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

In the Matter of the Accusation Against: Carolyn Marie Parma, M.D. Physician's & Surgeon's Certificate No A157074 Respondent.	Case No. 800-2018-051077

DECISION

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Reprimand 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 October 16, 2020.

IT IS SO ORDERED September 18, 2020.

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

By: Kristina Lawson

Kristina D. Lawson, J.D., Chair
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In the Matter of the Accusation Against: **CAROLYN MARIE PARMA, M.D.** Epic Care 3003 Oak Road Suite 104 Walnut Creek CA 94597 Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 157074 Respondent.	Case No. 800-2018-051077 **STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND DISCIPLINARY ORDER FOR PUBLIC REPRIMAND**

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

PARTIES

1. William Prasifka (Complainant) is the Executive Director of the Medical Board of California (Board). He brought this action solely in his official capacity and is represented in this matter by Xavier Becerra, Attorney General of the State of California, by Ana Gonzalez, Deputy Attorney General.

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2. Respondent Carolyn Marie Parma, M.D. (Respondent) is represented in this proceeding by attorney Stephen M. Boreman, whose address is: One Embarcadero Center, Ste 400, San Francisco, CA 94111.

3. On or about July 16, 2018, the Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 157074 to Carolyn Marie Parma, M.D. (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. 800-2018-051077, and will expire on July 31, 2022, unless renewed.

JURISDICTION

4. Accusation No. 800-2018-051077 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 March 11, 2020. Respondent timely filed her Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation.

5. A copy of Accusation No. 800-2018-051077 is attached as exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

6. Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 800-2018-051077. Respondent has also carefully read, fully discussed with her counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.

7. 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.

8. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

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CULPABILITY

9. Respondent agrees that, at an administrative hearing, Complainant could establish a *prima facie* case with respect to the charges and allegations contained in Accusation No. 800-2018-051077 and that she has thereby subjected her Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate to disciplinary action. Respondent further agrees to be bound by the Board's imposition of discipline as set forth in the Disciplinary Order below.

10. Respondent further agrees that if she fails to successfully complete the professionalism program, which is more fully described below, within the required time, all of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation No. 800-2018-051077, shall be deemed true, correct, and fully admitted by Respondent for purposes of any further proceeding before the Board, and that her failure to complete the professionalism program shall constitute unprofessional conduct and grounds for further disciplinary action.

CONTINGENCY

11. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Medical Board of California. Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Medical Board of California may communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and settlement, 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 Settlement 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 Settlement and Disciplinary Order, including PDF and facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.

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13. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that the Board may, without further notice or opportunity to be heard by the Respondent, issue and enter the following Disciplinary Order:

DISCIPLINARY ORDER

A. PUBLIC REPRIMAND

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED: that Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 157074 issued to Respondent Carolyn Marie Parma, M.D., shall be and is hereby Publicly Reprimanded pursuant to California Business and Professions Code section 2227, subdivision (a)(4). This Public Reprimand is issued in connection with Respondent's driving under the influence conviction on October 28, 2018 as set forth in Accusation No. 800-2018-051077 (exhibit A).

B. PROFESSIONALISM PROGRAM (ETHICS COURSE). Within 60 calendar days of the effective date of this Decision, Respondent shall enroll in a professionalism program, that meets the requirements of Title 16, California Code of Regulations (CCR) section 1358.1. Respondent shall participate in and successfully complete that program. Respondent shall provide any information and documents that the program may deem pertinent. Respondent shall successfully complete the classroom component of the program not later than six (6) months after Respondent's initial enrollment, and the longitudinal component of the program not later than the time specified by the program, but no later than one (1) year after attending the classroom component. The professionalism program shall be at Respondent's expense and shall be in addition to the Continuing Medical Education (CME) requirements for renewal of licensure.

A professionalism program taken after the acts that gave rise to the charges in the Accusation, but prior to the effective date of the Decision may, in the sole discretion of the Board or its designee, be accepted towards the fulfillment of this condition if the program would have been approved by the Board or its designee had the program been taken after the effective date of this Decision.

Respondent shall submit a certification of successful completion to the Board or its designee not later than 15 calendar days after successfully completing the program or not later than 15 calendar days after the effective date of the Decision, whichever is later.

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ACCEPTANCE

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

DATED: 08 / 11 / 2020

CAROLYN MARIE PARMA, M.D.
Respondent

I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Carolyn Marie Parma, M.D. the terms and conditions and other matters contained in the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order. I approve its form and content.

DATED: 08 / 11 / 2020

STEPHEN M. BOREMAN
Attorney for Respondent

ENDORSEMENT

The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Medical Board of California.

DATED: 8/12/2020

Respectfully submitted,

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Exhibit A

Accusation No. 800-2018-051077

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Carolyn Marie Parma, M.D. Epic Care 3003 Oak Road Suite 104 Walnut Creek CA 94597 Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 157074, Respondent.	**A C C U S A T I O N**

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 July 16, 2018, the Medical Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate Number A 157074 to Carolyn Marie Parma, 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.

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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 2227 of the Code provides that a licensee who is found guilty under the Medical Practice Act may have his or her license revoked, suspended for a period not to exceed one year, placed on probation and required to pay the costs of probation monitoring, or such other action taken in relation to discipline as the Board deems proper.

5. Section 2234 of the Code requires the Board to take action against any licensee who is charged with unprofessional conduct.

6. Section 2236 of the Code provides that the conviction of any offense substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a physician and surgeon constitutes unprofessional conduct.

7. Section 2239 of the Code provides that the use of alcoholic beverages, to the extent, or in such a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to the licensee, or to any other person or to the public, or to the extent that such use impairs the ability of the licensee to practice medicine safely constitutes unprofessional conduct.

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unprofessional Conduct: Conviction of a Crime/Dangerous Use of Alcohol)

8. Shortly after 3:00 a.m. on October 28, 2018, police officers responded to a call for assistance placed by Respondent from a telephone at a gas station near her home. Dispatchers informed responding officers that the caller was crying and could not complete sentences, and stated that she was intoxicated and scared. Responding officers noted that Respondent was crying and had difficulty communicating. She confirmed that she had driven her car, and in response to officers' questions, stated she had consumed "about three drinks" but was unable to recall when or where she had consumed the drinks. Field sobriety tests were administered, and Respondent was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. A blood test, drawn just after 4:00 a.m., returned a blood alcohol level of .27%.

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9. In various communications after her arrest, Respondent explained that she had been drinking with a friend until approximately 2 a.m., then was driven to her home where she fell asleep. She awoke at 3 a.m. and could not locate her friend or her cell phone. She became upset and worried about her friend's well-being and drove to a nearby gas station to call for help.

10. Criminal charges were filed charging Respondent with driving under the influence of alcohol, driving with a blood alcohol level greater than the legal limit, and driving with a blood alcohol level of more than .20%. On July 23, 2019, Respondent entered into a plea agreement under which she was found guilty and convicted of reckless driving involving alcohol.

11. Respondent's criminal conviction for reckless driving involving the use of alcohol, and her driving with a very high blood alcohol level constitutes a conviction substantially related to the qualifications, functions and duties of a physician and surgeon, and cause for discipline for unprofessional conduct pursuant to sections 2234 and/or 2236 of the Code.

12. Respondent's conduct in driving while under the influence of alcohol and driving with a high blood alcohol content constitutes unprofessional conduct and the use of alcohol in a dangerous manner, and cause for discipline pursuant to sections 2234 and/or 2239 of the Code.

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 A 157074, issued to Carolyn Marie Parma, M.D.;

2. Revoking, suspending or denying approval of Carolyn Marie Parma, M.D.'s authority to supervise physician assistants and advanced practice nurses;

3. Ordering Carolyn Marie Parma, M.D., if placed on probation, to pay the Board the costs of probation monitoring; and

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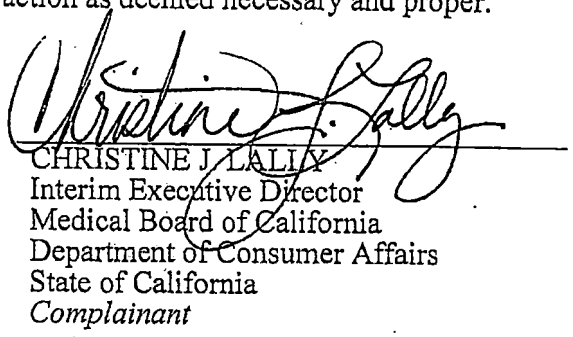
4. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: MAR 11 2020



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