

<b>IN THE MATTER OF</b>	*	<b>BEFORE THE</b>
<b>CAROLINE ANNE GERHARDT, M.D.</b>	*	<b>MARYLAND STATE</b>
<b>Respondent</b>	*	<b>BOARD OF PHYSICIANS</b>
<b>License Number: D60595</b>	*	<b>Case Number: 7716-0060A</b>
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**ORDER TERMINATING SUSPENSION AND IMPOSING PROBATION**

On February 9, 2016, Caroline Anne Gerhardt, M.D. and Disciplinary Panel A (“Panel A”) of the Maryland State Board of Physicians (the “Board”) entered into a Consent Order. Under the terms of the Consent Order, Panel A suspended Dr. Gerhardt’s medical license for a minimum period of six months and required Dr. Gerhardt to enroll in the Maryland Professional Rehabilitation Program (“MPRP”) with monitoring and quarterly reports from MPRP.<sup>1</sup> The Consent Order provides that after six months, if MPRP determines that Dr. Gerhardt is safe to practice medicine and has complied with MPRP’s recommendations and requirements she may petition Panel A to lift the suspension and that if the suspension is lifted Panel A may impose conditions on her return to practice.

On March 3, 2017, Dr. Gerhardt filed a written Petition to Lift Suspension. On March 17, 2017 MPRP provided a written update to Panel A on Dr. Gerhardt’s ongoing participation in and compliance with MPRP’s programs. MPRP determined that Dr. Gerhardt is safe to return to the practice of medicine and complied with MPRP’s recommendations. Dr. Gerhardt appeared before Panel A for consideration of her Petition on June 14, 2017.

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<sup>1</sup> A copy of the February 9, 2016, Consent Order is incorporated by reference and available on request.

Panel A finds that Dr. Gerhardt has complied with the terms of the Consent Order and is safe to practice medicine. It is, thus, hereby

**ORDERED** that the suspension imposed under the February 9, 2016, Consent Order is **TERMINATED** and her medical license is **REINSTATED**; and it is further

**ORDERED** that Dr. Gerhardt is placed on **PROBATION** for a minimum period of **TWO (2) YEARS**.<sup>2</sup> During the probationary period, Dr. Gerhardt shall fully and satisfactorily comply with the following probationary terms and conditions:

1. Dr. Gerhardt shall remain enrolled in MPRP for the length of time recommended by MPRP and shall continue Participant Rehabilitation Agreement(s) and Participant Rehabilitation Plan(s) or be entered into amended Participant Rehabilitation Agreement(s) and Participant Rehabilitation Plan(s) as determined by MPRP. Dr. Gerhardt shall 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(s) and Participant Rehabilitation Plan(s) entered into with MPRP, and shall fully participate and comply with all therapy, treatment, evaluations, and toxicology screenings as directed by MPRP;
2. Dr. Gerhardt shall sign and update the written release/consent forms as requested by the Board and MPRP. Dr. Gerhardt 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

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<sup>2</sup> If Dr. Gerhardt's license expires while Dr. Gerhardt is on probation, the probationary period and any probationary conditions will be tolled.

records and files possessed by MPRP. Dr. Gerhardt 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. Gerhardt's current therapists and treatment providers) verbal and written information concerning Dr. Gerhardt and to ensure that MPRP is authorized to receive the medical records of Dr. Gerhardt, including, but not limited to, mental health and drug or alcohol treatment records;

3. A positive result on any toxicology screening contrary to the MPRP Rehabilitation Agreement or Rehabilitation Plan or any other violation of any term or condition of the MPRP Rehabilitation Agreement or Rehabilitation Plan may be a violation of Dr. Gerhardt's probation and this Order Terminating Suspension and Imposing Probation;
4. Dr. Gerhardt shall comply with the Maryland Medical Practice Act, Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §§ 14-101 through 14-702, and all laws and regulations governing the practice of medicine in Maryland.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, if Dr. Gerhardt allegedly fails to comply with any term or condition of probation or this Order terminating Suspension and Imposing Probation, Dr. Gerhardt shall be given notice and an opportunity for a hearing. If there is a genuine dispute as to a material fact, the hearing shall be before an Administrative Law Judge of the Office of Administrative Hearings and if there is no genuine dispute as to a material fact, Dr. Gerhardt shall be given a show cause hearing before the Board or Panel A; and it is further

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

**ORDERED** that there shall be no early termination of probation; and it is further

**ORDERED** that, after a minimum period of **TWO (2) YEARS**, Dr. Gerhardt 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 the Board or Panel A. Dr. Gerhardt may be required to appear before the Board or Panel A to discuss her petition for termination. The Board or Panel A will grant the petition to terminate the probation if Dr. Gerhardt has fully and satisfactorily complied with all of the probationary terms and conditions and there are no pending complaints related to the charges; and it is further

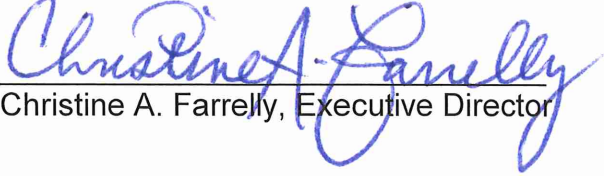
**ORDERED** that Dr. Gerhardt is responsible for all costs incurred in fulfilling the terms and conditions of this Order; and it is further

**ORDERED** that, unless stated otherwise in the 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 A; and it is further

**ORDERED** that this Order is a public document pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Gen.

Prov. §§ 4–101 *et seq.*

06/26/2017  
Date

  
Christine A. Farrelly, Executive Director