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IN THE MATTER OF:

KEVIN GOVAN WORK, MD
(Certificate No. 025394)

Respondent

No. 13-I-014

**ORDER FOR
SUSPENSION OF
MEDICAL LICENSE**

The Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") is in receipt of apparently reliable information indicating that Kevin Govan Work, M.D. ("Dr. Work"), a physician licensed to practice medicine in the State of Louisiana, who at all times pertinent has been engaged in the practice of medicine in and around New Orleans, Louisiana, has violated the terms of his Consent Order, *In the Matter of Kevin Govan Work, M.D.*, Cert. No. 025394, executed by the Board, on or about October 20, 2014.

The Consent Order specifically required, among other things:

- (4) **Protection of Electronic Signature.** Dr. Work, acknowledging the critical importance of protecting his electronic signature, shall not share his password or allow any other person to use his electronic medical signature for any reason relating to the treatment of any patient or the prescribing of medication.
- (5) **Collaboration with Nurse Practitioners, Supervision of Physician Assistants/Effect On.** During the probationary term, Dr. Work is not eligible to enter into or continue in a collaborative or supervisory practice agreement with a mid-level provider, *e.g.*, nurse practitioner or physician assistant. This restriction shall not preclude Dr. Work from employing nurses or other medical personnel to assist in his practice, as long as he is present and directing their activities appropriate to their level of expertise and ability.

The Consent Order further stipulated that Dr. Work's failure to comply with such requirements would result in the immediate suspension of his license.¹

The Board has been advised that interviews and multiple subpoenas have revealed that Dr. Work has failed to comply with these requirements and (1) has allowed medical personnel in his practice to treat patients without directing their activities to their level of expertise and ability, and (2) has allowed his digital signature to be used regarding the treatment of patients he did not see. In particular, reliable information was obtained and indicated Dr. Work has allowed unlicensed clinic personnel to evaluate his patients and provide prenatal care. Furthermore, he allowed the use of his signature for visit notes and represented in the medical and billing records that he had seen patients himself during visits when he had not.

Based upon such information, and in accordance with the provisions of the Consent Order previously entered herein by the physician, the Board has concluded that pending the institution and conclusion of formal administrative proceedings herein that Dr. Work's license should be immediately suspended. Accordingly, pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by the Consent Order previously entered herein as well as the Louisiana Medical Practice Act, La. Rev. Stat. §§37:1261 *et seq.*, and specifically La. Rev. Stat. §37:1285(A), and the Louisiana Administrative Practice Act, La. Rev. Stat. §§49:951 *et seq.*, and specifically La. Rev. Stat. §§49:955 and 961;

IT IS ORDERED that the license of Kevin Govan Work, M.D., to practice medicine in the State of Louisiana, as evidenced by Certificate No. 025394, be, and the same is hereby, **SUSPENDED**, pending the Board's final decision in administrative proceedings herein for the revocation, suspension, or imposition of such terms, conditions, and restrictions upon his license to practice medicine in the State of Louisiana as the Board may deem appropriate.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order shall be, and shall be deemed to be, a public record with the effective date of August 28, 2015.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this 27th of August, 2015

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MARK HENRY DAWSON, M.D.
President

¹ (15) **Effect of Violation/Sanction.** By his subscription hereto, Dr. Work acknowledges that his receipt of written notification that the Board has received apparently reliable information which indicates his failure to comply with the requirements set forth by this Order in any respect shall, without need for formal hearing or for providing him with any right to which he may otherwise be entitled pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La. Rev. Stat. §§ 49:951 *et seq.*, or which otherwise may be afforded to him by law, constitute his irrevocable consent to the immediate suspension of his license to practice medicine in this state pending a hearing before the Board and the conclusion of the administrative proceedings by issuance of a final decision following administrative adjudication of such charges.