

IN THE MATTER OF
CHRIS R. BUCAR, P.D.
LICENSE NO. 15040

* BEFORE THE MARYLAND
* STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY
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FINAL ORDER

Background

On December 21, 1999, Chris Buchar, P.D., License No. 15040 (the "Respondent"), entered into a Consent Order with the Maryland State Board of Pharmacy (the "Board"). (See Consent Order attached as Exhibit A). Under the Consent Order's Findings of Fact, the Respondent and the Board agreed that the Respondent has a long-standing and serious substance abuse problem, that he stole and abused narcotics valued at approximately \$1,500 to \$2,000 from the Wal-Mart Pharmacy, Store #1968, in Aberdeen, Maryland, over several months in 1999, that he forged prescriptions to facilitate the theft of narcotics, and on September 25, 1999, that he informed his employer that he had a relapse of his substance abuse problem. Under the Consent Order, the Respondent's license was placed on probation, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) The Respondent was prohibited from dispensing drugs or having access to drug during the course of employment;
- (2) The Respondent was required to abide by all conditions of his contract with the Pharmacists' Education and Assistance Committee ("PEAC"), was required to comply with all directions from PEAC regarding compliance with the contract, and the Respondent authorized PEAC's release of any information it deemed to be relevant

regarding the Respondent's progress in therapy and his compliance with the PEAC contract;

(3) PEAC was required to immediately report to the Board any violation of the PEAC contract committed by the Respondent; and

(4) The Respondent was required to provide a copy of the Consent Order to PEAC and to all employers, the Respondent was required to notify the Board of all places of employment prior to beginning work, and the Respondent was required to notify the Board immediately of any change of address.

Under the Consent Order, the Respondent agreed that in the event that the Board received an unsatisfactory report from PEAC which it believed in good faith to be accurate, or in the event that the Board in good faith found that the Respondent had violated any of the conditions of probation or committed a serious violation of the Maryland Pharmacy Act, the Board could take immediate action, including the revocation or suspension of his license to practice pharmacy, "without prior notice and without a hearing." (Consent Order, pp. 3-4).

FINDINGS OF FACT

On June 15, 2002, Patricia Tommasello, PEAC Coordinator, notified the Board that the Respondent had tested positive for cocaine use. (See Letter from Patricia Tommasello attached as Exhibit B).

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Board finds that PEAC'S report of a positive screen for cocaine is an unsatisfactory report that violates his agreement with PEAC to abstain from any mood-altering drugs not prescribed by a physician.

ORDER

Due to the unsatisfactory report from PEAC, on June 19, 2002, the Board voted to indefinitely suspend the Respondent's license in accordance with the terms of the Consent Order, and on July 17, 2002, voted to approve this Final Order, and therefore it is hereby

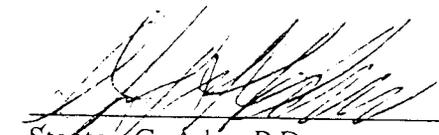
ORDERED that the Respondent's license to practice pharmacy is **INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED**, and be it further

ORDERED that the Respondent may not petition for reinstatement of his license for at least one year following the date this Order is executed by the Board, and that any decision to reinstate the Respondent's license shall be at the sole discretion of the Board, which may set pre-conditions for reinstatement and probationary conditions on the Respondent's license if reinstated; and be it further

ORDERED that the Respondent shall immediately surrender to the Board both his wall license and wallet license issued under License No. 15040; and be it further

ORDERED that this Final Order is a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT** under the Maryland Public Information Act, Md. Code Ann., State Government §10-617.

Date 7/17/02



Stanton G. Ades, P.D.
President
Board of Pharmacy