ORDER IN FURTHERANCE OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

On July 12, 2010, the Board approved a Settlement Agreement in the Matter of Bruce D. Latham, D.O. ("the Respondent" or "Dr. Latham"). In pertinent part, the Settlement Agreement stated in paragraph 8:

B. Respondent is required ... to meaningfully participate in an assessment of his medical skills ... that will provide an assessment of Respondent’s medical skills which will include, but not be limited to Respondent’s ability to appropriately diagnose, and provide follow-up patient care, to adequately document all consultation included in the evaluation of the patient’s condition as well as the rationale for treatment decisions. The assessment shall also include an evaluation of appropriate interactions with patients and medical professionals involved in patient care. Respondent shall follow all recommendations made by the assessment, including any recommendation that Respondent work with a physician mentor for a period of time.

C. Within thirty (30) days of completion of the medical skills assessment Respondent shall provide the Board with a copy of any and all reports, letters or assessments and recommendations generated as a result of the assessment.

The Respondent has complied with paragraph 8C as, on November 14, 2011, he has provided the Board with a copy of the Albany Medical Center Upstate Clinical Competency Center Practicing Physician Assessment ("Albany Assessment").

Therefore it is ordered that:

1. The hearing presently scheduled for April 4, 2012 is cancelled.

2. The Respondent shall follow all recommendations made by the Albany Assessment.

3. The Respondent shall submit to the Board a list of no fewer than three (3) names of physicians who are willing to undertake the role of CME monitor. These names shall be submitted to the Board for review. Hence it is ordered:
a. The Respondent shall submit the names, with credentials, in writing on or before February 27, 2012, so that the Board may choose one at the Board's regularly scheduled March 7, 2012 meeting.

b. That the Respondent's first meeting with the CME mentor shall take place on or before April 1, 2012.

c. That the physician monitor shall submit his first bi-monthly report to the Board on or before May 31, 2012.

d. That within one year of April 1, 2012, namely April 1, 2013, the Respondent shall re-certify his Family Practice Board status. The Respondent shall provide written documentation within fifteen days of such re-certification.

4. The Respondent shall submit to the Board a list of no fewer than three names of (3) psychiatrists who are willing to perform a comprehensive psychiatric evaluation. Hence it is ordered:

   a. The Respondent shall submit the names, with credentials, in writing on or before February 27, 2012, so that the Board may choose one at the Board's regularly scheduled March 7, 2012 meeting.

   b. The Administrative Prosecutions Unit shall provide the Board approved psychiatrist with the following materials:

      i. The Report of Investigation ("ROI") including charts and office notes
      ii. The Evaluation by the University of New England
      iii. The July 12, 2010 Settlement Agreement
      iv. The November 17, 2010 Board Order
      v. The Albany Assessment

   c. That the psychiatrist shall provide a copy of the evaluation, under seal, to the Board within 75 days of the issuance of this order; this evaluation shall include the information identified in paragraph 2 of the 'Summary and Recommendations' section of the Albany Assessment.
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Final Decision and Order shall take effect as an Order of the Board on the date an authorized representative of the Board signs it.

*BY ORDER OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE BOARD OF MEDICINE

Date: 2/6/2012

(Signature)

PENNY TAYLOR

Penny Taylor, Administrator
Authorized Representative of the New Hampshire Board of Medicine

*\Board members Amy Feitelson, M.D. and Gail Barba, Public Member, recused.