Albany, this 18th day of July, 1997.


Commissioner of Education

Case No. 97-64-60R

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EXHIBIT "A"

TERMS OF PROBATION
OF THE PEER COMMITTEE

WILLIAM M. KOLLIOS

CALENDAR NO. 15790

1. That applicant shall make quarterly visits to an employee of and selected by the Office of Professional Medical Conduct of the New York State Department of Health, unless said employee agrees otherwise as to said visits, for the purpose of determining whether applicant is in compliance with the following:
 - a. That applicant, during the period of probation, shall be in compliance with the standards of conduct prescribed by the law governing applicant's profession;
 - b. That applicant shall submit written notification to the New York State Department of Health, addressed to the Director, Office of Professional Medical Conduct, Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12234 of any employment and/or practice, applicant's residence, telephone number, or mailing address, and of any change in applicant's employment, practice, residence, telephone number, or mailing address within or without the State of New York;
 - c. That applicant shall submit written proof from the Division of Professional Licensing Services (DPLS), New York State Education Department (NYSED), that applicant has paid all registration fees due and owing to the NYSED and applicant shall cooperate with and submit whatever papers are requested by DPLS in regard to said registration fees, said proof from DPLS to be submitted by applicant to the New York State Department of Health, addressed to the Director, Office of Professional Medical Conduct, as aforesaid, no later than the first three months of the period of probation; and
 - d. That applicant shall submit written proof to the New York State Department of Health, addressed to the Director, Office of Professional Medical Conduct, as aforesaid, that applicant is currently registered with

Health, that applicant has advised DPLS, NYSED, that applicant is not engaging in the practice of applicant's profession in the State of New York and does not desire to register, and that 2) applicant has paid any fines which may have previously been imposed upon applicant by the Board of Regents; said proof of the above to be submitted no later than the first two months of the period of probation;

2. If the Director of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct determines that applicant may have violated probation, the Department of Health may initiate a violation of probation proceeding and/or such other proceedings pursuant to the Public Health Law, Education Law, and/or Rules of the Board of Regents.
3. That applicant shall submit himself for monitoring in regard to the use of drugs by a facility to be chosen by applicant and approved by the New York State Department of Health, after obtaining prior written approval by the New York State Department of Health, said facility to conduct an examination of applicant at least once every 2 months during the period of probation, at such times as said facility may choose, at applicant's expense, said examination to include urine samples for the detection of any drug in applicant. Applicant shall submit or cause to be submitted a written report from and signed by an authorized person from said facility, once every 2 months during the period of probation, in which said authorized person shall state whether the presence of any drug(s) has been detected by virtue of the said examination and shall also indicate the name of said drug(s). In the event any drug(s) is detected, the applicant shall submit a sworn affidavit explaining the use of said drug(s), as well as any other papers applicant wishes to submit in that regard. The said reports and affidavits, as well as any other papers, shall be forwarded to the New York State Department of Health, addressed to the Director, Office of Professional Medical Conduct, as aforesaid. If any information is received by the New York State Department of Health indicating that applicant is not drug-free and/or not fit to practice medicine, such information shall be processed to the Board of Regents for its determination in a violation of probation proceeding initiated by the New York State Department of Health and/or such other proceedings pursuant to the Public Health Law, Education Law, and/or Rules of the Board of Regents;
5. That applicant is prohibited from and is not practicing in the field of anesthesiology during the period of probation;

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follows:

- a. That said monitoring shall be by a physician selected by applicant and previously approved, in writing, by the Director of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct;
 - b. That applicant shall be subject to random selections and reviews by said monitor of applicant's (patient records), (office records), (hospital charts) in regard to applicant's practice, and applicant shall also be required to make such records available to said monitor at any time requested by said monitor; and
 - c. That said monitor shall submit a report, once every four months, regarding the above-mentioned monitoring of applicant's practice to the Director of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct;
7. That applicant shall only practice as a physician in a supervised setting under the supervision of a physician, said supervising physician to be selected by applicant and previously approved, in writing, by the Director of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct;

97-64-60R
April 14, 1997

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
The State Education Department

Report of the Committee on the Professions
Application for Restoration of Medical License

Re: William M. Kollios

Not represented by counsel

William Kollios, 702 East 82nd Street, Brooklyn, New York 11236, petitioned for restoration of his medical license. The chronology of events is as follows:

- 10/29/82 Issued license number 152046 to practice medicine in New York State.
- 06/22/87 Charged with professional misconduct by the Department of Health. (See "Disciplinary History.")
- 10/22/87 Regents Review Committee recommended license be revoked.
- 11/20/87 Board of Regents voted revocation.
- 12/28/87 Commissioner's Order became effective.
- 09/27/94 Petition for restoration received.
- 02/23/96 Peer Panel restoration review.
- 10/28/96 Report and recommendation of Peer Review Panel. (See "Recommendation of the Peer Review Panel.")
- 04/14/97 Report and recommendation of Committee on the Professions. (See "Recommendation of the Committee on the Professions.")

Disciplinary History. (See attached report of the Regents Review Committee.) On June 22, 1987, the Department of Health charged Dr. Kollios with professional misconduct based on having been found guilty of improper professional practice or professional misconduct by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine where the conduct of which he was found guilty in Massachusetts, if committed in New York State, would constitute professional misconduct under the laws of New York

Medicine revoked Dr. Kollios' registration to practice medicine in Massachusetts on December 30, 1986, and determined that Dr. Kollios violated laws relating to the practice of medicine in that he (1) self-administered the narcotic fentanyl on several occasions without a prescription and without a proper medical purpose; (2) obtained fentanyl for his own use by removing discarded, unused portions of the drug from the hospital where he was employed; (3) was impaired by drugs and guilty of being dependent upon or a habitual user of alcohol, narcotics or similar drugs; and (4) acquired a license to practice medicine by untruthful statements by answering on his license renewal application that he had never been disciplined by any governmental authority at a time when a May 16, 1984 Order of Suspension issued by the Massachusetts Board was in effect, which resulted in the processing of Dr. Kollios' renewal application and receipt of a renewal license.

On October 22, 1987, the Regents Review Committee (Linton, Bass, Liebowitz) determined that Dr. Kollios was guilty of improper professional practice or professional misconduct by a duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of another state and recommended to the Board of Regents that his license to practice as a physician in the State of New York be revoked. The Board of Regents voted on November 20, 1987 to accept the Regents Review Committee's Findings of Fact, Determination as to Guilt, and Recommendation as to the Penalty to be Imposed. The Commissioner's Order became effective December 28, 1987.

Dr. Kollios' petition for restoration of his medical license was received on September 27, 1994. In a letter dated December 8, 1994 the Office of Professional Medical Conduct took no position on Dr. Kollios' petition. However, it recommended that if the license were restored, that it be based upon Dr. Kollios' successful completion of the retraining program to which he referred in his petition, and that following retraining, a five-year period of probation would be appropriate with sobriety and practice monitoring.

Recommendation of the Peer Review Panel. (See attached report of the Peer Review Panel.) The Peer Review Panel (Gujavarty, Harris, Riggins) convened on February 23, 1996. In its report dated October 28, 1996, the Panel recommended that the revocation of Dr. Kollios' license be stayed and that he be placed on probation for five years under specified terms and conditions, including drug monitoring at least once every two months, not practicing in the field of anesthesiology, and monitoring of his practice by a physician as specified.

Recommendation of the Committee on the Professions. On April 14, 1997, the Committee on the Professions (Duncan-Boitier

the restoration of his license to practice medicine in New York State. He was not represented by an attorney.

Dr. Kollios opened the meeting by stating that substance abuse was the reason he lost his license to practice medicine. He said that the substance abuse problem surfaced when he was an anaesthesia resident in Massachusetts and was using fentanyl. Dr. Kollios told the Committee that after resigning from that position, he became a resident at a hospital in Brooklyn where the problem resurfaced, and he once again resigned his resident position. He reported that his license was suspended, and later revoked, in Massachusetts. Based on the actions in Massachusetts, Dr. Kollios said that New York State revoked his license.

Dr. Kollios indicated that he was in denial of his problem at that time and remained so for a good number of years. Dr. Kollios told the Committee that he did participate in a formal program of therapy, consisting of group and individual sessions, which ended in late 1995 through mutual agreement that professional counseling was no longer required. However, he stated that God, through his grace, delivered him from drug abuse and that his daily communion with God allows him to continue to be free. Dr. Kollios said that he had a spiritual renewal and that his current support system is spiritual and in the church, which he felt was more solidly based than professional counseling. He stated that he now has inner peace and full awareness of his problems which afforded him the opportunity to escape from his disease. Dr. Kollios indicated that if it seemed he was drifting away from the church, he would speak to his friends in the church first and, if they couldn't help, would then seek professional assistance. In answer to the Committee's inquiry, he responded that he would need to establish new ties before he moved to a new physical location. Dr. Kollios told the Committee that he has been clean and sober for seven years and has submitted to random urine monitoring.

Dr. Kollios said that he was a danger both to himself and his patients while he had his substance abuse problem. He reported that, to his knowledge, no patients were hurt, but they could have been as he was not fully capable of providing the best possible care to his patients at that time. He told the Committee that he has undergone a maturation process, has distanced himself from his past, and can't even imagine the substance abuse problem happening again.

In response to the Committee's question regarding his thoughts on the Peer Review Panel's recommendations, Dr. Kollios said that he felt the recommendation prohibiting his practicing anesthesiology during the probationary period was because that was where his drug problem first surfaced. He pointed out, however, that drugs can be found anywhere and his problem didn't develop because he was in anesthesiology. Dr. Kollios said that he did not

three-year family practice residency if his license was restored. He indicated he was considering applying to the Medical College of Pennsylvania and to local hospitals in New York City. He told the committee that he would willingly accept the Panel's recommendations. Dr. Kollios said that he completed the two-month Physician Refresher Program at the Medical College of Pennsylvania in 1995, which afforded him the opportunity to update his medical knowledge.

The Committee on the Professions accepts the judgment of the Peer Review Panel that Dr. Kollios has met the reeducation criteria for restoration of his license. Similarly, the Committee agrees with the Peer Review Panel that Dr. Kollios has made a significant effort at rehabilitation and has also demonstrated sincere remorse. Therefore, after a complete review of the record, including Dr. Kollios' personal interview with the Committee on the Professions, the Committee voted unanimously to concur with the recommendation of the Peer Review Panel that the execution of the revocation of Dr. Kollios' license to practice as a physician be stayed and that he be placed on probation for a period of five years under the terms of probation annexed to the Peer Review Panel Report and labeled Exhibit A, and that, upon successful completion of the period of probation, Dr. Kollios' license to practice medicine in the State of New York be fully restored.

Johanna Duncan-Poitier, Chair

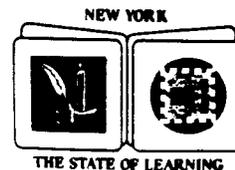
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THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT (THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK) 125 SOUTH AVENUE, ALBANY, NEW YORK 12242

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER, OFFICE OF THE PROFESSIONS
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINE 622 THIRD AVENUE, NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10017

December 23, 1987

William Kollios, Physician
10 Barr Street
Worcester, Massachusetts 01602

Re: License No. 152046

Dear Dr. Kollios:

Enclosed please find Commissioner's Order No. 7681. This Order and any penalty contained therein goes into effect five (5) days after the date of this letter.

If the penalty imposed by the Order is a surrender, revocation or suspension of your license, you must deliver your license and registration to this Department within ten (10) days after the date of this letter. In such a case your penalty goes into effect five (5) days after the date of this letter even if you fail to meet the time requirement of delivering your license and registration to this Department.

Very truly yours,

DANIEL J. KELLEHER
Director of Investigations
By:


MOIRA A. DORAN
Supervisor

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Enclosures

CERTIFIED MAIL - RRR

Approved November 20, 1987

No. 7681

Upon the report of the Regents Review Committee, the record herein, under Calendar No. 7681, and in accordance with the provisions of Title VIII of the Education Law, it was

Voted: That the record herein be accepted; that the report, findings of fact, determination as to guilt, and recommendation as to the penalty to be imposed rendered by the Regents Review Committee in the matter of WILLIAM KOLLIOS, respondent, be accepted; that respondent is guilty of the charge by a preponderance of the evidence; that respondent's license and registration to practice as a physician in the State of New York be revoked upon the charge of which respondent has been found guilty; and that the Commissioner of Education be empowered to execute, for and on behalf of the Board of Regents, all orders necessary to carry out the terms of this vote.



The University of the State of New York

IN THE MATTER

OF

WILLIAM KOLLIOS
(Physician)

DUPLICATE
ORIGINAL ORDER
NO. 7681

Upon the report of the Regents Review Committee, under Calendar No. 7681, the record herein, the vote of the Board of Regents on November 20, 1987, and in accordance with the provisions of Title VIII of the Education Law, which report and vote are incorporated herein and made a part hereof, it is

ORDERED that the record herein be accepted; that the report, findings of fact, determination as to guilt, and recommendation as to the penalty to be imposed rendered by the Regents Review Committee in the matter of WILLIAM KOLLIOS, respondent, be accepted; that respondent is guilty of the charge by a preponderance of the evidence; and that respondent's license and registration to practice as a physician in the State of New York be revoked upon the charge of which respondent has been found guilty.

(7881)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Thomas Sobol,
Commissioner of Education of the State
of New York, for and on behalf of the
State Education Department and the Board
of Regents, do hereunto set my hand and
affix the seal of the State Education
Department, at the City of Albany, this
day of December, 1987.

Thomas Sobol

Commissioner of Education

ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER OF
EDUCATION OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

WILLIAM KOLLIOS

CALENDAR NO. 7681



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The University of the State of New York

IN THE MATTER

of the

Disciplinary Proceeding

against

WILLIAM KOLLIOS

No. 7681

who is currently licensed to practice as
a physician in the State of New York.

Report of the Regents Review Committee

WILLIAM KOLLIOS, hereinafter referred to as respondent, was given due notice of this proceeding and informed that he could appear and be represented by an attorney.

On August 5, 1987 respondent did not appear and was not represented by an attorney. E. Marta Sachey, Esq., represented the Office of Professional Medical Conduct of the New York State Department of Health.

We have carefully reviewed and considered the entire record in this matter.

We render the following findings of fact, determination as to guilt, and recommendation as to the penalty to be imposed.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. We find that respondent was licensed to practice as a

WILLIAM KOLLIOS (7681)

physician in the State of New York by the New York State Education Department.

2. We find that respondent has been found guilty of improper professional practice or professional misconduct by a duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of another state, as set forth in the statement of charges annexed hereto, made a part hereof, and marked as Exhibit "A" as well as in the record herein.

DETERMINATION AS TO GUILT

We unanimously determine that the charge has been proven by a preponderance of the evidence and that respondent is guilty of the same.

**RECOMMENDATION AS TO THE
PENALTY TO BE IMPOSED**

We unanimously recommend to the Board of Regents that respondent's license to practice as a physician in the State of New York be revoked upon the charge of which respondent has been found guilty.

Respectfully submitted,

FLOYD S. LINTON

MELINDA AIKINS BASS

SIMON J. LIEBOWITZ


Chairperson

Dated: 10/22/57

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

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IN THE MATTER : STATEMENT
OF : OF
WILLIAM KOLLIOS, M.D., : CHARGES
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The State Board for Professional Medical Conduct, upon information and belief, charges and alleges as follows:

1. WILLIAM KOLLIOS, M.D., hereinafter referred to as the Respondent, was authorized to engage in the practice of medicine in the State of New York on October 29, 1982 by the issuance of License Number 152047⁰ by the State Education Department.

2. The Respondent is not currently registered with the New York State Education Department to practice medicine. He was last registered for the period ending December 31, 1985, from 10 Barr Street, Worcester, Massachusetts 01602.

3. The Respondent herein is charged with professional misconduct within the purview of N.Y. Educ. Law §6509 (McKinney 1985 and Supp. 1987) as set forth in the Specification attached.

SPECIFICATION

4. The Respondent is charged with professional misconduct within the meaning of N.Y. Educ. Law §6509(5)(b) (McKinney 1985) by having been found guilty of improper professional practice or professional misconduct by a duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of another state where the conduct upon which the finding was based would, if committed in New York State, constitute professional misconduct under the laws of New York State, in that:

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Board of Registration in Medicine, by a Final Decision and Order, dated December 30, 1986, revoked Respondent's registration to practice medicine in Massachusetts and determined that Respondent violated laws relating to the practice of medicine in that:

(i) Respondent self-administered the narcotic fentanyl on several occasions without a prescription and without a proper medical purpose, which constituted gross misconduct in the practice of medicine;

(ii) Respondent, obtained fentanyl for his own use by removing discarded, unused portions of the drug from the hospital where he was employed, which

constituted gross misconduct in the practice of
medicine;

(iii) Respondent is "impaired" by drugs and guilty of being dependent upon or a habitual user of alcohol, narcotics or similar drugs, within the meaning and intent of Massachusetts law and regulations; and

(iv) Respondent acquired a license to practice medicine by untruthful statements by answering on his license renewal application that he had never been disciplined by any governmental authority at a time when a May 16, 1984 Order of Suspension issued by the Massachusetts Board was in effect, which resulted in the processing of Respondent's renewal application and Respondent's receipt of a renewal license.

DATED: Albany, New York

Jun 22, 1987

Kathleen M. Tanner

KATHLEEN M. TANNER
Director
Office of Professional Medical
Conduct

REPORT OF THE
REGENTS REVIEW COMMITTEE

WILLIAM KOLLIOS

CALENDAR NO. 7681