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(VIA CERTIFIED MAIL 7009 2820 0003 2164 6512)

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Re: Michael Langan, M.D.- Violation of Letter of Agreement

Dear Attorney Liebert:

Enclosed please find a copy of the Order in which the Board affirmed the Complaint Committee's September 7, 2011 finding that your client violated Paragraph J of his October 8, 2008 Letter of Agreement.

In lieu of imposing sanction, the Board has directed that, at a minimum, the Licensee's October 8, 2008 Letter of Agreement be extended for a minimum of twenty-four (24) months from March 18, 2013, the date on which the Licensee was originally eligible to terminate his Letter of Agreement. This extension means that the Licensee will not be eligible to terminate his Letter of Agreement until at least March 18, 2015.

In addition, the Board has indicated that the extended LOA should include, at a minimum, the following modification of terms:

(a) should the Licensee test positive for substances (i.e.: alcohol biomarkers, opioids, any non-PHS approved drugs), he agrees to immediately enter into a Voluntary Agreement Not to Practice (hereinafter "VANP") until PHC completes its review and the Board takes action;

(b) should the Licensee not enter into a VANP immediately, the Licensee understands that his license to practice medicine may be immediately suspended;

(c) the Licensee shall follow all PHS recommendations within seven (7) days and understands that, should he decline to do so (which includes an attempt to negotiate and/or dispute PHS' recommendation), his license may be immediately suspended;

(d) the Licensee shall provide toxicology samples as directed by PHS within the time frame recommended by PHS;



(e) the Licensee shall abstain from all non-prescribed intoxicants including ethanol;

(f) the Licensee shall continue ongoing treatment of his ADHD with Dr. Timothy Wilens, unless another provider is approved by the Complaint Committee;

(g) the Licensee shall participate in a minimum of three (3) 12-step meetings per week for the duration of his Letter of Agreement and shall submit proof of said participation to PHS in a form agreeable to PHS;

(h) the Licensee shall develop an active sponsor relationship with someone who is not a healthcare professional. The Licensee shall have weekly communications with the sponsor, which shall be verified by PHS;


(i) the Licensee shall comply with any additional recommendations or requirements from PHS, including their EtG, EtS and PEth tests, to screen for alcohol use in the Licensee for the duration of his Letter of Agreement. Any positive test results may, at the direction of PHS or the Board, require a leave of absence and re-evaluation by a program skilled in such evaluations;

(j) the Licensee shall avoid exposure to agents that would interfere with the capacity of PHS to monitor him for abstinence. The Licensee will abstain from the use of alcohol-based hand rubs and HFA inhalers, and any other agents that might produce positive EtG and PEth results; and

(k) the Licensee shall participate in Mindfulness-based stress reduction activities, such as the eight (8) week program developed by Jon Kabat-Zinn at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center. Any such program must be pre-approved by the Complaint Committee Designee.

Please contact me by December 30, 2011 to indicate whether your client agrees to the extension and modification of his current Letter of Agreement. Should your client decline to the modifications of his Letter of Agreement, this matter will go before the Board at its January 18, 2011 for consideration of sanction.

Sincerely,


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Senior Board Counsel

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Enclosure

cc: Tracy J. Ottina, Physician Health & Compliance Counsel