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

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Duane S. Bietz, M.D.

Case No. 800-2019-057728

Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 15897

Respondent.

DECISION

The attached Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is hereby amended to correct a clerical error that does not affect the factual or legal basis of the Decision. The Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is hereby amended as follows:

1. Page 2, Line 1: On December 13, 1968, the Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 15897 to Duane S. Bietz, M.D.

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 _

IT IS SO ORDERED <u></u>

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

William Prasifika **Executive Director**

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8	MEDICAL BOARD	OF CALIFORNIA
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11	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 800-2019-057728
12	DUANE S. BIETZ, M.D. 1221 SW 10 th Avenue Suite 901	· .
13	1221 SW 10 th Avenue Suite 901 Portland, OR 97205-2445	STIPULATED SURRENDER OF LICENSE AND ORDER
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15	Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 15897	
16	Respondent.	
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19	entitled proceedings that the following matters are	
20	PART Christina I. I ally (Complement) is the	
21		e Interim Executive Director of the Medical
22	Board of California (Board). She brought this act	
23	represented in this matter by Xavier Becerra, Atto	•
24	Zack Simon, Supervising Deputy Attorney Gener	
25		representing himself in this proceeding and has
26	chosen not to exercise his right to be represented	by counsel. Respondent's current address is 34
27	Malaga Drive, Rancho Mirage, CA 92270-3819	
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3. On December 3, 1968, the Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 15897 to Duane S. Bietz, M.D. The Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate expired on July 31, 2018, and has not been renewed.

JURISDICTION

4. Accusation No. 800-2019-057728 was filed before the Board, and is currently pending against Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent. A copy of Accusation No. 800-2019-057728 is attached as Exhibit A.

ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

- 5. Respondent has carefully read, and understands the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 800-2019-057728. Respondent also has carefully read, 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 be represented by counsel, at his own expense; 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

- Respondent understands that the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 800-2019-057728, if proven at a hearing, constitute cause for imposing discipline upon his 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 his right to contest that cause for discipline exists based on those charges.

10. 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.

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. 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 15897, issued to Respondent Duane S. Bietz, 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 his pocket license and, if one was issued, his wall certificate on or before 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. 800-2019-057728 shall be deemed to be true, correct and admitted by Respondent when the Board determines whether to grant or deny the petition.
- 5. If Respondent should ever apply or reapply for a new license or certification, or petition for reinstatement of a license, by any other health care licensing agency in the State of California, all of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation, No. 800-2019-057728 shall be deemed to be true, correct, and admitted by Respondent for the purpose of any Statement of Issues or any other proceeding seeking to deny or restrict licensure.

ACCEPTANCE

I have carefully read the Stipulated Surrender of License and Order. 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: 4 19, 2010

DUANÉ S. BIETZ, M.D.

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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: Respectfully submitted, XAVIER BECERRA Attorney General of California Supervising Deputy Attorney General Attorneys for Complainant SF2019202689 21829978.docx

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	Attorney General of California JANE ZACK SIMON Supervising Deputy Attorney General State Bar No. 116564 455 Golden Gate Avenue, Suite 11000 San Francisco, CA 94102-7004 Telephone: (415) 510-3521 E-mail: Janezack.simon@doj.ca.gov Attorneys for Complainant BEFORE THE MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA BEFORE THE MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA STATE OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA	A ORNIA 1 20 19 'ST
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14	No. G 15897, Respondent.	
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16	6 PARTIES	
17	7 1. Christine J. Lally (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her of	fficial capacity
18	8 as the Interim Executive Director of the Medical Board of California, Department	of Consumer
19	9 Affairs (Board).	
20	2. On December 13, 1968, the Medical Board issued Physician's and Sur	geon's
21	Certificate Number G 15897 to Duane S. Bietz, M.D. (Respondent). The Physicia	ın's and
22	Surgeon's Certificate expired on July 31, 2018, and has not been renewed. The certificate expired on July 31, 2018, and has not been renewed.	rtificate is
23_	SUSPENDED pursuant to an Order issued on November 26, 2019 under Business	and
24	Professions Code section 2310(a).	
25	JURISDICTION	
26	3. This Accusation is brought before the Medical Board of California un	nder the
27	authority of the following sections of the California Business and Professions Coo	ie (Code) and/or
28	other relevant statutory enactment:	
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(DUANE S. BIETZ, M.D.) ACCUSATION NO. 800-2019-057728

I	BEFORE THE
2	OREGON MEDICAL BOARD
3	STATE OF OREGON
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5	In the Matter of
6	DUANE STANLEY BIETZ, MD COMPLAINT & NOTICE OF PROPOSED LICENSE NO MD09520 DISCIPLINARY ACTION
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8	1.
9	The Oregon Medical Board (Board) is the state agency responsible for licensing,
0	regulating and disciplining certain health care providers, including physicians, in the state of
1	Oregon. Duane Stanley Bietz, MD (Licensee) is a licensed physician in the state of Oregon.
12	2.
13	The Board proposes to take disciplinary action by imposing up to the maximum range of
14	potential sanctions identified in ORS 677.205(2), that may include the revocation of license, a
15	\$10,000 civil penalty per violation, and assessment of costs, against Licensee for violations of
16	the Medical Practice Act, to wit: ORS 677.190(1)(a) unprofessional or dishonorable conduct, as
17	defined by ORS 677.188(4)(a) any conduct or practice contrary to recognized standards of ethics
18	of the medical profession, any conduct, practice or condition which does or might constitute a
19	danger to the health or safety of a patient or the public, any conduct, practice or condition which
20	does or might adversely affect a physician's ability safely and skillfully to practice medicine;
21	ORS 677.190(7) impairment; and ORS 677.190(17) willfully violating a Board rule or order, or
22	failing to comply with a board request pursuant to ORS 677.320.
23	3.
24	Licensee is a board certified general and cardiovascular surgeon and holds an inactive
25	license to practice medicine in Oregon. The acts and conduct alleged to violate the Medical
26	Practice Act are:
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1 3.1 The Board has received credible information that Licensee is impaired and lacks 2 the ability to practice medicine with reasonable competence and safety due to a mental health 3 condition, in violation of ORS 677.190(7). The Board was advised that Licensee's cognitive deficits, including memory loss, confusion, and disorientation, have impaired his ability to 5 practice medicine safely. The Board was informed that Licensee seemed unfamiliar with basic medical knowledge, such as insulin dosing, 7 3.2 On October 5, 2018, the Board voted to issue an Order for Evaluation for Licensee 8 to undergo a particular type of medical examination within 30 days. The Order was mailed to 9 Licensee's residence on October 11, 2018. Licensee left a phone message with the Board on 10 October 22, 2018, in which he confirmed receipt of the Order and indicated that he did not intend 11 to resume the practice of medicine. A telephone call was placed to Licensee on October 25, 12 2018, during which Licensee asserted that he had moved out of state, that it was impractical for - 13 him to comply with the Board's order to undergo the evaluation, and asked to be excused from 14 the requirement. Licensee was notified that he would be required to comply with the Order, but 15 may choose to retire under investigation. On October 31, 2018, a letter was sent to Licensee 16 with a proposed Stipulated Order to retire under investigation. Licensee called the Board on November 8, 2018, and indicated that he wanted to complete the evaluation in California but 17 18 would need more information. A letter was sent to Licensee that day stating that he was out of 19 compliance with the Board's Order for Evaluation and that the evaluator would need to be pre-20 approved by the Board's Medical Director. Licensee left a phone message for the Board on 21 November 27, 2018, indicating that he would not complete the evaluation and that he wished to 22 allow his license to lapse. Licensee was telephoned on December 18, 2018, and January 8, 2019, 23 and messages were left. No response was received. Licensee has failed to comply with the 24 Board's Order for Evaluation, in violation of ORS 677.190(1)(a) unprofessional or dishonorable 25 conduct, as defined by ORS 677.188(4)(a) any conduct or practice contrary to recognized 26 standards of ethics of the medical profession, any conduct, practice or condition which does or might constitute a danger to the health or safety of a patient or the public, any conduct, practice 27

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1	or condition which does or might adversely affect a physician's ability safely and skillfully to
2	practice medicine; and ORS 677.190(17) willful violation of a Board order.
3	4.
4	Licensee is entitled to a hearing as provided by the Administrative Procedures Act
5	(chapter 183), Oregon Revised Statutes. Licensee may be represented by counsel at the hearing.
6	If Licensee desires a hearing, the Board must receive Licensee's written request for hearing
7	within twenty-one (21) days of the mailing of this Notice to Licensee. Upon receipt of a request
8	for a hearing, the Board will notify Licensee of the time and place of the hearing.
9	5.
0	5.1 If Licensee requests a hearing, Licensee will be given information on the
l 1	procedures, right of representation, and other rights of parties relating to the conduct of the
12	hearing as required under ORS 183.413(2) before commencement of the hearing.
3	5.2 If Licensee proceeds to a hearing, the Board proposes to assess against Licensee
4	the Board's costs of this disciplinary process and action, including but not limited to all legal
5	costs from the Oregon Department of Justice, all hearing costs from the Office of Administrative
6	Hearings, all costs associated with any expert or witness, all costs related to security and
17	transcriptionist services for the hearing, and administrative costs specific to this proceeding in an
8	amount not to exceed \$20,000.00, pursuant to ORS 677.205(2)(f).
19	6.
20	NOTICE TO ACTIVE DUTY SERVICEMEMBERS: Active duty Servicemembers
21	have a right to stay these proceedings under the federal Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. For
22	more information contact the Oregon State Bar at 800-452-8260, the Oregon Military
23	Department at 503-584-3571 or the nearest United States Armed Forces Legal Assistance Office
24	through http://legalassistance.law.af.mil. The Oregon Military Department does not have a toll
25	free telephone number.
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1	BEFORE THE
2	OREGON MEDICAL BOARD
3	STATE OF OREGON
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5	In the Matter of
6	DUANE STANLEY BIETZ, MD) DEFAULT FINAL ORDER LICENSE NO MD09520)
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8	1.
9	The Oregon Medical Board (Board) is the state agency responsible for licensing,
10	regulating and disciplining certain health care providers, including physicians, in the State of
11	Oregon. Duane Stanley Bietz, MD (Licensee) is a licensed (inactive status) physician in the
12	State of Oregon.
13	2.
14	On April 22, 2019, the Board sent to Licensee by regular and certified mail and electronic
15	mail a Complaint and Notice of Proposed Disciplinary Action (Notice) in which the Board
16	proposed to take disciplinary action by imposing up to the maximum range of potential sanctions
17	identified in ORS 677.205(2), that may include the revocation of license, a \$10,000 civil penalty
18	per violation, and assessment of costs, against Licensee for violations of the Medical Practice
19	Act, to wit: ORS 677.190(1)(a) unprofessional or dishonorable conduct, as defined by ORS
20	677.188(4)(a) any conduct or practice contrary to recognized standards of ethics of the medical
21	profession, any conduct, practice or condition which does or might constitute a danger to the
22	health or safety of a patient or the public, any conduct, practice or condition which does or might
23	adversely affect a physician's ability safely and skillfully to practice medicine; ORS 677.190(7)
24	impairment; and ORS 677.190(17) willfully violating a Board rule or order, or failing to comply
25	with a board request pursuant to ORS 677.320. The Notice informed Licensee that if he failed to
26	submit a request for hearing or failed to appear at a scheduled hearing, the Board may issue a
27	final order by default. Licensee did not request a hearing. As a result. Licensee has waived his

right to a hearing and now stands in default. The Board elects in this case to designate the record of proceedings to date, which consists of Licensee's file with the Board as the record for purposes of proving a prima facie case, pursuant to ORS 183.417(4). 3. 5 FINDINGS OF FACT 6 Licensee's acts and conduct that violated the Medical Practice Act follow: 7 3.1 The Board concludes from the information received during the course of its 8 investigation that Licensee is impaired and lacks the ability to practice medicine with reasonable 9 competence and safety due to a health condition, in violation of ORS 677.190(7). The Board 10 concludes that Licensee's health condition has impaired his ability to practice medicine safely and that Licensee has appeared to other health care providers to be unfamiliar with basic medical 11 12 knowledge, such as insulin dosing. 13 3.2 On October 5, 2018, the Board voted to issue an Order for Licensee to undergo a 14 particular type of medical examination within 30 days. The Order was mailed to Licensee's 15 residence on October 11, 2018. Licensee left a phone message with the Board on October 22, 16 2018, in which he confirmed receipt of the Order and indicated that he did not intend to resume 17 the practice of medicine. A telephone call was placed to Licensee on October 25, 2018, during 18 which Licensee asserted that he had moved out of state, that it was impractical for him to comply 19 with the Board's order to undergo the examination, and asked to be excused from the 20 requirement. Licensee was notified that he would be required to comply with the Order, but may 21 choose to retire under investigation. On October 31, 2018, a letter was sent to Licensee with a 22 proposed Stipulated Order to retire under investigation. Licensee called the Board on November 23 8, 2018, and indicated that he wanted to complete the medical examination in California but 24 would need more information. A letter was sent to Licensee that day detailing the type of examination required and stating that the provider of the examination must be first pre-approved 25 26 by the Board's Medical Director. The letter further stated that Licensee was currently out of

compliance with the Board's Order. Licensee left a phone message with the Board on November

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1	27, 2018, indicating that he would not complete the examination and that he wished to allow his
2	license to lapse. Licensee was telephoned on December 18, 2018, and January 8, 2019, and
3	messages were left. No response was received.
4	4.
5	CONCLUSIONS OF LAW
6	Based upon its examination of the record in this case, the Board finds that the acts and
7	conduct of Licensee described above are supported by reliable, probative and substantive
8	evidence and violated the Medical Practice Act, as set forth below:
9	4.1 Licensee has failed to comply with the Board's Order, in violation of ORS
10	677.190(1)(a) unprofessional or dishonorable conduct, as defined by ORS 677.188(4)(a) any
11	conduct, practice or condition which does or might constitute a danger to the health or safety of a
12	patient or the public, any conduct, practice or condition which does or might adversely affect a
13	physician's ability safely and skillfully to practice medicine.
14	4.2 Licensee is impaired and lacks the ability to practice medicine with reasonable
15	competence and safety due to a health condition, in violation of ORS 677.190(1)(a)
16	unprofessional or dishonorable conduct, as defined by ORS 677.188(4)(a) any conduct, practice
17	or condition which does or might constitute a danger to the health or safety of a patient or the
18	public, any conduct, practice or condition which does or might adversely affect a physician's
19	ability safely and skillfully to practice medicine; and ORS 677.190(7) impairment.
20	4.3 Licensee's failure to comply with the Board's Order violated ORS 677.190(17)
21	willfully violating a Board rule or order, or failing to comply with a board request pursuant to
22	ORS 677.320.
23	5.
24	ORDER
25	In order to protect the public and appropriately address his conduct, the Board enters the
26	following order:
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Page 3 - DEFAULT FINAL ORDER - Duane Stanley Bietz, MD

1	IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the medical license of Duane Stanley Bietz, MD, is
2	revoked. This Order is effective immediately upon the signature of the Board Chair. Violation
3	of the terms of this Order constitute a violation of the Medical Practice Act.
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5	DATED this // day of July 2019.
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9	K. DEAN GUBLER, DO
10	BOARD CHAIR
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14	Right to Judicial Review
15 [.]	NOTICE: You are entitled to judicial review of this Order. Judicial review may be obtained by
16	filing a petition for review with the Oregon Court of Appeals within 60 days after the final order
17	is served upon you. See ORS 183.482. If this Order was personally delivered to you, the date of
18	service is the day it was mailed, not the day you received it. If you do not file a petition for
19	judicial review within the 60 days' time period, you will lose your right to appeal.
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Certification of True Copy

I certify that the enclosed documents are true and correct copies of the originals on file with the Oregon Medical Board.

Angela Allen Accounts Receivable Specialist

