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| IN THE MATTER OF | * | BEFORE THE |
| JENNIFER M. LIAO, M.D. | * | MARYLAND STATE |
| Respondent | * | BOARD OF PHYSICIANS |
| License Number: D78756 | | Case Number: 2017-0472B |
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CONSENT ORDER

Disciplinary Panel B ("Panel B") of the Maryland State Board of Physicians (the "Board") voted to summarily suspend Jennifer M. Liao, M.D., (the "Respondent"), license number D78756, (the "Respondent"), under the Maryland Medical Practice Act (the "Act"), Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §§ 14-101 *et seq.* (2014 Repl. Vol. & 2015 Supp.).

Disciplinary Panel B takes such action pursuant to its authority under Md. Code Ann., State Govt § 10-226(c)(2) (2014 Repl. Vol. & 2015 Supp.) concluding that the public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency action.

Prior to the issuance of an Order of Summary Suspension, the Respondent agreed to enter into the following Consent Order, consisting of Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order and Consent.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was and is licensed to practice medicine in Maryland. The Respondent was initially licensed to practice medicine in Maryland on November 18, 2014. Her license is scheduled to expire on September 30, 2018.
2. The Respondent is board-certified in pediatrics.

3. In or around September 2015, the Respondent began employment at a group medical practice ("Practice A") in Baltimore, Maryland.
4. On or about January 11, 2017, Practice A's Medical Director reported to the Board multiple instances of the Respondent's erratic behavior that adversely affected patient interactions and was disruptive to the operation of the practice.
5. On January 20, 2017, Practice A relieved the Respondent of all duties.
6. The Respondent's duties were relieved based on observations of her erratic, unprofessional and behaviorally disruptive conduct toward patients, including pediatric patients, and staff.¹

CONCLUSION OF LAW

Based on the foregoing facts, Disciplinary Panel B concludes that the public health, safety or welfare imperatively require emergency action in this case, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., State Gov't § 10-226 (c)(2)(i) (2014 Repl. Vol. & 2015 Supp.).

ORDER

It is, on the affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum of Board Disciplinary Panel B, hereby

ORDERED that the Respondent's license to practice medicine is **SUSPENDED**, subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. The Respondent shall enroll in the Maryland Professional Rehabilitation Program ("MPRP"). Within **5 business days**, the Respondent shall contact MPRP to schedule an initial consultation for enrollment. Within **15 business days**, the Respondent shall enter into a Participant Rehabilitation Agreement and Participant Rehabilitation Plan

¹ To maintain confidentiality, specific instances of behavior will not be referenced in this document. The Respondent has been notified by Practice A of its concerns. The Respondent may obtain from the Administrative Prosecutor documents related to these instances.

with MPRP. The Respondent 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. The Respondent shall sign and update the written release/consent forms requested or required by the Board and MPRP. The Respondent 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. The Respondent 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 the Respondent's current therapists and treatment providers) verbal and written information concerning the Respondent and to ensure that MPRP is authorized to receive the medical records of the Respondent, including, but not limited to, mental health and drug or alcohol treatment records;

3. The Respondent shall be responsible for ensuring that any treatment provider(s) submit written reports to the MPRP and to the Board at least once every three (3) months regarding her attendance, progress, payment of fees, and recommendations as to the continuation, frequency, and/or termination of treatment. The Respondent shall sign any consent forms required to authorize Disciplinary Panel B and the MPRP to receive written reports from her treating mental health and health professionals or any treatment providers.

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if and when the MPRP finds that the Respondent is safe to practice medicine and if the Respondent has complied with conditions above, the Respondent may petition the Reinstatement Inquiry Panel to lift the suspension of the Respondent's license. Upon reinstatement, Disciplinary Panel B may impose conditions on the Respondent's return to practice; and it is further

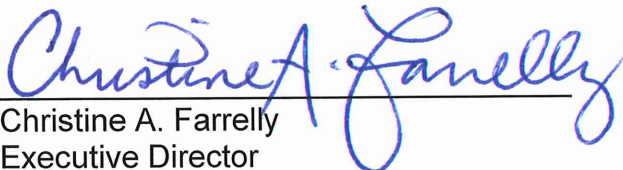
ORDERED that if the Respondent violates any condition of this Consent Order, including a violation of any term or condition of the MPRP Rehabilitation Agreement and Rehabilitation Plan, Disciplinary Panel B, in its discretion, after notice and opportunity for a show cause hearing before Disciplinary Panel B or an evidentiary hearing at the Office of Administrative Hearings, may impose additional sanctions authorized under the Medical Practice Act, including a reprimand, suspension, probation, revocation and/or a monetary fine; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent shall comply with the Maryland Medical Practice Act, Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §§ 14-101—14-702, and all laws and regulations governing the practice of medicine in Maryland; and it is further

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

ORDERED that this Consent Order is a public document pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. §§ 4-101 *et seq.* (2014 Vol. & 2015 Supp.)

2/24/2017
Date



Christine A. Farrelly
Executive Director
Maryland State Board of Physicians


CONSENT

I, Jennifer M. Liao, M.D., acknowledge that I was represented by counsel before entering this Consent Order. By this Consent and for the purpose of resolving the issues raised by the Board, I agree and accept to be bound by the foregoing Consent Order and its conditions.

I acknowledge the validity of this Consent Order as if entered into after the conclusion of a formal evidentiary hearing in which I would have had the right to counsel, to confront witnesses, to give testimony, to call witnesses on my own behalf, and to all other substantive and procedural protections provided by the law. I agree to forego my opportunity to challenge these allegations. I acknowledge the legal authority and jurisdiction of the Board to initiate these proceedings and to issue and enforce this Consent Order. I affirm that I am waiving my right to appeal any adverse ruling of a disciplinary panel of the Board that I might have filed after any such hearing.

I sign this Consent Order after having an opportunity to consult with counsel, voluntarily and without reservation, and I fully understand and comprehend the language, meaning and terms of the Consent Order.

2/22/17
Date



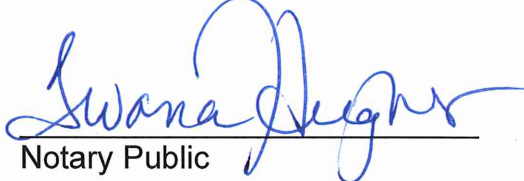
Jennifer M. Liao, M.D.
Respondent

NOTARY

STATE OF MARYLAND
CITY/COUNTY OF Baltimore

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 22nd day of February 2017, before me, a Notary Public of the foregoing State and City/County, personally appeared Jennifer M. Liao, M.D., and made oath in due form of law that signing the foregoing Consent Order was her voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESSETH my hand and notarial seal.


Notary Public

My Commission expires: 9/30/20