STATE OF FLORIDA BOARD OF MEDICINE

Final Order No. DOH-02-1301- FOF-MQA
FILED DATE - 8/27/02
Department of Health

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

Petitioner,

vs.

DOH CASE NO.: 2000 = 06344€ DOAH CASE NO.:01-4923PL LICENSE NO.: ME0056589

WALTER RAY DEAL, M.D.,

Respondent.

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FINAL ORDER

THIS CAUSE came before the Board of Medicine (Board) pursuant to Sections 120.569 and 120.57(1), Florida Statutes, on August 2, 2002, in Orlando, Florida, for the purpose of considering the Administrative Law Judge's Recommended Order (a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit) in the above-styled cause. Petitioner was represented by Ephraim Livingston, Senior Prosecuting Attorney. Respondent was not present but was represented by Edward M. Copeland, Esquire.

Upon review of the Recommended Order, the argument of the parties, and after a review of the complete record in this case, the Board makes the following findings and conclusions.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- The findings of fact set forth in the Recommended Order are approved and adopted and incorporated herein by reference.
- There is competent substantial evidence to support the findings of fact.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- The Board has jurisdiction of this matter pursuant to Section 120.57(1), Florida Statutes, and Chapter 458, Florida Statutes.
- The conclusions of law set forth in the Recommended Order are approved and adopted and incorporated herein by reference.
- 3. There is competent substantial evidence to support the conclusions of law.

DISPOSITION

Upon a complete review of the record in this case, the Board determines that the disposition recommended by the Administrative Law Judge be ACCEPTED. WHEREFORE,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the Administrative Complaint filed in this matter is hereby dismissed.

This Final Order shall take effect upon being filed with the Clerk of the Department of Health.

402015 DONE AND ORDERED this

BOARD OF MEDICINE

LARRY G. MCPHERSON, JR., EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

ZACHARIAH P. ZACHARIAH, M.D.

CHAIRMAN

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO JUDICIAL REVIEW

A PARTY WHO IS ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY THIS FINAL ORDER IS ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW PURSUANT TO SECTION 120.68, FLORIDA STATUTES. REVIEW PROCEEDINGS ARE GOVERNED BY THE FLORIDA RULES OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE. SUCH PROCEEDINGS ARE COMMENCED BY FILING ONE COPY OF A NOTICE OF APPEAL WITH THE AGENCY CLERK OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND A SECOND COPY, ACCOMPANIED BY FILING FEES PRESCRIBED BY LAW, WITH THE DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL, FIRST DISTRICT, OR WITH THE DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL IN THE APPELLATE DISTRICT WHERE THE PARTY RESIDES. THE NOTICE OF APPEAL MUST BE FILED WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF RENDITION OF THE ORDER TO BE REVIEWED.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Final Order has been provided by U.S. Mail to Walter Ray Deal, M.D., 1680 Long Bow Lane, Clearwater, Florida 33764; to Edward M. Copeland, Esquire, MacFarlane, Ferguson, et al., 400 N. Tampa Street, Suite 2300, Tampa, Florida 33602; to Jeff B. Clark, Administrative Law Judge, Division of Administrative Hearings, The DeSoto Building, 1230 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3060; and by interoffice delivery to Nancy M. Snurkowski, Chief Medical Attorney, and Lisa Pease, Senior Attorney - Appeals, Department of Health, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C-65, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3265, on or before 5:00 p.m., this 27th day of August, 2002.