IN THE MATTER OF * BEFORE THE

SERENA R. NOLAN, M.D. * MARYLAND STATE

Respondent * BOARD OF PHYSICIANS

License Number: D25010 Case Number: 2219-0085A

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ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION OF LICENSE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE

Disciplinary Panel A ("Panel A") of the Maryland State Board of Physicians (the "Board") hereby **SUMMARILY SUSPENDS** the license of **SERENA R. NOLAN, M.D.** (the "Respondent"), License Number D25010, to practice medicine in the State of Maryland.

Panel A takes such action pursuant to its authority under Md. Code Ann., State Gov't ("State Gov't") § 10-266(c)(2) (2014 Repl. Vol. and 2017 Supp.) and Md. Code Regs, ("COMAR") 10.32.02.08B(7), concluding that the public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency action.

INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS

Based on information received by, and made known to Panel A, and the investigatory information obtained by, received by and made known to and available to Panel A, including the instances described below, Panel A has reason to believe that the following facts are true:

I. BACKGROUND

- At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was and is licensed to practice medicine in the State of Maryland. The Respondent was originally licensed to practice medicine in Maryland on June 19, 1980. Her license is scheduled to expire on September 30, 2019.
 The Respondent holds an inactive license in Michigan.
- 2. The Respondent is board-certified in internal medicine.

The Respondent maintains a private office for the practice of medicine in Parkville,
Maryland.

II. THE COMPLAINT

- 4. On or about November 2, 2018, the Board received a complaint regarding the Respondent's current health and ability to practice medicine safely.¹
- 5. On December 5, 2018, pursuant to Health Occ. § 14-402(a), Panel A directed the Respondent to a Board-approved program (the "Program") for an evaluation.
- 6. During her evaluation, the Respondent signed a voluntary cessation of practice agreement.
- 7. As a result of the Program's evaluation, on January 17, 2019, the Respondent underwent a psychiatric evaluation.
- 8. On January 17, 2019, the evaluating psychiatrist ("Evaluator") issued his report of the Respondent's evaluation.
- 9. The Evaluator concluded that given the Respondent's current clinical picture, she is not presently in a state of health to practice medicine safely and effectively.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based upon the foregoing Investigative Findings, Panel A of the Board concludes that the public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action, and that pursuant to State Gov't § 10-226(c)(2) and COMAR 10.32.02.08B(7), the Respondent's license is

¹ On October 22, 2018, based on a previous, separate complaint and Board investigation, Panel A charged the Respondent with failure to meet appropriate standards for the delivery of quality medical care, in violation of Health Occ. § 14-4-4(a)(22). The charges remain pending.

² In reviewing an application for licensure, certification, or registration or in investigating an allegation brought against a licensed physician or any allied health professional regulated by the Board under this title, the Physician Rehabilitation Program may request the Board to direct, or the Board on its own initiative may direct, the licensed physician or any allied health professional regulated by the Board under this title to submit to an appropriate examination.

summarily suspended.

ORDER

IT IS thus, by Panel A of the Board, hereby:

ORDERED that pursuant to the authority vested in Panel A by State Govt. § 10-226(c)(2)(2014 Repl. Vol. and 2017 Supp.) and COMAR 10.32.02.08B(7), the Respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of Maryland is hereby **SUMMARILY SUSPENDED**; and it is further

ORDERED that in accordance with Md. Code Regs. 10.32.02.08B(7) and E, a post-deprivation initial hearing on the summary suspension will be held on Wednesday, February 13, 2019, at 1:00 p.m. at the Board's offices, located at 4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland, 21215-0095; and it is further

ORDERED that after the SUMMARY SUSPENSION hearing before Panel A, the Respondent, if dissatisfied with the result of the hearing, may request, within ten (10) days, an evidentiary hearing, such hearing to be set within thirty (30) days of the request, before an Administrative Law Judge at the Office of Administrative Hearings, Administrative Law Building, 11101 Gilroy Road, Hunt Valley, Maryland 21031-1301; and it is further

ORDERED that a copy of the Order for Summary Suspension shall be filed by Panel A immediately in accordance with Health Occ. § 14-407 (2014 Repl. Vol.); and it is further

ORDERED that this is an Order of Panel A, and as such, is a public document. *See* Health Occ. §§ 1-607, 14-411.1(b)(2) and Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. § 4-333(b)(6).

01/29/2019 Date

Christine A. Farrelly, Executive Director Maryland State Board of Physicians