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Department of Health

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STATE OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF MEDICINE

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,

Petitioner,

vs.

DOH CASE NO.: 2014-13353
LICENSE NO.: ME0083372

DEBORAH K. FORD, M.D.,

Respondent.

FINAL ORDER

THIS CAUSE came before the BOARD OF MEDICINE (Board) on December 5, 2014, in St. Petersburg, Florida, for the purpose of considering Respondent's offer to voluntarily relinquish her license to practice medicine in the State of Florida. (Attached hereto as Exhibit A.) Said written offer of relinquishment specifically provides that Respondent agrees never again to apply for licensure as a physician in the State of Florida.

Upon consideration of the written offer of voluntary relinquishment, the charges, and the other documents of record, and being otherwise fully advised in the premises,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Respondent's Voluntary Relinquishment of her license to practice medicine in the State of Florida is hereby ACCEPTED, and shall constitute discipline upon Respondent's license.

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

DONE AND ORDERED this 16 day of December, 2014.

BOARD OF MEDICINE

Chandra Prine

Chandra Prine, Interim Executive Director
For Nabil El Sanadi, M.D., Chair

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 DEBORAH K. FORD, M.D., 4080 Shadetree Lane, Lakeland, Florida 33812; and by interoffice delivery to Daniel Hernandez, Department of Health, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C-65, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3253 this 18th day of Dec., 2014.

Engel Saucedo
Deputy Agency Clerk

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To protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts.



Rick Scott
Governor

John H. Armstrong, MD, FACS
State Surgeon General & Secretary

Vision: To be the Healthiest State in the Nation

MEMORANDUM

Date: October 14, 2014

To: Lucy C. Gee, M.S., Division Director
Division of Medical Quality Assurance

From: Allison M. Dudley, J.D. Bureau Chief
Bureau of Health Care Practitioner Regulation

Subject: Delegation of Authority

Effective October 14, 2014, Chandra Prine, Program Operations Administrator will have delegated authority as the Acting Executive Director of the Board of Medicine until further notice.

Florida Department of Health

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DEBORAH KATHLEEN FORD, M.D.

Respondent.

VOLUNTARY RELINQUISHMENT OF LICENSE

Respondent DEBORAH KATHLEEN FORD, M.D. license No. 83372, hereby voluntarily relinquishes Respondent's license to practice Medicine in the State of Florida and states as follows:

1. Respondent's purpose in executing this Voluntary Relinquishment is to avoid further administrative action with respect to this cause. Respondent understands that acceptance by the Board of Medicine (hereinafter the Board) of this Voluntary Relinquishment shall be construed as disciplinary action against Respondent's license pursuant to Section 456.072(1)(f), Florida Statutes. As with any disciplinary action, this relinquishment will be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank as disciplinary action. Licensing authorities in other states may impose discipline in their jurisdiction based on discipline taken in Florida.

2. Respondent agrees to never reapply for licensure as an M.D. in the State of Florida.

3. Respondent agrees to voluntarily cease practicing M.D. immediately upon executing this Voluntary Relinquishment. Respondent further agrees to refrain from the practice of M.D. until such time as this Voluntary Relinquishment is presented to the Board and the Board issues a written final order in this matter.

4. In order to expedite consideration and resolution of this action by the Board in a public meeting, Respondent, being fully advised of the consequences of so doing, hereby waives the statutory privilege of confidentiality of Section 456.073(10), Florida Statutes, and waives a determination of probable cause, by the Probable Cause Panel, or the Department when appropriate, pursuant to Section 456.073(4), Florida Statutes, regarding the complaint, the investigative report of the Department of Health, and all other information obtained pursuant to the Department's investigation in the above-styled action. By signing this waiver, Respondent

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understands that the record and complaint become public record and remain public record and that information is immediately accessible to the public.

5. Upon the Board's acceptance of this Voluntary Relinquishment, Respondent agrees to waive all rights to seek judicial review of, or to otherwise challenge or contest the validity of, this Voluntary Relinquishment and of the Final Order of the Board incorporating this Voluntary Relinquishment.

6. Petitioner and Respondent hereby agree that upon the Board's acceptance of this Voluntary Relinquishment, each party shall bear its own attorney's fees and costs related to the prosecution or defense of this matter.

7. Respondent authorizes the Board to review and examine all investigative file materials concerning Respondent in connection with the Board's consideration of this Voluntary Relinquishment. Respondent agrees that consideration of this Voluntary Relinquishment and other related materials by the Board shall not prejudice or preclude the Board, or any of its members, from further participation, consideration, or resolution of these proceedings if the terms of this Voluntary Relinquishment are not accepted by the Board.

DATED this 19 day of August, 2014.

Deborah Kathleen Ford M.D.
DEBORAH KATHLEEN FORD, M.D.

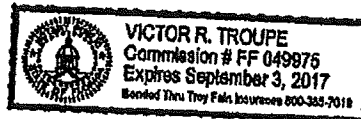
STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF Hillsborough

Before me, personally appeared Deborah Ford, whose identity is known to me or who produced Florida Driver's License (type of identification) and who, under oath, acknowledges that his signature appears above.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19 day of August, 2014.

Victor R. Troupe
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:



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STATE OF FLORIDA

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

Office: Area VI Tampa	Date of Complaint: 08-18-14	Case Number: 2014-13353
Subject: DEBORAH KATHLEEN FORD, MD 4080 Shadetree Lane Lakeland, Florida 33812 (863) 577-3000	Source: PENELOPE P. ZIEGLER, M.D. / Medical Director Professional Resource Network, Inc. P.O. Box Office Box 1020 Fernandina, Florida 32035 (813) 321-1111	
Profession: Medical Doctor	License Number and Status: 83372, Retired	
Related Case(s): None	Period of Investigation and Type of Report: 08-19-14 to 09-20-14	
Alleged Violation: F.S. 458.072(1)(k)(z)(dd)(hh) and F.S. 458.331(1)(g)(s)(nn)		
<p>Synopsis: This investigation is predicated upon receipt of a Case Summary, Exhibit #1, based upon a complaint submitted by PENELOPE P. ZIEGLER, M.D. / Medical Director of Professional Resource Network, Inc. Information received from the Professionals Resource Network (PRN) alleging FORD is in non-compliance with the requests and recommendations of the PRN. FORD allegedly self-reported to PRN on 08-17-11 after completing 26 days of residential treatment at Windmoor in Clearwater, Florida for alcohol dependence. On 08-18-13 PRN allegedly granted FORD permission to participate in missionary work in the Dominican Republic and upon FORD's return in June of 2014 FORD allegedly informed PRN she had decided to change her Florida license to inactive or retired. PRN allegedly informed FORD in order to maintain compliance with her PRN contract she would need to voluntarily relinquish her Florida Medical License. PRN further alleges FORD stopped participating in PRN once her license became retired and alleges it is the opinion of PRN, should FORD return to the practice of medicine in the State of Florida, FORD could be a danger to the public's health, safety, and welfare.</p> <p>FORD signed a Voluntary Relinquishment of License on 08-19-14.</p>		
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Law Enforcement <input type="checkbox"/> Notified Date: <input type="checkbox"/> Involved Agency: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Subject represented by an attorney? Attorney information:		
Investigator/Date: Victor R. Troupe Medical Quality Assurance Investigator, TI-123	Approved By/Date: 8-20-14 Babette S. Agett, TI - 115 Investigation Supervisor Babette S. Agett	
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