

IN THE MATTER OF

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BEFORE THE

IMMIRNE M. OUWINGA, M.D.

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MARYLAND STATE

Respondent

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BOARD OF PHYSICIANS

License Number: D78131

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Case Number: 7720-0004B

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ORDER TERMINATING SUSPENSION AND IMPOSING PROBATION

On July 9, 2019, the Respondent Immirne M. Ouwinga, M.D., and Disciplinary Panel B (“Panel B”) of the Maryland State Board of Physicians (the “Board”) entered into a Consent Order. Under the terms of the Consent Order, Panel B suspended Dr. Ouwinga’s Maryland medical license and required Dr. Ouwinga to enroll in the Maryland Professional Rehabilitation Program (“MPRP”) and comply with MPRP’s requirements. The Consent Order also provided that, upon Dr. Ouwinga’s submission of a petition to Panel B to terminate the suspension and Panel B’s determination that it was safe for Dr. Ouwinga to return to the practice of medicine, Panel B would terminate the suspension and impose any terms and conditions deemed appropriate by Panel B for Dr. Ouwinga’s return to the practice of medicine.

On January 26, 2021, Dr. Ouwinga filed a petition to terminate the suspension. On April 28, 2021, she appeared before Panel B for consideration of her petition.

Panel B finds that Dr. Ouwinga has complied with the terms and conditions of the Consent Order and that it is safe for her to return to the practice of medicine if certain terms and conditions are imposed. It is, thus, by Panel B, hereby

ORDERED that the suspension of Dr. Ouwinga’s Maryland medical license imposed under the July 9, 2019 Consent Order is **TERMINATED**; and it is further

ORDERED that Dr. Ouwinga is placed on **PROBATION** for a minimum period of **TWO YEARS**.¹ During the probationary period, Dr. Ouwinga shall comply with the following probationary terms and conditions:

1. Dr. Ouwinga shall remain enrolled in MPRP and shall:

(a) continue her Participant Rehabilitation Agreement and Participant Rehabilitation Plan with MPRP or be entered into an amended Participant Rehabilitation Agreement and Participant Rehabilitation Plan as determined by MPRP; and

(b) fully and timely cooperate and comply with all of MPRP's referrals, rules, and requirements, including, but not limited to, the terms and conditions of the Participant Rehabilitation Agreement and Participant Rehabilitation Plan entered into with MPRP, and she shall fully participate and comply with all therapy, treatment, evaluations, and screenings as directed by MPRP; and

(c) sign and update the written release/consent forms requested by the Board and MPRP, including release/consent forms to authorize MPRP to make verbal and written disclosures to the Board and to authorize the Board to disclose relevant information from MPRP records and files in a public order. Dr. Ouwinga shall not withdraw her release/consent; and

(d) sign and update the written release/consent forms as requested by the Board and MPRP. Dr. Ouwinga shall sign the release/consent forms to authorize MPRP to make verbal and written disclosures to the Board, including disclosure of any and all MPRP records and files possessed by MPRP. Dr. Ouwinga shall also sign any written release/consent forms to authorize MPRP to exchange with (i.e., disclose to and receive from) outside entities (including all of Dr. Ouwinga's current therapists and treatment providers) verbal and written information concerning Dr. Ouwinga and to ensure that MPRP is authorized to receive the medical records of Dr. Ouwinga, including, but not limited to, mental health and drug or alcohol treatment records. Dr. Ouwinga shall not withdraw her release/consent; and

2. Panel B's approval is required for any practice setting at which Dr. Ouwinga intends to work as a physician. Dr. Ouwinga shall not work as a solo practitioner and shall not practice medicine at the homes of her patients. Therefore, prior to her employment as

¹ If Dr. Ouwinga's license expires while she is on probation, the probationary period and any probationary conditions will be tolled.

a licensed physician in Maryland, Dr. Ouwinga shall submit to the Board the pertinent information concerning her intended place of employment for the Panel's consideration. She may not practice as a physician in Maryland without first obtaining Panel approval of her practice setting. Dr. Ouwinga shall provide the Board with all information requested by the Board concerning her intended employer; and it is further

ORDERED that, after a minimum period of **TWO YEARS**, and after Dr. Ouwinga has complied with all terms and conditions of probation, and upon MPRP's determination that Dr. Ouwinga can practice without additional monitoring, Dr. Ouwinga may submit a written petition to the Board requesting termination of probation. After consideration of the petition, the probation may be terminated through an order of Panel B. Dr. Ouwinga may be required to appear before Panel B to discuss her petition for termination or the Panel may choose to administratively terminate the probation. Panel B will grant the petition to terminate the probation if Dr. Ouwinga has complied with all of the probationary terms and conditions, the panel determines that she can practice without additional monitoring, and there are no pending complaints related to the charges; and it is further

ORDERED that, if Dr. Ouwinga allegedly fails to comply with any term or condition of probation or this Order Terminating Suspension and Imposing Probation, she shall be given notice and an opportunity for a hearing. If the disciplinary panel determines there is a genuine dispute as to a material fact, the evidentiary hearing shall be before an Administrative Law Judge of the Office of Administrative Hearings followed by an exceptions process before the disciplinary panel, and, if the disciplinary panel determines there is no genuine dispute as to a material fact, Dr. Ouwinga shall be given a show cause hearing before Panel B; and it is further

ORDERED that, after the appropriate hearing, if Panel B determines that Dr. Ouwinga has failed to comply with any term or condition of probation or this Order Terminating Suspension and Imposing Probation, Panel B may reprimand Dr. Ouwinga, place Dr. Ouwinga on probation with appropriate terms and conditions, or suspend or revoke Dr. Ouwinga's license to practice medicine in Maryland. Panel B may, in addition to one or more of the sanctions set forth above, impose a civil monetary fine upon Dr. Ouwinga; and it is further

ORDERED that Dr. Ouwinga shall not apply for early termination of probation; and it is further

ORDERED that Dr. Ouwinga is responsible for all costs incurred in fulfilling the terms and conditions of this Order; and it is further

ORDERED that, unless stated otherwise in this Order, any time period prescribed in this Order begins when this Order goes into effect. This Order goes into effect upon the signature of the Board's Executive Director, who signs on behalf of Panel B; and it is further

ORDERED that this Order Terminating Suspension and Imposing Probation is a public document. Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §§ 1-607, 14-411.1(b)(2) and Gen. Prov. § 4-333(b)(6).

Signature on File

05/25/2021
Date

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