

STATE OF MAINE
BOARD OF LICENSURE IN MEDICINE

In re:) CONSENT AGREEMENT
SALLY L. VAN SNEPSON-BARNETT, P.A.)
Complaint No. CR16-221)

This document is a Consent Agreement, effective when signed by all parties, regarding disciplinary action against the license to render medical services in the State of Maine held by Sally L. Van Snepson-Barnett, P.A. The parties to the Consent Agreement are: Sally L. Van Snepson-Barnett, P.A. (“Ms. Van Snepson-Barnett”), the State of Maine Board of Licensure in Medicine (“the Board”) and the State of Maine Department of the Attorney General. This Consent Agreement is entered into pursuant to 10 M.R.S. § 8003(5)(B) and 32 M.R.S. §§ 3270-C(1), 3282-A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

1. Ms. Van Snepson-Barnett has held a license to render medical services as a physician assistant in the State of Maine since July 14, 2003 (license number PA817).
2. On August 28, 2016, the Board initiated a complaint based upon:
 - a) a report that the National Commission on Certification of Physicians Assistants (“NCCPA”) had revoked Ms. Van Snepson-Barnett’s certification based upon actions taken against her physician assistant license by the Arizona Regulatory Board of Physician Assistants (“ARBPA”) which had ordered the inactivation of Ms. Van Snepson-Barnett’s license with cause for unprofessional conduct for her habitual intemperance in the use of alcohol or

habitual substance abuse; and b) Ms. Van Snepson-Barnett's failure to disclose issues associated with alcohol misuse in her responses to questions on her July 31, 2015 application to renew of her Maine physician assistant license. The Board docketed the complaint as CR16-221, and sent it to Ms. Van Snepson-Barnett for a response.

3. By letter dated January 24, 2017, Ms. Van Snepson-Barnett responded to the complaint. In her response, Ms. Van Snepson-Barnett explained the circumstances that led to the revocation of her certification and the ARBPA action, admitted a relapse, and told the Board that she was working on her recovery.

4. Pursuant to 32 M.R.S. §§ 3270-C(1), 3282-A(2)(A), the Board may impose discipline for misrepresentation in obtaining a license.

5. Pursuant to 32 M.R.S. §§ 3270-C(1), 3282-A(2)(B), the Board may impose discipline for 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.

6. Pursuant to 32 M.R.S. §§ 3270-C(1), 3282-A(2)(F), the Board may impose discipline for unprofessional conduct for a violation of a standard of professional behavior that has been established in the practice of medicine.

7. Pursuant to 32 M.R.S. §§ 3270-C(1), 3282-A(2)(M), the Board may impose discipline for suspension or restriction of a license to practice or other disciplinary action by another state if the conduct resulting in disciplinary

action would, if committed in this State, constitutes grounds for discipline under the laws or rules of this State.

8. At its meeting on February 14, 2017, the Board reviewed Complaint CR 16-221, and voted to set this matter for an adjudicatory hearing. In addition, the Board voted to offer Ms. Van Snepson-Barnett this Consent Agreement to resolve this matter without further proceedings. Absent Ms. Van Snepson-Barnett's acceptance of this Consent Agreement by signing and dating it in front of a notary and mailing it to Maine Board of Licensure in Medicine, 137 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0137 on or before April 10, 2017, the matter will be scheduled for an adjudicatory hearing.

COVENANTS

9. Ms. Van Snepson-Barnett admits the facts stated above and that such conduct constitutes grounds for discipline pursuant to 32 M.R.S. §§ 3270-C(1), 3282-A(2)(A) (for misrepresentation in obtaining a license), 3282-A(2)(B) (for 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), 3282-A(2)(F) (for engaging in unprofessional conduct), and (2)(M) (for disciplinary action by another state for conduct that if committed in Maine would constitute grounds for discipline).

10. As discipline for the conduct described above, Ms. Van Snepson-Barnett agrees to accept, and the Board imposes:

a. A CENSURE for engaging in misrepresentation, misuse of alcohol, and unprofessional conduct.

b. A CIVIL PENALTY in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), payment of which shall be made by certified check or money order made payable to "Treasurer, State of Maine," and remitted to Maine Board of Licensure in Medicine, 137 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0137, within six (6) months of initiation of employment in any capacity. Ms. Van Snepson-Barnett shall notify the Board in writing of any employment within fourteen (14) calendar days of her acceptance of such employment.

c. A LICENSE PROBATION for a period of at least two (2) years with the following conditions:

1) Ms. Van Snepson-Barnett shall comply with all terms and conditions imposed by the ARBPA upon her currently or upon reactivation of her ARBPA license. Any violation of any term or condition imposed upon Ms. Van Snepson-Barnett by ARBPA shall be considered a violation of this Consent Agreement;

2) Ms. Van Snepson-Barnett shall not render medical services in the State of Maine;

3) The duration of any probationary period shall be tolled for: a) any absence from the state that is in excess of thirty (30) continuous days; b) any absence from the state that is in excess of sixty (60) aggregate days in a single year; c) any period in which Ms. Van Snepson-Barnett does not hold an active license. Ms. Van Snepson-Barnett shall inform the Board in writing in advance of any such absence from the state.

4) Ms. Van Snepson-Barnett acknowledges that she must directly communicate with the Board or Board staff and has the obligation to respond to any request for information or documentation within the timeframe specified or requested. Failure to comply with or respond to any request shall be considered a violation of this Consent Agreement.

11. Violation by Ms. Van Snepson-Barnett of any of the terms or conditions of this Consent Agreement shall constitute grounds for discipline, including but not limited to modification, suspension, or revocation of licensure or the denial of re-licensure.

12. This Consent Agreement is not appealable and is effective until modified or rescinded in writing by the parties hereto.

13. The Board and the Department of the Attorney General may communicate and cooperate regarding Ms. Van Snepson-Barnett or any other matter relating to this Consent Agreement.

14. This Consent Agreement is a public record within the meaning of 1 M.R.S. § 402 and will be available for inspection and copying by the public pursuant to 1 M.R.S. § 408-A.

15. This Consent Agreement constitutes discipline and is an adverse licensing action that is reportable to the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB), the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB), and other licensing jurisdictions.

16. Nothing in this Consent Agreement shall be construed to affect any right or interest of any person not a party hereto. If any clause of this Consent

Agreement is deemed illegal or invalid, then that clause shall be deemed severed from this Consent Agreement.

17. Ms. Van Snepson-Barnett acknowledges by her signature hereto that she has read this Consent Agreement, that she has had an opportunity to consult with an attorney before executing this Consent Agreement, that she executed this Consent Agreement of her own free will and that she agrees to abide by all terms and conditions set forth herein.

18. For the purposes of this Consent Agreement, the term "execution" means the date on which the final signature is affixed to this Consent Agreement.

I, SALLY L. VAN SNEPSON-BARNETT, P.A., HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING CONSENT AGREEMENT AND AGREE WITH ITS CONTENTS AND TERMS. I FURTHER UNDERSTAND THAT BY SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT, I WAIVE CERTAIN RIGHTS, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO A HEARING BEFORE THE BOARD. I SIGN THIS CONSENT AGREEMENT VOLUNTARILY, WITHOUT ANY THREAT OR PROMISE. I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS CONSENT AGREEMENT CONTAINS THE ENTIRE AGREEMENT AND THERE IS NO OTHER AGREEMENT OF ANY KIND, VERBAL, WRITTEN OR OTHERWISE.

DATED: April 10, 2017

[Signature]
SALLY L. VAN SNEPSON-BARNETT, P.A.

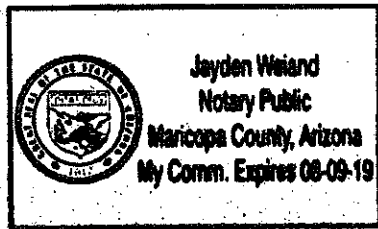
STATE OF Arizona

Maricopa, S.S.

Personally appeared before me the above-named Sally L. Van Snepson-Barnett, P.A., and swore to the truth of the foregoing based upon her own personal knowledge, or upon information and belief, and so far as upon information and belief, she believes it to be true.

DATED: 4/10/17

[Signature]
NOTARY PUBLIC/ATTORNEY



MY COMMISSION ENDS: 08/09/2019

STATE OF MAINE
BOARD OF LICENSURE IN MEDICINE


DATED: 5/9/17



MAROULLA S. GLEATON, M.D., Chairman

STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT
OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

DATED: May 9, 2017



MICHAEL MILLER
Assistant Attorney General

Effective Date: