BEFORE THE MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:)))
KERRI SHANE PARKS, M.D.) Case No. 800-2018-051305
Physician's and Surgeon's)
Certificate No. A65496	Ò
Respondent))
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DECISION

The attached Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is hereby adopted as the Decision and Order of the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs, State of California.

This Decision shall become effective at 5:00 p.m. on November 1, 2019.

IT IS SO ORDERED October 25, 2019 .

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

Kimberly Kirchmeye

Executive Director

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9	MEDICAL BOARD	OF CALIFORNIA	
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12	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 800-2018-051305	
13	KERRI SHANE PARKS, M.D. 50 Alessandro Place, Suite 420		
14	Pasadena, CA 91105	STIPULATED SURRENDER OF LICENSE AND ORDER	
15	Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 65496,	LICENSE AND ORDER	
16	Respondent.		
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18	IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGR	EED by and between the parties to the above-	
19	entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:		
20	<u>PARTIES</u>		
21	1. Kimberly Kirchmeyer (Complainant) is the Executive Director of the Medical Board		
22	of California (Board). She brought this action solely in her official capacity and is represented in		
23	this matter by Xavier Becerra, Attorney General of the State of California, by Brian D. Bill,		
24	Deputy Attorney General.		
25	2. KERRI SHANE PARKS, M.D. (Res	pondent) is represented in this proceeding by	
26	attorney Kathleen Brahn, Esq., of the Brahn Law	Corporation, whose address is: 790 East	
27	Colorado Blvd., 9 th Floor, Pasadena, CA 91101.		
28	3. On or about June 5, 1998, the Board	issued Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No	

A 65496 to Respondent. The Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 800-2018-051305 and will expire on January 31, 2020, unless renewed.

JURISDICTION

4. Accusation No. 800-2018-051305 was filed before the Board, and is currently pending against Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on September 20, 2019. A copy of Accusation No. 800-2018-051305 is attached as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference.

ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

- 5. Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 800-2018-051305. Respondent also has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order.
- 6. Respondent is fully aware of her legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against her; the right to present evidence and to testify on her own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.
- 7. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

CULPABILITY

- 8. Respondent understands that the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 800-2018-051305, if proven at a hearing, constitute cause for imposing discipline upon her Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate.
- 9. For the purpose of resolving the Accusation without the expense and uncertainty of further proceedings, Respondent agrees that, at a hearing, Complainant could establish a factual basis for the charges in the Accusation and that those charges constitute cause for discipline.

Respondent hereby gives up her right to contest that cause for discipline exists based on those charges.

10. Respondent understands that by signing this stipulation she enables the Board to issue an order accepting the surrender of her Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate without further process.

RESERVATION

11. The admissions made by Respondent herein are only for the purposes of this proceeding, or any other proceedings in which the Medical Board of California is involved and shall not be admissible in any other criminal or civil proceeding.

CONTINGENCY

- 12. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Board. Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Board may communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and surrender, without notice to or participation by Respondent or her counsel. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that she may not withdraw her agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Surrender and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.
- 13. The parties understand and agree that Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile copies of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order, including PDF and facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.
- 14. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Order:

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ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 65496, issued to Respondent KERRI SHANE PARKS, M.D., is surrendered and accepted by the Board.

- 1. The surrender of Respondent's Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate and the acceptance of the surrendered license by the Board shall constitute the imposition of discipline against Respondent. This stipulation constitutes a record of the discipline and shall become a part of Respondent's license history with the Board.
- 2. Respondent shall lose all rights and privileges as a physician and surgeon in California as of the effective date of the Board's Decision and Order.
- 3. Respondent shall cause to be delivered to the Board her pocket license and, if one was issued, her wall certificate on or before the effective date of the Decision and Order.
- 4. Respondent shall not be eligible to petition the Board for reinstatement of Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 65496 for two (2) years from the effective date of the Decision and Order.
- 5. If Respondent ever files an application for licensure or a petition for reinstatement in the State of California, the Board shall treat it as a petition for reinstatement. Respondent must comply with all the laws, regulations and procedures for reinstatement of a revoked or surrendered license in effect at the time the petition is filed, and all of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation No. 800-2018-051305 shall be deemed to be true, correct and admitted by Respondent when the Board determines whether to grant or deny the petition.

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ACCEPTANCE

I have carefully read the above Stipulated Surrender of License and Order and have fully discussed it with my attorney Kathleen Brahn. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate. I enter into this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Medical Board of California.

DATED: 9/27/2019

KERRI SHANE PARKS M.D.

KERRI SHANE PARKS, M.D.

Respondent

I have read and fully discussed with Respondent KERRI SHANE PARKS, M.D. the terms and conditions and other matters contained in this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order. I approve its form and content.

DATED: 09/27/2019

KATHLEEN BRAHN Attorney for Respondent

ENDORSEMENT

The foregoing Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Medical Board of California of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

DATED: 9/30/2019

Respectfully submitted,

XAVIER BECERRA
Attorney General of California
JUDITH T. ALVARADO

Supervising Deputy Attorney General

BRIAN D. BILL Deputy Attorney General Attorneys for Complainant

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Exhibit A

Accusation No. 800-2018-051305

 		
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<u>PARTIES</u>		
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capacity as the Executive Director of the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer		
Affairs (Board).		
2. On or about June 5, 1998, the Medical Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's		
Certificate Number A 65496 to Kerri Shane Parks, M.D. (Respondent). The Physician's and		
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laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code (Code) unless otherwise indicated.

- 4. Section 2004 of the Code states:
- "The board shall have the responsibility for the following:
- "(a) The enforcement of the disciplinary and criminal provisions of the Medical Practice

 Act.
 - "(b) The administration and hearing of disciplinary actions.
- "(c) Carrying out disciplinary actions appropriate to findings made by a panel or an administrative law judge.
- "(d) Suspending, revoking, or otherwise limiting certificates after the conclusion of disciplinary actions.
- "(e) Reviewing the quality of medical practice carried out by physician and surgeon certificate holders under the jurisdiction of the board.
 - "(f) Approving undergraduate and graduate medical education programs.
- "(g) Approving clinical clerkship and special programs and hospitals for the programs in subdivision (f).
 - "(h) Issuing licenses and certificates under the board's jurisdiction.
 - "(i) Administering the board's continuing medical education program."
 - 5. Section 2220 of the Code states:

"Except as otherwise provided by law, the board may take action against all persons guilty of violating this chapter. The board shall enforce and administer this article as to physician and surgeon certificate holders, including those who hold certificates that do not permit them to practice medicine, such as, but not limited to, retired, inactive, or disabled status certificate holders, and the board shall have all the powers granted in this chapter for these purposes including, but not limited to:

"(a) Investigating complaints from the public, from other licensees, from health care facilities, or from the board that a physician and surgeon may be guilty of unprofessional conduct. The board shall investigate the circumstances underlying a report received pursuant to Section

805 or 805.01 within 30 days to determine if an interim suspension order or temporary restraining order should be issued. The board shall otherwise provide timely disposition of the reports received pursuant to Section 805 and Section 805.01.

- "(b) Investigating the circumstances of practice of any physician and surgeon where there have been any judgments, settlements, or arbitration awards requiring the physician and surgeon or his or her professional liability insurer to pay an amount in damages in excess of a cumulative total of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) with respect to any claim that injury or damage was proximately caused by the physician's and surgeon's error, negligence, or omission.
- "(c) Investigating the nature and causes of injuries from cases which shall be reported of a high number of judgments, settlements, or arbitration awards against a physician and surgeon.

STATUTORY PROVISIONS

6. Section 820 of the Code states:

"Whenever it appears that any person holding a license, certificate or permit under this division or under any initiative act referred to in this division may be unable to practice his or her profession safely because the licentiate's ability to practice is impaired due to mental illness, or physical illness affecting competency, the licensing agency may order the licentiate to be examined by one or more physicians and surgeons or psychologists designated by the agency. The report of the examiners shall be made available to the licentiate and may be received as direct evidence in proceedings conducted pursuant to Section 822."

7. Section 822 of the Code states:

"If a licensing agency determines that its licentiate's ability to practice his or her profession safely is impaired because the licentiate is mentally ill, or physically ill affecting competency, the licensing agency may take action by any one of the following methods:

- "(a) Revoking the licentiate's certificate or license.
- "(b) Suspending the licentiate's right to practice.
- "(c) Placing the licentiate on probation.
- "(d) Taking such other action in relation to the licentiate as the licensing agency in its discretion deems proper.

"The licensing agency shall not reinstate a revoked or suspended certificate or license until it has received competent evidence of the absence or control of the condition which caused its action and until it is satisfied that with due regard for the public health and safety the person's right to practice his or her profession may be safely reinstated."

8. Section 824 of the Code states:

"The licensing agency may proceed against a licentiate under either Section 820, or 822, or under both sections."

CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Inability to Practice Medicine Safely Due to a Mental and/or Physical Condition)

- 9. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under California Business and Professions Code sections 820 and 822, in that Respondent has a mental and/or physical condition that impairs her ability to safely practice medicine. The circumstances are as follows:
- A. On or about December 24, 2018, the Board received a notice from C. H., M.D., a staff member at Huntington Hospital, dated December 17, 2018. Dr. C.H. expressed concerns about Respondent's physical and/or mental condition.
- B. Prior to the December 17, 2018 notice, Respondent was on staff at Huntington Hospital.
- C. Pursuant to the December 17, 2018 notice, the Board opened an investigation as to Respondent.
- D. On April 10, 2019, Respondent executed voluntary agreements to undergo mental and physical examinations, pursuant to California Business and Professions Code section 820.
- E. The matter was then referred to T. B., M.D., and L. C., Ph.D., to conduct the required examinations.
- F. Dr. B. examined Respondent on May 26, 2019. Dr. C. examined Respondent on May 31, 2019, and June 3, 2019. Dr. B. and Dr. C. concluded that Respondent has a mental and/or physical condition that impairs her ability to practice medicine safely.
 - G. Shortly after the examinations, Respondent sought treatment for the identified