IN THE MATTER OF * BEFORE THE MARYLAND

SOHAIL MOSADDEGH, Pharm.D. * STATE BOARD OF

LICENSE NO. 15601 * PHARMACY

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ORDER OF REINSTATEMENT

Background

The Board of Pharmacy (the "Board") took emergency action to summarily suspend the pharmacist's license held by Sohail Mosaddegh, License Number 15601, on April 20, 2011, based on credible information indicating that Dr. Mosaddegh had diverted and illegally dispensed controlled dangerous substances from his pharmacy employer for his own use. Subsequently, on June 26, 2012, the Board accepted a Letter of Surrender from Dr. Mosaddegh in lieu of pursuing formal prosecution for the aforementioned offenses. The Letter of Surrender contained certain conditions for any reinstatement of Dr. Mosaddegh's license to practice pharmacy, to include: completion of a substance abuse rehabilitation contract; completion of a college-level ethics course; and a substance abuse evaluation by a Board-assigned evaluator.

On September 24, 2015, Dr. Mosaddegh submitted a Petition for Reinstatement to the Board for reinstatement of his license to practice pharmacy. In support of his Petition, Dr. Mosaddegh submitted to a substance abuse evaluation by a Board-appointed evaluator and provided documentation of his substance abuse treatment, participation in support groups, and completion of a college-level ethics course.

FINDINGS OF FACT

 Dr. Mosaddegh submitted to a substance abuse evaluation by a Board-appointed evaluator on October 19, 2015. The Board's evaluator opined that Dr. Mosaddegh's completion of an intensive outpatient treatment program, monitored abstinence from mood-altering substances, and regular participation in support group meetings have

- enabled Dr. Mosaddegh to safely return to pharmacy practice.
- 2. Dr. Mosaddegh entered into a rehabilitation contract with the Pharmacists Education and Advocacy Council ("PEAC") in August 2010 and voluntarily extended the contract until July 2017. Dr. Mosaddegh has been in full compliance with its terms and conditions, which includes random urine screenings.
- Dr. Mosaddegh successfully completed an intensive outpatient treatment program at Kolmac Clinic in 2010, and subsequently transferred to its two-year continuing care group.
- 4. Dr. Mosaddegh actively participates in NA/AA groups twice a week.
- 5. Dr. Mosaddegh works in a non-clinical role for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Sohail Mosaddegh has sufficiently demonstrated that he is capable of practicing pharmacy in a competent and ethical manner under the terms and conditions outlined in this Order.

ORDER

Based on an affirmative vote of the Board, it is this <u>244L</u> day of <u>February</u>, 2016, hereby:

ORDERED that Dr. Mosaddegh's license to practice pharmacy be reinstated,

PROVIDED THAT DR. MOSADDEGH FIRST SUCCESSFULLY COMPLY WITH ALL

LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS GOVERNING REINSTATEMENT PURSUANT TO COMAR

10.34.13; and be it further,

ORDERED that upon reinstatement, Dr. Mosaddegh's license shall be immediately placed on PROBATION for a minimum of THREE (3) YEARS and subject to the following

conditions:

- 1. Dr. Mosaddegh shall continue at least weekly participation in NA/AA or other support group and submit reports of attendance to the Board on a monthly basis;
- 2. Dr. Mosaddegh shall submit to random, Board-ordered urine screenings every two weeks; and
- 3. Dr. Mosaddegh shall provide the Board with written notification in advance of any period of time during which he may be unreachable due to travel or other reason; and be it further,

ORDERED that all urine screens under this Order shall be:

- (1) Submitted by Dr. Mosaddegh within 24 hours of the Board staff instructing him to submit a urine sample;
 - (2) Submitted at a CLIA-certified laboratory; and
- (3) Negative for any controlled dangerous substance, narcotics, cocaine, or other moodaltering substance, except as provided below; and be it further,

ORDERED that Dr. Mosaddegh shall abstain from the ingestion of controlled dangerous substances, narcotics, cocaine, or other mood-altering substances, except that Dr. Mosaddegh may only ingest prescribed controlled dangerous substances for legitimate medical reasons under the following conditions:

- a. Dr. Mosaddegh must be a bona fide patient of a licensed Maryland prescriber who is aware of this Order;
- b. The medication must be lawfully prescribed by Dr. Mosaddegh's physician or other authorized medical practitioner;
- c. Dr. Mosaddegh must provide the Board, in writing, within seventy-two (72) hours of receiving the medication: (a) the name and address of the prescriber; (b) the illness or

medical condition diagnosed; (c) the type, strength, amount and dosage of the medication; (d) and a signed statement consenting to the release of all medical information about Dr. Mosaddegh from the prescriber to the Board; and be it further,

ORDERED that Dr. Mosaddegh's execution of this Order shall constitute a release of any and all medical records, substance abuse treatment records, and psychological/psychiatric records pertaining to Dr. Mosaddegh to the Board in complying with the terms and conditions set forth herein; and be it further,

ORDERED that Dr. Mosaddegh shall at all times cooperate with the Board in the monitoring, supervision, and investigation of Dr. Mosaddegh's compliance with the terms and conditions of this Order; and be it further,

ORDERED that Dr. Mosaddegh's failure to fully cooperate with the Board shall be deemed a violation of the probationary terms and a violation of this Order; and be it further,

ORDERED that in the event the Board finds for any good faith reason that Dr. Mosaddegh 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 Dr. Mosaddegh has committed a violation of Title 12 of the Health Occupations Article or regulations adopted thereunder that places the public health and safety of Maryland citizens at risk, the Board may immediately suspend Dr. Mosaddegh's license after providing an opportunity to be heard at a show cause hearing; and be it further,

ORDERED that Dr. Mosaddegh may petition the Board for modification of the probationary terms herein after one (1) year provided that he has been fully compliant with all of the terms of probation and has no outstanding complaints against him;

ORDERED that Dr. Mosaddegh may petition the Board for release from probation after three (3) years provided that he has been fully compliant with all of the terms of probation and

has no outstanding complaints against him; and be it further,

ORDERED that this is a formal order of the Maryland Board of Pharmacy and as such is a public document pursuant to the Maryland Annotated Code, General Provisions Article, Section 4-333.

2/24/2016 Date

Mitra Gavgani, Pharm.D., President