

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF HEALING ARTS
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS**

In the Matter of)
)
FLORINIO S. SAMSON, M.D.)
Kansas License No. 4-21506)
_____)

Docket No. 03-HA-14

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KANSAS STATE BOARD OF
HEALING ARTS

**ORDER TERMINATING STIPULATION
AND AGREEMENT AND ENFORCEMENT ORDER**

NOW, on this 12th day of October, 2002, comes on for Conference Hearing before the Board of Healing Arts ("Board") the request of Florinio S. Samson, M.D. ("Licensee") that the Stipulation and Agreement and Enforcement Order filed on February 20, 1996, be terminated. Shelly Wakeman, Disciplinary Counsel, appears for the Board. Licensee does not appear.

After examining the files and being otherwise duly advised in the premises, the Board finds as follows:

1. On or about August 20, 1986, Licensee was first licensed in Kansas, having been issued license number 4-21506. Licensee's license subsequently lapsed and was canceled on or about August 23, 1993 for failure to renew.
2. On or about February 20, 1996, Licensee's license was reinstated pursuant to the Stipulation Licensee entered into with the Board on that date. At all times subsequent, Licensee has been continually licensed to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Kansas, with such license being in the inactive status.
3. The disciplinary action on February 20, 1996 was related to a Voluntary Restriction on Certificate of Qualification to Practice Medicine with the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners

("Alabama Board") on June 7, 1995 and March 27, 1996 on the grounds that licensee has committed acts of sexual abuse, misconduct or exploitation related to his professional practice. This was in violation of Kansas statutes K.S.A. 65-2836(i) and K.S.A. 65-2837(b)(16)

4. The Kansas Stipulation was to remain in effect for at least one (1) year with the provision that Licensee could petition the Board for removal of the restrictions after the one-year period.

5. On or about July 22, 2002, the Alabama Board issued an order terminating the restrictions on Licensee's Alabama license.

6. Licensee has not practiced in Kansas since the Stipulation was entered. Licensee has maintained a regular psychiatric practice in Alabama as a nursing home consultant and at a community mental health clinic in Tuscaloosa.

7. Licensee has complied with the terms of the Stipulation.

8. There is no longer any indication that Licensee may be unable to practice medicine and surgery with reasonable skill and safety to patients.


9. The Stipulation filed February 20, 1996 should be terminated and any limitations imposed therein should be removed.

NOW THEREFORE, it is ordered by the Board that the findings herein made be and the same are hereby made the order of the Board and that the Stipulation filed on February 20, 1996 is hereby terminated and all limitations imposed thereby are removed.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this 17th day of October, 2002.

KANSAS STATE BOARD OF HEALING ARTS


LAWRENCE T. BUENING, JR. #9125
Executive Director
Kansas State Board of Healing Arts
235 S. Topeka Blvd.
Topeka, KS 66603
(785) 296-3680

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing **Order Terminating Stipulation and Agreement and Enforcement Order** was served on the 18th day of October, 2002, by depositing same in the United States mail, first-class postage prepaid and addressed to:

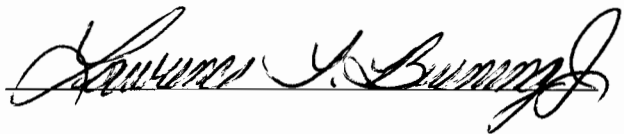
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6711 Locksley Drive
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Kelli Benintendi
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February 25, 2002

Florinio S. Samson, M. D.
6711 Locksley Drive
Tuscaloosa, AL. 35406
February 26, 2002

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Kansas Board of Healing Arts
235 S. Topeka Blvd.
Topeka, Kansas 66603-3068

Dear Kansas Board of Healing Arts,

It has been another year and I continue with my recovery. It has been ten years since the isolated incident I was involved in happened. I continue to practice my Recovery Program which include attending my 12-Step Program here in Tuscaloosa and Birmingham. I still have the same sponsor who is also a professional. We talk regularly and sometimes eat out and process or share thoughts. We have a small group here in our Caduceus Group in Tuscaloosa but it gives us more time to share and process.

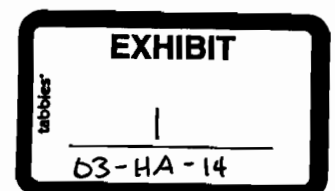
I still see Dr. Ford, my psychiatrist and will see him again next month. He think I am ready to approach the Board. I will ask him again to send a report to you. I will also ask Dr. Pacheco to send in his report. There has not been any change in my medication. In January a cystoscopy was performed on me by Dr.K. Aldridge due to hematuria. There was no finding but BPH. I am alright now.

I continue to watch out for conferences geared towards Addictionology and Sexual Compulsivity and Boundaries.

Respectfully yours,



Florinio S. Samson, M.D.



Nov. 27, 2001

6711 Locksley Drive
Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35406

REC'D DEC 03 2001

Kansas Board of Healing Arts
235 S. Topeka Blvd.
Topeka, Kansas 66603-3068

Re: Quarterly Report

Dear Kansas Board of Healing Arts,

I am still seeing patients at the Cherokee-Etowah- Mental Health Center once a week and once or twice a month in a Nursing Home here in Tuscaloosa and they provide a chaperone with me when I see patients. They are more than willing to do this and they are appreciative of the psychiatric services I am able to provide for the patients. I work full - time now with the Indian Rivers Community Mental Health Center here in Tuscaloosa, which I have mentioned in my last report. A nurse is assigned to be with me when I see patients.

I still see Dr. Ford regularly and we are scheduled to meet again on Nov. 30th. We usually talk about families and my relationship with my wife and three adult sons who are still living with us. Dr. Ford suggests that it is time to approach the Alabama Board to have my restrictions lifted. Dr. Pacheco continue to be our family physician. He monitors my allergy, Hypertension , Gout and Arthritis. I will again ask both physicians to send their reports. My present medications are Procardia XL 90 mg, Zyrtec and Indocin as needed.

I still attend the 12-Step meetings including the SAA meetings in Birmingham and our local Caduceus meetings here in Tuscaloosa. I still check in with my Sponsor regularly. I continue to attend CME conferences and look out for ones about Addiction, Boundaries and Sexual Compulsivity.

Sincerely,


FLORINIO S. SAMSON, M.D.

August 24, 2001

Florinio S. Samson, M.D.
6711 Locksley Drive
Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35406

Kansas Board of Healing Arts
235 S. Topeka Blvd.
Topeka, Kansas 66603-3068

Dear Members of the Board:


This is my quarterly report for September 2001. I am now a full-time employee of the Indian River Community Health Center here in Tuscaloosa, my hometown. Dr. Allen had gotten in touch with me and offered me the position. He is aware of my restriction and the nature of it. He has provided a chaperone when I see patients. This is usually one of the nurses or one of the staff members. He support my intention to approach the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners. I am phasing out my nursing home visits.

Dr. Ford and I still meet regularly though not as frequent as it was. We usually discuss family issues. I still have Dr. Pacheco as my family physician who manages my Hypertension, Gouty Arthritis and Allergy. I am still on Procardia, Probenecid/Colchicine and Zyrtec Tablets. I have asked them to forward a report to you. The next time I will see Dr. Ford will be on August 31st.

I continue to practice my Twelve Steps and attend regular SAA meetings in Birmingham, Alabama. I have a sponsor that I talk to at least twice a week. I also attend the Caduceus Group here in Tuscaloosa on Wednesday nights.

I maintain CME credits which are also required here in Alabama each year. I try to look out for conferences in Sexual Compulsivity and Boundaries as well as General Medicine and Geriatric Psychiatry which has been my interest.

Sincerely yours,


Florinio S. Samson, M.D.



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Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Neurobiology

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September 26, 2002

Kansas State Board of Healing Arts
235 South Topeka Blvd.
Topeka, KS 66603

Re: Florinio Samson, M.D.

Dear Sirs:

Acting upon my recommendation, the Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners has removed restrictions upon the medical license for Florinio Samson, M.D. I am of the opinion that he no longer requires any type of psychiatric treatment or monitoring and therefore he is no longer being seen on a regular basis.

Dr. Samson's last appointment with me was June 3, 2002 and I was of the opinion, as of that date, that he was able to practice medicine in a competent and ethical manner with care and safety for his patients.

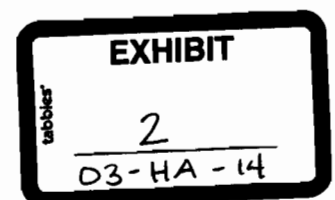
Sincerely yours,

Charles V. Ford, M.D.
Professor and Director
UAB Neuropsychiatry Clinic

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December 13, 2001

Mr. James Hulett
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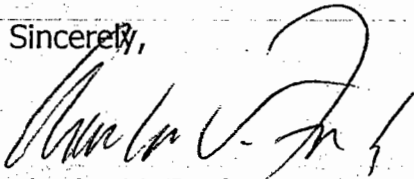
Re: Florinio Samson, MD

Dear Mr. Hulett:

Dr. Florinio Samson continues to be cooperative with all aspects of his treatment program. He has kept all scheduled appointments with me. Dr. Samson has demonstrated excellent progress in his treatment program and therefore I have felt that it is necessary for us to meet only every 2 – 3 months. He was last seen on November 30, 2001.

To the best of my knowledge, Dr. Samson has been able to practice medicine in a competent and ethical manner in his new role as a psychiatrist at a community mental health clinic in Tuscaloosa and as a consultant to nursing homes.

Sincerely,



Charles V. Ford, MD
Professor and Director
UAB Neuropsychiatry Clinic

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cc: Kansas State Board of Healing Arts

September 11, 2001

Mr. James Hulett
Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners
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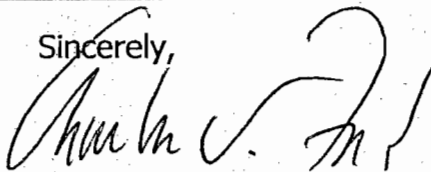
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Sincerely,



Charles V. Ford, MD
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cc: Kansas State Board of Healing Arts

June 12, 2001

Mr. James Hulett
Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners
PO Box 946
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Re: Florinio Samson, MD

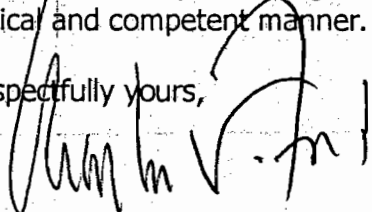
Dear Mr. Hulett:

Dr. Florinio Samson continues to be cooperative with all aspects of his treatment program. He has kept scheduled appointments with me and has been on time for these appointments. I am unaware of any lapse in regards to Dr. Samson's ethical behavior or any other professional inappropriate behavior. Dr. Samson has continued to work on issues referable to interpersonal relationships, particularly in regard to his wife.

At this time Dr. Samson is planning a transfer of his clinical activities from a community mental health clinic in Gadsden to a similar clinic in Tuscaloosa. Administrative staff at Indian Rivers Community Health Clinic has been apprised by Dr. Samson of the current restrictions on his medical license.

Dr. Samson's last appointment with me was June 8, 2001. At the present time, because of the stability of his condition, we are meeting at approximately 2-3 month intervals. To the best of my knowledge Dr. Samson has continued to practice medicine in an ethical and competent manner.

Respectfully yours,


Charles V. Ford, MD
Professor and Director
UAB Neuropsychiatry Clinic

cc: Kansas State Board of Healing Arts

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ANTONIO L. PACHECO, M.D.
6650 Cottage Hill Road
Suite 1017
Mobile, Alabama

September 12, 2002

Kansas Board of Healing Arts
235 S. Topeka Blvd.
Topeka, Kansas 66603-3068

Dear Board Members:

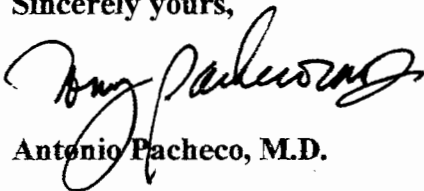
This letter is on behalf of Dr. Florinio Samson's Quarterly Report. I am his primary and family physician. He is under my care for his hypertension, gouty arthritis, allergy and general medical care. His blood pressure is being maintained on Procardia XL, 90 mg. daily. He takes NSAID and Colchicine/Probenecid for his arthritis. He also takes Zyrtec for his Chronic Allergy.

I strongly support the lifting of his restrictions on his license to practice medicine in Kansas. I have known him for some years now. He attends his 12-step meetings and his Caduceus meetings. I am in agreement with Dr. Ford that it is about time that his restrictions on his license be lifted.

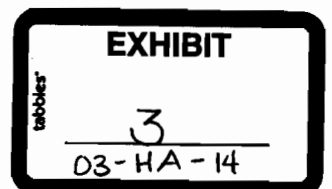
Recently, the restrictions on his license to practice medicine in Alabama has been lifted by the Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners.

If I could be of further help, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely yours,



Antonio Pacheco, M.D.



ANTONIO L. PACHECO, M.D.
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March 1, 2002
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KANSAS STATE BOARD OF
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February 27, 2002

Kansas Board of Healing Arts
235 S. Topeka Blvd.
Topeka, Kansas 66603-3068

Dear Sir:

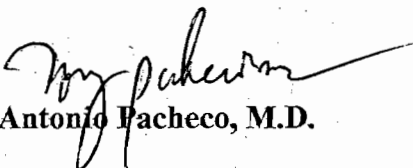
I am writing this letter on behalf of Florinio Samson, M.D. I am his primary physician. This is to certify that he is still currently under my care for his hypertension, gouty arthritis, and general medical care. Dr. Samson's blood pressure is under good control with Procardia. He is still on 90mg XL per day. His gouty arthritis is under control with occasional flare-ups. He takes NSAID for this. He remains in good health.

This letter serves as an update for Dr. Samson's current condition, meeting one of your requirements for the Physician Recovery Network. He also attends Twelve Step meetings in Birmingham and here in Tuscaloosa with other professionals.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I could be of help to make this request possible. If there would be any further information that you may need, please do not hesitate to call me at my office (205) 349-2323.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,


Antonio Pacheco, M.D.

ANTONIO PACHECO, M.D.
6650 Cottage Hill Road, Apt. 1017
Mobile, Alabama 3669

December 29, 2001

Kansas Board of Healing Arts
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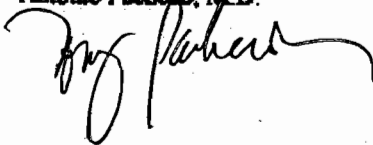
Dear Sir:

This is the Quarterly Report that Dr. Samson has requested of me like the previous ones. There has not been any change in his medical status. Dr. Samson continue to be maintained on his Antihypertensive, Procardia XL, 90 mg daily. He also takes Indocin and Colchicine/Probenecid for his Gouty Arthritis and Zyrtec for his Chronic Allergy. I am his family's physician.

I am also aware that he attends the local Caduceus Club in Tuscaloosa, Alabama and attends a Group in Birmingham.

If I could be of further help please don't hesitate to get in touch with me.

Respectfully yours,
Antonio Pacheco, M.D.



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Fax

To: Kelli Benintendi, Associate Counsel **From:** Florinio S. Samson, M.D.

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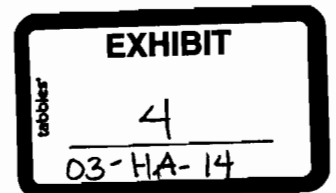
Phone: (785) 368 - 7252 **Date:** 10/3/2002

Re: Supporting Letters **CC:**

Urgent For Review Please Comment Please Reply Please Recycle

● **Comments:** Dear Atty. Benintendi. Here are some more copies of letters supporting my request. I cannot reach two more physicians who have sent letters to the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners.

I am also sorry that I just got your two letters. I am glad you called me. Please feel free to call me any time even late. at home (205) 345-5160





ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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July 25, 2002

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Florinio Samson, M. D.
6711 Locksley Dr
Tuscaloosa AL 35406-2902

Dear Dr. Samson:

On July 17, 2002, the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners met and considered your request for termination of the Voluntary Restrictions entered into by you on June 7, 1995, and March 27, 1996. The Board voted to grant your request to terminate the Voluntary Restriction. Enclosed is an Order signed by the Board Chairman which removes the restrictions.

If you have any questions, please call either Jim Hulett or me at 1-800-227-2606.

Sincerely,
ALABAMA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

Patricia E. Shaner
General Counsel

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Enclosure

IN THE MATTER OF)
) BEFORE THE ALABAMA STATE
) BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
 FLORINIO S. SAMSON, M.D.)

ORDER

This matter is before the Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners on a request by FLORINIO S. SAMSON, M.D. for removal of the voluntary restrictions placed on his certificate of qualification for a license to practice medicine in Alabama on June 7, 1995, and March 27, 1996. The Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners hereby finds that FLORINIO S. SAMSON, M.D. is qualified to possess an unrestricted certificate of qualification and license to practice medicine in the State of Alabama.

Therefore it is the ORDER of the Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners that the voluntary restrictions dated June 7, 1995, and March 27, 1996, currently attached to the certificate of qualification and license to practice medicine in Alabama, license number MD.00013158, of FLORINIO S. SAMSON, M.D. be removed, that all restrictions heretofore entered against his certificate of qualification and license to practice medicine in Alabama be terminated, and that the certificate of qualification of FLORINIO S. SAMSON, M.D. be reinstated to full, unrestricted status.

ENTERED this 22 day of July, 2002.

George C. Smith, Sr., M.D.
 George C. Smith, Sr., M.D.



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Medical Center
Tuscaloosa AL 35404

In Reply Refer To:

6/24/02

Martha T Ban, MD
3701 Loop Rd E - VAMC
Tuscaloosa, AL 35404

State of Alabama
Medical Licensure Commission
P. O. Box 887 - Washington Avenue
Montgomery, AL 36101-0887

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I am writing in support of lifting the voluntary restrictions on the medical license of Dr Florinio S. Samson.

I am a recovering alcoholic, sober since 4/3/81. I attend a professional recovery support group with Dr. Samson, and have watched him work through his issues week after week over the past 7 years. He has faithfully attended self-help groups in addition to private psychiatric therapy. He has been willing and open in addressing his psychosexual issues in our recovery support group setting. He is not a sexual predator, and has worked very hard in learning to take care of himself, learning to say no, and learning to address life's concerns directly, through daily application of his 12-step recovery program.

He has established solid recovery at this time, and he continues to recognize the need for ongoing vigilance.

I recommend unrestricted licensure for Dr. Samson, and I make this recommendation without reservation. Thank you for your consideration of Dr. Samson's application to remove the current restrictions from his license.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Martha T Ban, MD".

Martha T Ban, MD
Staff Psychiatrist
VAMC Tuscaloosa

C.E.D. Mental Health Center

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June 19, 2002

JAMES J. CODY, A.C.S.W.
CENTER DIRECTOR

RON EILAND
FINANCE DIRECTOR

Mr. Jim Hulett
Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners
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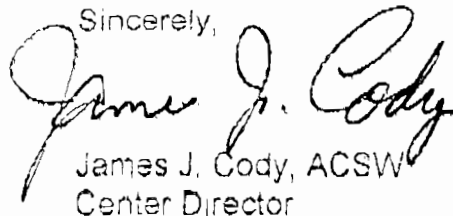
Florino Samson, M.D., consulting psychiatrist with the CED Mental Health Center, has advised us that his quarterly review will occur later this month. He is requesting that we provide input on his services here at CED.

Dr. Samson was first employed on a part-time consultant basis with us in August of 1988. Over the course of the next three years, he increased his consulting time from one day per week to three days per week. His responsibilities have been in providing our Outpatient Clinic with psychiatric patient assessments and medication follow up. Per the restrictions on his licensure, an attendant has sat in on all patient assessments.

Dr. Samson has been professional, courteous, and supportive of the staff throughout his contact with us. In addition, he appears to have established appropriate patient rapport. In July, 2001, he accepted a full-time position with the Indian rivers Mental Health Center in Tuscaloosa, where he lives; however, he has continued to provide Saturday clinical coverage for our office in Centre.

Dr. Samson has been an asset to our program. His flexibility and willingness to adjust his schedule to accommodate our needs has been appropriate.

Sincerely,


James J. Cody, ACSW
Center Director

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UAB SCHOOL OF
MEDICINE*Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Neurobiology*

June 17, 2002

Mr. James Hulett
Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners
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Re: Florinio Samson, MD

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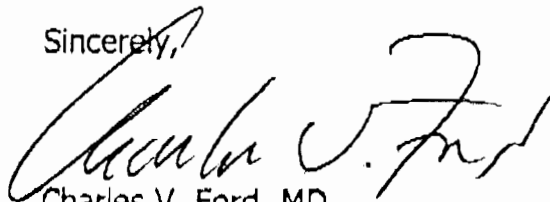
Dr. Florinio Samson continues to be cooperative with all aspects of his treatment program. He was last seen for evaluation on June 3, 2002.

It is my opinion that Dr. Samson continues to demonstrate complete remission of his depressive symptoms and has demonstrated no evidence of any sexual misconduct in his practice of medicine.

It is further my opinion that at this time Dr. Samson has demonstrated considerable improvement in a variety of areas of his personal life and understanding of professional responsibilities. During the time that he has been followed by me, there has been a progressive improvement in the quality of his relationship with his wife. There have also been successful efforts on his part to consolidate relationships with his extended family, both in the United States and in the Philippines. He has been active in physician recovery groups.

It is my recommendation, at this time, that the restrictions on Dr. Samson's license be lifted. It is now approximately ten years since the incidence of sexual misconduct that resulted in the restrictions on Dr. Samson's medical license. I was in total agreement with those restrictions when they were imposed but believe that during the eight years that I have followed Dr. Samson he has made sufficient gains to justify removal of the restrictions.

Sincerely,



Charles V. Ford, MD
Professor and Director
UAB Neuropsychiatry Clinic

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