

**STATE OF VERMONT  
BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE**

In re: William F. Long, MD ) Docket Nos. MPC 039-0522,  
 ) MPC 043-0522, and  
 ) MPC 045-0522  
 )

**CESSATION OF PRACTICE AGREEMENT**

NOW COME William F. Long, MD, and the Vermont Board of Medical Practice and agree and stipulate as follows:

1. William F. Long, MD (“Respondent”) holds Vermont medical license number 042.0009733 first issued by the Vermont Board of Medical Practice on August 10, 1998. Respondent is a physician who describes his current medical practice as devoted to providing therapeutic mental health services to patients.
2. Jurisdiction in this matter vests with the Vermont Board of Medical Practice (“the Board”), pursuant to 26 V.S.A. §§ 1353, 1354, 1370-1376, and 3 V.S.A. §§ 809-814.

***Background***

3. Respondent entered into a Stipulation and Consent Order that was approved by the Board on June 2, 2021. The Stipulation addressed Respondent’s concerning prescribing practices related to the care he provided to seven patients who all had active substance use disorders. As a result of the above-referenced Stipulation, Respondent was reprimanded by the Board and permanently prohibited from prescribing opioids. Respondent was also required to take two CME courses to address professional boundaries and responsible prescribing, have a professional mentorship for a period of three years, a practice monitor for five years, and pay an administrative penalty of

\$5,000. The Stipulation and Consent Order was later amended on August 4, 2021 to allow the same individual to be Respondent's mentor and practice monitor at the discretion of the Board.

4. The Board has received new allegations of unprofessional conduct against Respondent. Investigations pertaining to the circumstances of these allegations are ongoing. Both Respondent and the Board agree that it is in the best interests of Respondent and the Board to take the time necessary to fully investigate these matters.
5. To cooperate with the Board, Respondent has voluntarily determined that he shall temporarily cease and desist from any and all practice of medicine in Vermont, effective June 1, 2022, until further order of the Board. Respondent agrees that the instant Agreement with the Board sets forth in writing the terms for such cessation of medical practice. The parties also agree that this cessation of practice agreement does not constitute a disciplinary action pursuant to Vermont Board of Medical Practice Rules section 33.3.
6. Respondent acknowledges that he has been offered the opportunity to obtain and receive legal advice and counsel regarding this matter. Respondent agrees and understands that by executing this Agreement he is waiving at this time such rights as he may possess to challenge the jurisdiction and continuing jurisdiction of the Board in this matter, and to a public hearing on any motion that the State might have filed pursuant to 3 V.S.A. §§ 809 and 814. He agrees and fully understands that by executing this document he is waiving the necessity of any proceedings, findings and order by the Board, pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 814(c), so as to achieve disposition of this matter. Thus, Respondent voluntarily and knowingly agrees to the terms and conditions herein.

7. Respondent has indicated his desire to continue to cooperate fully with the Board. Thus, the parties have agreed to enter into the instant Agreement, which is intended to serve as an interim means of affording the time necessary for a complete investigation of the pending allegations while providing for the protection of the health and welfare of his patients.

*Cessation of Practice*

8. **It is agreed by the parties that Respondent shall cease and desist from any and all practice of medicine in the State of Vermont, effective June 1, 2022, until further order of the Board.**
9. Respondent agrees that the Board, in its sole discretion, may consider and approve a petition from Respondent at a later date for modification or relief from this Agreement. Respondent understands that if he desires to seek modification or relief, he must first present a written petition to the Central Investigative Committee (“the Committee”) of the Board requesting such modification or relief. Respondent agrees and understands that the Committee will make a recommendation to the Board as to whether Respondent’s petition for modification or relief should be granted. Respondent understands and agrees that a petition for relief or modification could be granted only if the Board were to exercise its discretion so as to approve his request for relief or modification and issue an Order to that effect.

*Express Provisions*

10. Respondent agrees, pending further proceedings or order of the Board to:
  - a. Cooperate fully and in good faith with all further investigations of these matters by the Board;

- b. Sign such authorizations and/or waivers of confidentiality as may be presented to him by the Board as to his medical records, treatment records, evaluations, or assessments to the extent related to the Board's investigation;
- c. Cease and desist, effective June 1, 2022 and until further order of the Board, from any and all practice of medicine in Vermont, including any and all prescribing of any kind for patients, associates, himself, family members or others; office visits; consultations; examinations; treatment; and surgery; and
- d. Adhere to all terms and conditions set forth above and herein until relieved of such obligation by further order of the Board.


***General Provisions***

- 11. Respondent assures and agrees that he shall provide his continued cooperation with the Board and its investigators.
- 12. Respondent recognizes the Board's obligation in all cases to investigate as required and to act expeditiously to protect the public health, safety and welfare. Respondent makes no statement or admission here other than to assure his continued cooperation with the Board and its statutory responsibilities. Respondent acknowledges that no promises have been made to him regarding the final disposition of any matter or other action of the Board.
- 13. Respondent agrees that he has read and carefully considered all terms and conditions herein and agrees that these may be adopted as an enforceable order of the Board, pursuant to 3 V.S.A. §§ 129(a)(3), 809(d) and 26 V.S.A. §1353, and agrees to accept and be bound by these until such time as he may be expressly relieved of these or they are modified, in writing, by the Board.


14. The parties agree that this Agreement does not constitute disciplinary action. However, the parties acknowledge that this Agreement shall be a public document, shall be made part of Respondent's licensing file, and reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank "NPDB." It may be reported to other licensing authorities as well. Respondent's license status will be changed to "Cessation of Practice" upon approval by the Board.
15. This Cessation of Practice Agreement is subject to review and acceptance by the Board and shall not become fully and finally effective until presented to and approved by the Board. However, this in no way limits Respondent's obligation to cease and desist from the practice of medicine as stated in Paragraph 8 above. If the Board rejects any part of this Agreement, the entire Agreement shall be void. The parties agree and request that the Board enter a binding order adopting the terms and conditions set forth herein.
16. Respondent agrees that the Board shall retain jurisdiction in this matter and may enforce as necessary the terms set forth herein, pursuant to 26 V.S.A. §1354(25) or other statutory provisions.

**SIGNATURES**


DATED at \_\_\_\_\_, Vermont, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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Christine Payne, MD  
Chair, Central Investigative Committee  
Vermont Board of Medical Practice


DATED at Montpelier, Vermont, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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Megan Campbell, Esq.  
Assistant Attorney General  
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DATED at St. Johnsbury, Vermont, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

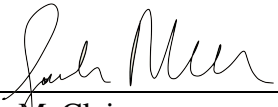
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William F. Long, MD  
Respondent

DATED at Burlington, Vermont, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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**AS TO WILLIAM F. LONG, MD  
APPROVED AND ORDERED  
VERMONT BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE**

Signed on Behalf of the Vermont Board of Medical Practice

By:   
Sarah McClain  
Chair  
Vermont Board of Medical Practice

Vote documented in the Vermont Board of Medical Practice meeting minutes,  
dated June 1, 2022.

Dated: June 1, 2022