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BEFORE THE

HOWARD JOHN FAULKNER

MARYLAND BOARD

**LICENSE NO.: R176326
CRNP-PMH**

OF NURSING

**ORDER OF REINSTATEMENT OF CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE
PRACTITIONER CERTIFICATION**

I. PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

On February 24, 2016, the Maryland Board of Nursing (the “Board”) accepted the voluntary surrender of the license and certification of **HOWARD JOHN FAULKNER** (the “Respondent”) to practice as a registered nurse (“RN”), license number R176326, and certified registered nurse practitioner – psychiatric mental health (“CRNP-PMH”) in the State of Maryland for a minimum of two (2) years. The voluntary surrender was executed in lieu of a hearing on the Board’s summary suspension of the Respondent’s license to practice as an RN and certification to practice as a CRNP-PMH on August 4, 2015. The summary suspension, and resultant voluntary surrender, were based on allegations from five complaints, including, but not limited to: the Respondent prescribed medications then asked patients to return the medications to him; the Respondent was chemically impaired while treating patients; and the Respondent over-prescribed medications to patients, resulting in one patient suffering from adverse side effects and another having an overdose.

On October 2, 2018, the Board ordered reinstatement of the Respondent’s RN license, subject to probation for a term of, at a minimum, three years. On August 26, 2022, the Board ordered termination of probation on the Respondent’s RN license. The Respondent’s certification to practice as a CRNP-PMH has remained surrendered during this time, since February 24, 2016.

II. CONSIDERATION OF REINSTATEMENT REQUEST

On or about October 12, 2022, the Respondent submitted a written request to the Board seeking reinstatement of his certification to practice as a CRNP-PMH in the State of Maryland. In support of his reinstatement request, the Respondent provided a personal statement, several letters of reference, training certificates, and continuing education courses.

The Board has considered the materials submitted by the Respondent in support of his reinstatement request, the Respondent's file, and the history in this case, and concludes that the Respondent is suitable for reinstatement of his certificate to practice as a CRNP.

III. ORDER

Based on the foregoing, it is hereby:

ORDERED that the Respondent's application for reinstatement of his certification to practice as a certified registered nurse practitioner – psychiatric mental health in the State of Maryland is **GRANTED**; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent's certification to practice as a certified registered nurse practitioner – psychiatric mental health in the State of Maryland is **REINSTATED**; and it is further

ORDERED that this Order is a **PUBLIC RECORD** pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. §§ 4-101 *et seq.* (2019).

12/21/22
Date

Karen E. B. Evans MSN, RN-BC
The Executive Director's Signature
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