

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

SUFFOLK COUNTY

BOARD OF REGISTRATION
OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

In the Matter of
David St. George
License No. PA 4273
License Exp. March 1, 2017

Docket No. PA-2015-005

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CONSENT AGREEMENT FOR VOLUNTARY SURRENDER

The Massachusetts Board of Registration of Physician Assistants ("the Board") and David St. George (Licensee), a physician assistant licensed by the Board, License No. PA4273, do hereby stipulate and agree that the following information shall be entered into and become a permanent part of the Licensee's record maintained by the Board:

1. The Licensee acknowledges that a complaint has been filed with the Board against his Massachusetts physician assistant license (license¹) related to the conduct set forth in paragraph 2, identified as Docket No. PA-2015-005 ("the Complaint").
2. The Licensee admits that while employed as a physician assistant at Fenway Health Center in Boston, MA, on or about June 22, 2015, he violated professional boundaries when he engaged in an inappropriate relationship with a person with whom he had a Provider/patient relationship. The Licensee acknowledges that his conduct constitutes failure to comply with the Board's regulations at 263 Code of Massachusetts Regulations (CMR) 3.02(10(a) and warrants disciplinary action by the Board under Massachusetts General Laws (G.L.) Chapter 112, section 9I and Board regulations at 263 CMR 6.02(c), Grounds for Disciplinary Actions.
4. The Licensee agrees to the SURRENDER of his license for an indefinite period (Surrender Period), commencing with the date on which the Board signs this Agreement (Effective Date).
5. The Licensee agrees that he will not practice as a physician assistant in Massachusetts from the Effective Date unless and until the Board reinstates his license².

¹ The term "license" applies to both a current license and the right to renew an expired license.

² The Licensee understands that practice as a physician assistant includes, but is not limited to, seeking and/or accepting a paid or voluntary position as a PA, or a paid or voluntary position requiring that the applicant hold a current license. The Licensee further understands that if he accepts a voluntary or paid position as a PA, or engages in any practice of PA after the Effective Date and before the Board formally reinstates his license, evidence of such practice shall be grounds for the Board's referral of any such unlicensed practice to the appropriate law enforcement authorities for prosecution, as set forth in G. L. c. 112, §§ 65 and 9J.

6. The Board agrees that in return for the Licensee's execution of this Agreement it will not prosecute the complaint.
7. The Licensee understands that he has a right to formal adjudicatory hearing concerning the allegations against him and that during said adjudication he would possess the right to confront and cross-examine witnesses, to call witnesses, to present evidence, to testify on his own behalf, to contest the allegations, to present oral argument, to appeal to the courts, and all other rights as set forth in the Massachusetts Administrative Procedures Act, G. L. c. 30A, and the Standard Adjudicatory Rules of Practice and Procedure, 801 CMR 1.01 *et seq.* The Licensee further understands that by executing this Agreement he is knowingly and voluntarily waiving his right to a formal adjudication of the complaint.
8. After the Effective Date of this Agreement plus one year, and when the Licensee can complete to the satisfaction of the Board all of the requirements set forth in this Paragraph the Licensee may petition the Board for reinstatement of his license. The petition must be in writing and must include the following documentation of the Licensee's ability to practice as a physician assistant in a safe and competent manner, all to the Board's satisfaction:
 - a. Evidence of completion of all continuing education required by Board regulations for the two (2) renewal cycles immediately preceding the date on which the Licensee submits his petition ("petition date");
 - b. A performance evaluation sent directly to the Board from each of the Licensee's employers, prepared on official letterhead that reviews the Licensee's attendance, general reliability, and specific job performance during the year immediately prior to the petition date³.
 - c. Written verification sent directly to the Board from each of the Licensee's medical care providers, which meets the requirements set forth in Attachment B1;
 - d. A report of a forensic psychiatric evaluation, prepared within thirty (30) days of the petition date and sent directly to the Board, which meets the requirements set forth in Attachment B4.
 - e. Authorization for the Board to obtain a Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) report of the Licensee conducted by the Massachusetts Department of Criminal Justice Information Services.
 - f. Documentation that the Licensee has completed, at least one (1) year prior to the petition date, all requirements imposed upon him in connection with all criminal and/or administrative matter(s) arising from, or related to, the conduct identified in

³ If the Licensee has not been employed during the year immediately prior to the petition date, he shall submit an affidavit to the Board so attesting.

Paragraph 2⁴. Such documentation shall be certified and sent directly to the Board by the appropriate court or administrative body and shall include a description of the requirements and the disposition of each matter.

- g. Certified documentation from the state board of Physician Assistants of each jurisdiction in which the Licensee has ever been licensed to practice as a physician assistant, sent directly to the Massachusetts Board identifying his license status and discipline history, and verifying that his license is, or is eligible to be, in good standing and free of any restrictions or conditions.
 - h. Submit documentation that he has successfully completed the following continuing education⁵ after the Effective Date: 40 contact hours of continuing medical education on the topic of "Medical Ethics and Professional Boundaries"
9. The Board may choose to reinstate the Licensee's license if the Board determines that reinstatement is in the best interests of the public at large. Any reinstatement of the Licensee's license may be conditioned upon the Licensee entering into a consent agreement for the PROBATION of his license for a duration and including requirements that the Board determines at the time of relicensure to be reasonably necessary in the best interests of the public health, safety and welfare.

⁴ If there have been no criminal or administrative matters against the Licensee arising from or in any way related to the conduct identified in Paragraph 2, the Licensee shall submit an affidavit so attesting.

⁵ These continuing education courses must be *in addition to* any contact hours required for license renewal. They may be taken as home study or as correspondence course, *provided that* they meet the requirements of Board Regulations at 244 CMR 5.00, Continuing Education.

10. The Licensee acknowledges that he has been represented by legal counsel in connection with the complaint and this Agreement.
11. The Licensee acknowledges that after the Effective Date, the Agreement constitutes a public record of disciplinary action by the Board. The Board may forward a copy of this Agreement to other licensing boards, law enforcement entities, and other individuals or entities as required or permitted by law.
12. The Licensee certifies that he has read this Agreement. The Licensee understands and agrees that entering into this Agreement is a final act and not subject to reconsideration, appeal or judicial review.

Samuel S. Reid 2/1/16 David St. George 2/1/16
Witness (sign and date) Licensee (sign and date)

Samuel S. Reid Mary Strachan
Witness (print name) Mary Strachan
Board Counsel on behalf of
Board of Registration of Physician
Assistants

2/3/16
Effective Date of Surrender Agreement

Fully Signed Agreement Sent to Licensee on 2/16/16 by Certified Mail

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