



specialization and had no plans to be “involved in the practice of orthopedic or other surgery in the future.” *Id.* ¶ 7.

5. By letter dated March 28, 2012, Respondent petitioned for relief from his conditions and restrictions of licensure. *See* Respondent’s letter.
6. Respondent stated that he has retrained in addiction medicine since the time of the Amended Stipulation. *Id.* He indicated that since April 2007, he has “maintained a practice limited to addiction medicine and treatment of pain in the context of addictive disease in Windsor, VT.” *Id.* He has continued to participate in 12 step recovery meetings and in annual programs for medical students regarding addictive disease in physicians. *Id.*
7. Respondent requests that the restrictions and conditions on his license be lifted in order that he may extend his services in addiction medicine, e.g. due to not having an unrestricted license, Respondent is not eligible to perform evaluations for the Board of Nursing or other professional boards; he believes he has not been permitted to assist with the Vermont Practitioner Health Program; and he has been prevented from inclusion on the participating panel for various health insurance providers, resulting in patients who are either forced to pay out of pocket or not see him. *Id.*
8. Respondent states that “the restrictions on his license are no longer necessary in order to protect the public or support [his] recovery.” *Id.* As to his surgical practice, Respondent writes:

*...there is effectively no possibility that I would be able to return to surgical practice even if I were inclined to do so (which I most emphatically am not). My orthopedic board certification expired in 2007. I have not even assisted in a surgical procedure in over 10 years. There is no quality assurance data available for a credentials committee to evaluate that is less than 11 years old. On the basis of the*

*fact that 1) I have an extensive malpractice history and a history of board sanction, 2) I have not performed an operative procedure in more than 10 years and 3) my orthopedic certification is expired, I would submit that there is not a credentials committee in the United States that would grant me surgical privileges. Further, I would submit that no medical malpractice liability carrier would write coverage for me. Finally, at the age of nearly 60, the resumption of such a stressful line of work is not in anybody's best interest, particularly mine.*

*Id.*

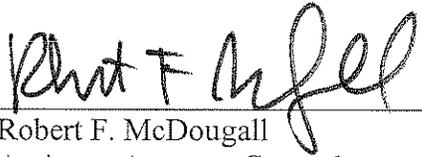
9. Respondent's attorney has also submitted a letter in support of Respondent's request for relief so that Respondent can be a participant on medical insurance provider panels and "affiliate with hospitals in his areas and make his services available to a broader population base." See Letter of David Cleary, dated April 10, 2012.
10. After review of Respondent's request at its monthly meeting in April 2012, the North Investigative Committee ("the Committee") agreed that there was little likelihood that Respondent could ever resume surgical practice. The Committee agreed that the Amended Stipulation and Original Stipulation have served their purpose. The Committee recommends that the Board accept Respondent's petition, relieve him of all conditions and restrictions on his license and close this matter.

DATED at Montpelier, Vermont this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2012.

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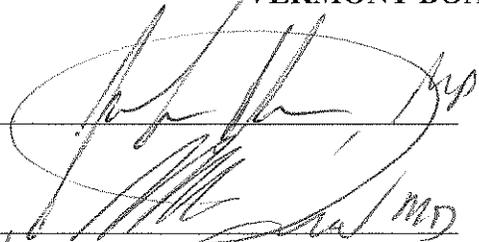
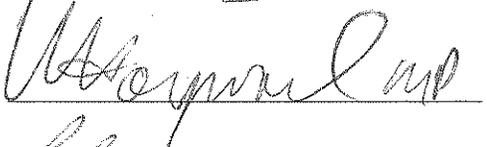
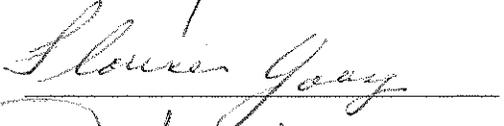
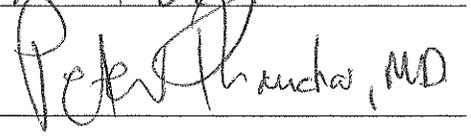
STATE OF VERMONT  
BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE

In re: C. Fredrick Lord, M.D. ) Docket Nos. MPN 36-0493;  
 ) MPN 59-0897; MPN 02-0198;  
 ) and MPN 14-0398

ORDER

Respondent's petition for relief from conditions is GRANTED and the restrictions and conditions imposed by the Stipulation and Orders in Docket Nos. MPN 36-0493, MPN 59-0897, MPN 02-0198 and MPN 14-0398 are hereby stricken.

APPROVED AND ORDERED  
VERMONT BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE

  
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