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4. On July 6, 1987, the Board placed Respondent's medical license on twenty years probation due to Respondent's addiction to and abuse of alcohol and other drugs.

5. The probationary order of July 6, 1987 required among other things that Respondent maintain participation with the Marion County Impaired Physician's Aftercare Program, regularly attend AA and NA meetings and continue counseling with his psychiatrist, Jack Adair, M.D.

6. Respondent has complied with all terms of the probationary order.

7. On August 30, 1990 at Respondent's request, the Board modified its Order of July 6, 1987 to allow Respondent possession and limited use of an Indiana controlled substance registration and federal DEA permits. Respondent was allowed to prescribe only medication orders for inpatients under the supervision of Paul Riley, M.D.

8. Respondent has successfully abstained from alcohol and drug use continuously since December 7, 1986.

9. Recently, Respondent had back surgery. The surgery required that Respondent receive some medication for post-surgical pain, but this was supervised by Respondent's physician and caused Respondent no problem.

10. Jack Adair, Respondent's psychiatrist, testified that he and Respondent began therapy sessions in early 1987. During the period since therapy began, Respondent has dealt successfully with family and professional stress and developed

strong self esteem. Dr. Adair stated that regular therapy and counseling sessions with Respondent are no longer necessary.

11. Timothy Kelly, M.D., testified that he supervised Respondent's use of opiates following his recent back surgery.

12. Dr. Kelly specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of chemical dependence. He testified that Respondent was off all opiates within twenty four (24) hours after surgery, an extremely short time.

13. Dr. Kelly testified he was familiar generally with the facts and circumstances of Respondent's drug abuse and recovery. Dr. Kelly stated that in his opinion the chance of Respondent having a drug or alcohol relapse was very minimal.

14. Dr. Paul Riley, Respondent's supervisor and the medical director for St. Vincents Stress Center, testified that the quality of Respondent's work was excellent.

15. Dr. D. Kete Cockrell testified that Respondent is very active in the Indiana State Medical Association's Physician Assistance Commission. Dr. Cockrell specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of chemical dependence. He expressed the opinion that given the length and quality of Respondent's recovery from chemical dependence, Respondent's statistical chance of relapse was now less than that of the general public.

16. Respondent testified that some of the remaining probationary terms of his order were causing problems regarding third party insurance payments for his medical services.

17. The Board may terminate a probationary order if it finds that the deficiency that required the imposition of

disciplinary action has been remedied.

18. The Board has jurisdiction to hear and decide this case.

19. The Board finds that the conditions that led to its imposition of disciplinary action regarding Respondent's medical license have been remedied.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Board issues the following Order:

1. The probationary terms placed upon Respondent's medical license are **WITHDRAWN** and the probationary status of said license is hereby **TERMINATED**.

SO ORDERED this 17th day of July, 1992.

MEDICAL LICENSING BOARD OF INDIANA

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