

STATE OF MAINE
BOARD OF LICENSURE IN MEDICINE

IN RE:)	
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HARRY M. PEDDIE, M.D.)	ORDER OF IMMEDIATE PARTIAL
)	SUSPENSION
CR No. 2017-11)	

On February 14, 2017, the Maine Board of Licensure in Medicine (“the Board”) met and reviewed materials submitted in connection with a complaint filed against Harry M. Peddie, license number MD5232 (“Dr. Peddie”). On the basis of its review of these materials, the Board concludes that the continued ability of Dr. Peddie to practice as a physician in the State of Maine without restriction constitutes an immediate jeopardy to the health and safety of the public who might receive his medical services, and that it is necessary to immediately suspend his ability to prescribe controlled substances pending a hearing in order to adequately respond to this risk.

This suspension is issued pursuant to 5 M.R.S. § 10004(3). Dr. Peddie’s ability to prescribe controlled substances will be suspended effective immediately upon issuance of this Order for a thirty (30) day period ending on March 16, 2017, at 11:59 p.m., pending further Board action at an adjudicatory hearing, which will be scheduled shortly. A formal notice of hearing will be transmitted, which will outline the issues and procedures for that hearing.

PRELIMINARY FINDINGS

Specifically, the Board preliminarily finds for purposes of this Order and pursuant to the materials submitted as follows:

1. On September 14, 2016, the Board received a report from a physician assistant mandated reporter that Dr. Peddie had been prescribing alprazolam to his spouse for many years.
2. On September 18, 2016, the Board received a report from a physician mandated reporter that Dr. Peddie admitted that he had been self-prescribing tranxene and xanax for more than thirty (30) years, and that he also prescribed controlled substances to his spouse.
3. The Board received records from Henry Schein, a pharmaceutical distributor, indicating that Dr. Peddie ordered and received controlled substances and other drugs regularly after his clinic closed through at least May 2016. In response to controlled substance inquiries from Henry Schein, Dr. Peddie falsely stated that none of the controlled substances ordered were for his own personal use, and falsely stated that none of the controlled substances were for family use.
4. By letter dated October 31, 2016, Dr. Peddie informed Board staff that he did not maintain records related to his prescribing of alprazolam to his spouse. Dr. Peddie represented to Board staff that he provides no clinical care other than doing physical examinations at a Methadone Clinic.
5. By letter dated January 13, 2017, Dr. Peddie submitted a November 2, 2016 Psychiatric diagnostic evaluation that resulted in diagnoses of _____ . During the evaluation Dr. Peddie reported information to the evaluator regarding his use and method of obtaining controlled substances that is contrary to the documentation received by the Board. Dr. Peddie also reported struggling with withdrawal symptoms. The evaluation indicated there may be some cognitive concerns based upon _____ . In his

- letter, Dr. Peddie informed the Board that he was assisting at a Methadone clinic performing histories and physicals, but did not indicate that he was prescribing any controlled substances.
6. By letter dated February 9, 2017, the Board learned from the Medical Director where Dr. Peddie works that he prescribes methadone in his current position which was not disclosed upon Board staff inquiry or in his communications to Board staff.

For the purposes of this Order of Partial Suspension and subject to holding the aforementioned full adjudicatory hearing on this matter to determine if any violations have actually occurred, the Board finds that the actions of Dr. Peddie constitute immediate jeopardy of similar behavior occurring in the future and that delaying imposition of a partial suspension until holding a hearing would not adequately respond to this known risk. It is of great concern that Dr. Peddie may be impaired in his medical judgment and insight and suffering from withdrawal symptoms.

The above conduct constitutes violations of the following provisions applicable to Dr. Peddie's license to practice as a physician in the State of Maine:

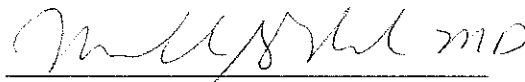
- A. 32 M.R.S. § 3282-A(2)(A) – the practice of fraud, deceit or misrepresentation in connection with service rendered within the scope of the license issued.
- B. 32 M.R.S. § 3282-A(2)(B) – misuse of alcohol, drugs or other substances that has resulted or may result in the licensee performing services in a manner that endangers the health or safety of patients
- C. 32 M.R.S. § 3282-A(2)(C) – a professional diagnosis of a mental or physical condition that has resulted or may result in the licensee performing services in a manner that endangers the health or safety of patients.
- D. 32 M.R.S. § 3282-A(2)(F) - engaging in unprofessional conduct by violating a standard of professional behavior, including engaging in disruptive behavior, that has been established in the practice of medicine. For purposes of this paragraph, “disruptive behavior” means aberrant behavior that interferes with or is likely to interfere with the delivery of care.

ORDER OF IMMEDIATE PARTIAL SUSPENSION

The Board ORDERS as follows:

Dr. Peddie's license is partially suspended in that he may not prescribe controlled substances effective immediately upon issuance of this Order in that on February 14, 2017, for a thirty (30) day period ending on March 16, 2017, at 11:59 p.m. pending further Board action at an adjudicatory hearing, which shall be scheduled shortly.

Dated: February 14, 2017



Maroulla S. Gleaton, M.D., Chair