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

In the Matter of the Accusation )
Against: )
) )
Dennis Alan Kelly, M.D. ) Case No. 800-2019-052760
) )
Physician's and Surgeon's ) )
Certificate No. G 26518 ) )
) )
Respondent )
) )

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 January 30, 2020

IT IS SO ORDERED, January 23, 2020

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

By: Christine J. Lally
Christine J. Lally
Interim Executive Director
BEFORE THE
MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

DENNIS ALAN KELLY, M.D.
2920 Neilson Way No. 403
Santa Monica, CA. 90405

Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 26518,

Respondent

Case No. 800-2019-052760

STIPULATED SURRENDER OF LICENSE AND ORDER

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the above-entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:

PARTIES

1. Christine J. Lally (Complainant) is the Interim Executive Director of the Medical Board of California (Board). She brought this action solely in her official capacity and is represented in this matter by Xavier Becerra, Attorney General of the State of California, by Brian D. Bill, Deputy Attorney General.

2. Dennis Alan Kelly, M.D. (Respondent) is represented in this proceeding by attorney Kent Brandmeyer, whose address is: 2 North Lake Avenue, Suite 820, Pasadena, CA 91101.

3. On or about March 20, 1974, the Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 26518 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. 800-2019-052760 and will expire on July 31, 2020, unless renewed.

JURISDICTION

4. Accusation No. 800-2019-052760 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 December 23, 2019. Respondent stipulates to the surrender of Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 26518. A copy of Accusation No. 800-2019-052760 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. 800-2019-052760. 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 his 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 him; the right to present evidence and to testify on his 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 admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Accusation No. 800-2019-052760, agrees that cause exists for discipline and hereby surrenders his Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 26518 for the Board's formal acceptance.

9. Respondent understands that by signing this stipulation he enables the Board to issue an order accepting the surrender of his Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate without further process.
RESERVATION

10. 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 or other professional licensing agency is involved, and shall not be admissible in any other criminal or civil proceeding.

CONTINGENCY

11. 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 his counsel. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that he may not withdraw his 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.

12. 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.

13. 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:

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 26518, issued to Respondent Dennis Alan Kelly, M.D., is surrendered and accepted by the Board.

1. 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.

2. Respondent shall cause to be delivered to the Board his pocket license and, if one was issued, his wall certificate on or before the effective date of the Decision and Order.

3. Respondent shall not be eligible to petition the Board for Reinstatement of
Physician’s and Surgeon’s Certificate No. G 26518 for three (3) years from the effective date of the Decision and Order.

4. 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. 800-2019-052760 shall be deemed to be true, correct and admitted by Respondent when the Board determines whether to grant or deny the petition.

ACCEPTANCE

I have carefully read the above Stipulated Surrender of License and Order and have fully discussed it with my attorney Kent Brandmeyer. 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: 1/13/20

DENNIS ALAN KELLY, M.D.
Respondent

I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Dennis Alan Kelly, 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: 1/13/20

KENT BRANDMEYER
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: 1/14/2020

Respectfully submitted,

XAVIER BECERRA
Attorney General of California
JUDITH T. ALVARADO
Supervising Deputy Attorney General

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Deputy Attorney General
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Exhibit A

Accusation No. 800-2019-052760
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Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate  
No. G 26518,  

Respondent.

PARTIES

1. Christine J. Lally (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity as the Interim Executive Director of the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs (Board).

2. On or about March 20, 1974, the Medical Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate Number G 26518 to Dennis Alan Kelly, M.D. (Respondent). The Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on July 31, 2020, unless renewed.

(DENNIS ALAN KELLY, M.D.) ACCUSATION NO. 800-2019-052760
JURISDICTION

3. This Accusation is brought before the Board, under the authority of the following 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 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 section 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.”

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

7. On or about November 5, 2019, Respondent provided the Board with verifiable evidence that he was diagnosed with, and suffers from, a physical and/or mental condition that impairs his ability to practice medicine safely. Respondent further informed the Board that the diagnosed condition[s] is/are progressive in nature, which renders him permanently unsafe to practice medicine.

CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

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

8. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 822, in that Respondent is unable to safely practice medicine due to a mental and/or physical condition affecting competency. The circumstances are as follows:

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9. The facts and allegations alleged in Paragraph 7 above, are incorporated by reference as if set forth in full herein.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Medical Board of California issue a decision:

1. Revoking or suspending Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate Number G 26518, issued to Dennis Alan Kelly, M.D.;

2. Revoking, suspending or denying approval of Dennis Alan Kelly, M.D.'s authority to supervise physician assistants and advanced practice nurses;

3. Ordering Dennis Alan Kelly, M.D., if placed on probation, to pay the Board the costs of probation monitoring; and

4. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: December 23, 2019

CHRISTINE F. LALLY
Interim Executive Director
Medical Board of California
Department of Consumer Affairs
State of California
Complainant