LICENSE NO. G-0185

IN THE MATTER OF

THE LICENSE OF

SHARON MELISSA TALIAFERRO, M.D.

BEFORE THE

TEXAS MEDICAL BOARD

AGREED VOLUNTARY SURRENDER ORDER

On the 10th day of February, 2012, came on to be heard before the Texas Medical Board (the “Board”), duly in session, the matter of the license of Sharon Melissa Taliaferro, M.D. (“Respondent”).

By the signature of Respondent on this Order, Respondent waives the right to appear at an Informal Show Compliance Proceeding and Settlement Conference pursuant to Section 164.004, Medical Practice Act, Title 3, Subtitle B, Texas Occupations Code and Board Rule 187.18 and all rights pursuant to Sections 2001.051 and 2001.054, Texas Government Code, including, but not limited to, the right to notice and hearing and instead agrees to the entry of this Order to resolve matters addressed herein. Victoria Pearce prepared this Order.

With the consent of Respondent, the Board makes the following Findings and Conclusions of Law and enters this Agreed Order.

FINDINGS

The Board finds that:

1. Respondent received all notice required by law. All jurisdictional requirements have been satisfied. Respondent waives any defect in notice and any further right to notice or hearing under the Medical Practice Act, Title 3, Subtitle B, Texas Occupations Code (the “Act”) or the Rules of the Board.

2. Respondent currently holds Texas Medical License No. G-0185. Respondent was originally issued this license to practice medicine in Texas on August 23, 1981. Respondent is also licensed to practice in Arkansas.

3. Respondent is primarily engaged in general practice. Respondent is not board certified.
4. Respondent is 57 years of age.

5. On December 2, 2010, Respondent entered into an Order with the Arkansas State Medical Board, agreeing to cease and desist from administering dimethyl sulfoxide intravenously to patients and to refrain from doing so until such treatment is approved by the Food and Drug Administration and the Arkansas State Medical Board.

6. Respondent has indicated her desire to voluntarily surrender her Texas medical license. By Respondent’s signature on this Agreed Order, Respondent requests that the voluntary surrender of her Texas medical license be accepted in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings and that the voluntary surrender of her Texas medical license be effective on the date of the entry of this Agreed Order.

7. Respondent has cooperated in the investigation of the allegations related to this Agreed Order. Respondent's cooperation, through consent to this Agreed Order, pursuant to the provisions of Section 164.002 the Act, will save money and resources for the State of Texas. To avoid further investigation, hearings, and the expense and inconvenience of litigation, Respondent agrees to the entry of this Agreed Order and to comply with its terms and conditions.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the above Findings, the Board concludes that:

1. The Board has jurisdiction over the subject matter and Respondent pursuant to the Act.

2. Section 164.061 of the Act and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE 196.1 authorize the Board to accept the voluntary surrender of Respondent’s Texas medical license.

3. This Order is based on Findings of Fact Nos. 5 and 6, and the specific authority of Section 164.051(a)(9) of the Act.

4. Section 164.001 of the Act authorizes the Board to impose a range of disciplinary actions against a person for violation of the Act or a Board rule. Such sanctions include: revocation, suspension, probation, public reprimand, limitation or restriction on practice, counseling or treatment, required educational or counseling programs, monitored practice, public service, and an administrative penalty.
5. Section 164.002(a) of the Act authorizes the Board to resolve and make a disposition of this matter through an Agreed Order.

ORDER

Based on the above Findings and Conclusions of Law, the Board ORDERS that:

1. The voluntary surrender of Respondent’s Texas license should be, and is, accepted by the Board, to be effective on the date this Order is signed by the President of the Board.

2. Respondent’s Texas Medical License G-0185 is, therefore, canceled.

3. Respondent shall immediately cease practice in Texas. Respondent’s practice after the date of entry of this Agreed Order shall constitute a violation of this Order, subjecting Respondent to disciplinary action by the Board or prosecution for practicing without a license in Texas.

4. Respondent may petition the Board for reinstatement of her Texas medical license after one year’s time from this Order’s effective date. The Respondent shall be required to meet all applicable Board statutes and rules relating to reinstatement of a license. The Board may inquire into the request and, may in its sole discretion, grant or deny the petition without further appeal or review. Petitions for reinstatement may be filed only once a year thereafter.

5. By this voluntary surrender of Respondent’s Texas medical license, Respondent resolves any complaints currently before the Board.

RESPONDENT WAIVES ANY FURTHER HEARINGS OR APPEALS TO THE BOARD OR TO ANY COURT IN REGARD TO ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS AGREED ORDER. RESPONDENT AGREES THAT THIS IS A FINAL ORDER.

THIS ORDER IS A PUBLIC RECORD.
I, SHARON MELISSA TALIAFERRO, M.D., HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE
FOREGOING AGREED ORDER. I UNDERSTAND THAT BY SIGNING, I WAIVE
CERTAIN RIGHTS. I SIGN IT VOLUNTARILY. I UNDERSTAND THIS AGREED ORDER
CONTAINS THE ENTIRE AGREEMENT AND THERE IS NO OTHER AGREEMENT OF
ANY KIND, VERBAL, WRITTEN OR OTHERWISE.

[Signature]
SHARON MELISSA TALIAFERRO, M.D.
Respondent

STATE OF Arkansas §
COUNTY OF Searcy § §

SWORN TO AND ACKNOWLEDGED BEFORE ME, the undersigned Notary Public,
on this 25 day of January, 2012.

(Notary Seal)

Signature of Notary Public

OFFICIAL SEAL
BARBARA K. BRANSCUM
NOTARY PUBLIC, ARKANSAS
SEARCY COUNTY
MY COMMISSION EXP. 02-15-2018
SIGNED AND ENTERED by the presiding officer of the Texas Medical Board on this 10th day of February, 2012.

Irvin E. Zeitler, Jr., D.O., President
Texas Medical Board