IN THE MATTER OF

REMA ANTON, P.D.

LICENSE NO. 11719

BEFORE THE MARYLAND

STATE BOARD OF

PHARMACY

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CONSENT ORDER OF REINSTATMENT

Background

On June 7, 2003, Ms. Anton submitted a Petition for Reinstatement to the Board of Pharmacy (the “Board”) for reinstatement of her license to practice pharmacy. On September 17, 2003, Ms. Anton appeared before a quorum of the Board to present her case in support of reinstatement and to answer questions posed by the Board regarding her ability to practice pharmacy in a safe and ethical manner. Ms. Anton’s mentor, Nicole Brandt, Pharm.D., also appeared on behalf of Ms. Anton to support her case for reinstatement.

Ms. Anton surrendered her license to practice pharmacy on October 30, 2001, in lieu of further investigation by the Board into allegations of her substance abuse and illegal dispensing of mass quantities of Oxycontin. Ms. Anton created false prescriptions to routinely dispense varying quantities of Oxycontin to serve her own addiction. Ms. Anton’s husband also worked at the same pharmacy and was similarly addicted and engaging in drug diversion. Ms. Anton’s Letter of Surrender set forth the requirement that she must enter into and adhere to a contract with the Pharmacists Education and Assistance Committee (PEAC) prior to any reinstatement of her license. Ms. Anton submitted a prior petition for reinstatement on August 7, 2002. The Board denied Ms. Anton’s petition at that time reasoning that the serious nature of her violations required a longer period of rehabilitation.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Ms. Anton entered into a contract with PEAC on September 28, 2001, and has been fully
compliant with all of its terms, which include weekly urine screens, AA/NA meetings, and outpatient therapy.

2. The Board has received letters of support from Ms. Anton’s PEAC mentor, therapist, and AA/NA sponsor, all attesting to Ms. Anton’s sobriety and ability to practice pharmacy safely and ethically for the long term.

ORDER

Based on an affirmative vote of the Board, it is this 9 day of October, 2003, hereby:

ORDERED that Ms. Anton’s license to practice pharmacy be REINSTATED; and be it further,

ORDERED that Ms. Anton’s license be placed on INDEFINITE PROBATION, subject to the following conditions:

1. Ms. Anton shall practice pharmacy under the direct supervision of a licensed pharmacist in good standing;
2. Ms. Anton shall not be employed at a pharmacy in which she has access to Schedule II narcotics;
3. Ms. Anton may not practice pharmacy over 20 hours per week;
4. Ms. Anton is limited to practicing in one pharmacy, and shall not be employed as a floater;
5. Ms. Anton’s pharmacy employer shall be in good standing;
6. Ms. Anton shall provide the pharmacy employer with a copy of this Consent Order;
7. Ms. Anton shall insure that the pharmacy employer provides the Board with quarterly progress reports;
8. Ms. Anton shall continue her PEAC contract to include urine testing, NA/AA meetings,
and therapy;

9. Ms. Anton shall insure that her therapist submits quarterly progress reports;

10. Ms. Anton shall not work in the same pharmacy as her husband; and be it further,

ORDERED that in the event the Board finds for any good faith reason that Ms. Anton has relapsed, has violated any of the conditions of probation herein, or in the event that the Board finds for any good faith reason that Ms. Anton has committed a violation of Title 12 of the Health Occupations Article or regulations adopted thereunder, the Board may immediately suspend Ms. Anton’s license prior to a hearing; and be it further,

ORDERED that Ms. Anton may petition the Board for modification of the conditions of probation after one (1) year provided that she has been in compliance with all of the terms of probation; and be it further,

ORDERED that Ms. Anton may petition the Board for release from probation after two (2) years provided that she has been in compliance with all of the terms of probation; and be it further,

ORDERED that this is a final order of the Maryland Board of Pharmacy and as such is a public document pursuant to the Maryland Annotated Code, State Government Article, Section 10-617(h).

10/9/03
Stanton G. Ades, P.D.
President, Board of Pharmacy
CONSENT

1. By signing this Consent, I hereby admit to the truth of the findings contained herein and agree to be bound by the foregoing Consent Order and its conditions.

2. By this Consent, I submit to the foregoing Consent Order as a resolution of this matter. By signing this Consent, I waive any rights I may have had to contest the findings and determinations contained in this Consent Order.

3. I acknowledge the legal authority and the jurisdiction of the Board to enter and enforce this Consent Order.

4. I sign this Consent Order freely and voluntarily, after having had the opportunity to consult with counsel. I fully understand the language, meaning, and effect of this Consent Order.

10-14-03
Date

Rema Anton, P.D.

STATE OF MARYLAND
COUNTY/CITY OF BALTIMORE:

I hereby certify that on this 14th day of October, 2003, before me, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland and County/City aforesaid, personally appeared REMA ANTON and made an oath in due form that the foregoing Consent was her voluntary act and deed.

John R. Niec
Notary Public
My commission expires:

JOHN R. NIEC
Notary Public State of Maryland
My Commission Expires January 30, 2006