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

In the Matter of the Petition to Revoke Probation Against:

Charlotte Bobo Standefer, M.D.

Case No. 800-2022-088115

Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 78053

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 February 2, 2023.

IT IS SO ORDERED January 26, 2023.

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

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11	In the Matter of the Petition to Revoke	Case No. 800-2022-088115		
12	Probation Against:			
13	CHARLOTTE BOBO STANDEFER, M.D. 950 W Arlington Street	STIPULATED SURRENDER OF		
14	Martinez, CA 94553-2349	LICENSE AND ORDER		
15	Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 78053			
16	Respondent.			
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19	IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGR	EED by and between the parties to the above-		
20	entitled proceedings that the following matters are	e true:		
21	<u>PAR</u>	<u>ries</u>		
22	1. William Prasifka (Complainant) was the Executive Director of the Medical Board of			
23	California (Board). He brought this action solely	in his official capacity and is represented in this		
24	matter by Rob Bonta, Attorney General of the State of California, by Kendra S. Rivas, Deputy			
25	Attorney General.			
26	2. Charlotte Bobo Standefer, M.D. (Respondent) is representing herself in this			
27	proceeding and has chosen not to exercise her right to be represented by counsel.			
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3. On or about December 1, 1993, the Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 78053 to Respondent. The Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Petition to Revoke Probation No. 800-2022-088115 and will expire on November 30, 2023, unless renewed.

JURISDICTION

4. Petition to Revoke Probation No. 800-2022-088115 was filed before the Board, and is currently pending against Respondent. The Petition to Revoke Probation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on October 28, 2023. Respondent timely filed her Notice of Defense contesting the Petition to Revoke Probation. A copy of Petition to Revoke Probation No. 800-2022-088115 is attached as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference.

ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

- 5. Respondent has carefully read, and understands the charges and allegations in Petition to Revoke Probation No. 800-2022-088115. Respondent also has carefully read, 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 Petition to Revoke Probation; the right to be represented by counsel, at her own expense; 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 admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Petition to Revoke Probation No. 800-2022-088115, agrees that cause exists to revoke probation as alleged

in the Petition to Revoke Probation and hereby surrenders her Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 78053 for the Board's formal acceptance.

9. 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

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

- 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 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.
- 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 78053, issued to Respondent Charlotte Bobo Standefer, 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. 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 Petition to Revoke Probation No. 800-2022-088115 are deemed 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 Petition to Revoke Probation, No. 800-2022-088115 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: / ,)] CHARLOTTE BOBO STAND FER, M.D.

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: January 19, 2023 Respectfully submitted, **ROB BONTA** Attorney General of California GREG W. CHAMBERS Supervising Deputy Attorney General Kendra Rivas KENDRA S. RIVAS Deputy Attorney General Attorneys for Complainant

Exhibit A

Petition to Revoke Probation No. 800-2022-088115

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12	In the Matter of the Petition to Revoke Probation Against:	Case No. 800-2022-088115			
13	CHARLOTTE BOBO STANDEFER, M.D.				
14	950 W Arlington Street Martinez, CA 94553-2349	PETITION TO REVOKE PROBATION			
15	Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate				
16	No. G 78053,				
17	Respondent.				
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19	Complainant alleges:				
20	PART	<u>ries</u>			
21	William Prasifka (Complainant) bring	s this Petition to Revoke Probation solely in his			
22	official capacity as the Executive Director of the Medical Board of California, Department of				
23	Consumer Affairs.				
24	2. On or about December 1, 1993, the Medical Board of California issued Physician's				
25	and Surgeon's Certificate Number G 78053 to Charlotte Bobo Standefer, M.D. (Respondent).				
26	The Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate was in effect at all times relevant to the charges brought				
27	herein and will expire on November 30, 2023, unless renewed.				
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- 3. On July 15, 2015, the Board filed Accusation No. 12-2012-225170 against Respondent, alleging cause for discipline based on unprofessional conduct because Respondent was convicted in June 2015 of driving while her blood alcohol concentration was 0.08 percent or more. The Board issued a decision in Case No. 12-2012-225170, effective April 7, 2016, revoking Respondent's Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate. However, the revocation was stayed, and Respondent's Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate was placed on probation for a period of three (3) years with certain terms and conditions.
- 4. On September 14, 2016, the Board filed Accusation and Petition to Revoke Probation No. 800-2016-025481 against Respondent alleging she violated probation when she failed to abstain from alcohol, and for unprofessional conduct. The Board issued a decision in Case No. 800-2016-025481, effective January 27, 2017, revoking Respondent's Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate. However, the revocation was stayed, and Respondent's Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate was placed on probation for a period of two (2) years, which term shall be consecutive to the probation remaining on the Decision and Order in Case No. 12-2012-225170, with certain terms and conditions.
- 5. In January 2019, Respondent filed a Petition for Early Termination of Probation. The Board issued a decision in Case No. 800-2019-052263, effective November 18, 2020, denying Respondent's petition to terminate her probation early.

JURISDICTION

- 6. This Petition to Revoke Probation is brought before the Medical Board of California (Board), Department of Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.
- 7. 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.

FIRST CAUSE TO REVOKE PROBATION

(Failure to Comply with the Non-Practice Provision)

8. Condition #12 of Respondent's Probation in both Case No. 12-2012-225170 and Case No. 800-2016-025481 states:

Respondent shall notify the Board or its designee in writing within 15 calendar days of any periods of non-practice lasting more than 30 calendar days and within 15 calendar days of Respondent's return to practice. Non-practice is defined as any period of time Respondent is not practicing medicine in California as defined in Business and Professions Code sections 2051 and 2052 for at least 40 hours in a calendar month in direct patient care, clinical activity or teaching, or other activity as approved by the Board. All time spent in an intensive training program which has been approved by the Board or its designee shall not be considered non-practice. Practicing medicine in another state of the United States or Federal jurisdiction while on probation with the medical licensing authority of that state or jurisdiction shall not be considered non-practice. A Board-ordered suspension of practice shall not be considered as a period of non-practice.

In the event Respondent's period of non-practice while on probation exceeds 18 calendar months, Respondent shall successfully complete a clinical training program that meets the criteria of Condition 18 of the current version of the Board's "Manual of Model Disciplinary Orders and Disciplinary Guidelines" prior to resuming the practice of medicine.

Respondent's period of non-practice while on probation shall not exceed two (2) years.

Periods of non-practice will not apply to the reduction of the probationary term.

Periods of non-practice will relieve Respondent of the responsibility to comply with the probationary terms and conditions with the exception of this condition and the following terms and conditions of probation: Obey All Laws; and General Probation Requirements.

- 9. Beginning with the Quarterly Report she signed on or about January 2, 2018, and on each Quarterly Report she signed and submitted thereafter, Respondent indicated "N/A," "unemployed," or equivalent language, in the space provided for "Primary Place of Practice," or left that space blank. In the space provided for "hours worked this quarter at your primary place of practice," she indicated "0" per week and "0" per month, or equivalent language, on each such form.
- 10. Respondent's failure to practice medicine while on probation has tolled her probation in Case No. 12-2012-225170. Because the probation term in Case No. 800-2016-025481 is to run consecutively, it too has tolled and is not yet operative. Respondent's

Exhibit A

Decision and Order

Medical Board of California Case No. 800-2016-025481

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

In the Matter of the Accusation and)	
Petition to Revoke Probation)	
Against:)	
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Charlotte Standefer, M.D.)	Case No. 800-2016-025481
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Physician's and Surgeon's)	
Certificate No. G78053)	
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Respondent)	•
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DECISION

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary 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 27, 2017.

IT IS SO ORDERED: December 30, 2016.

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

Michelle Anne Bholat, M.D., Chair

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Panel B

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA I do hereby certify that this document is a true and correct copy of the original on file in this

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11	In the Matter of the Accusation and Petition to Revoke Probation Against:	Case No. 800-2016-025481			
12	CHARLOTTE STANDEFER, MD	OAH No. 2016090863			
13	2500 Albambra Ave Martinez, CA 94553	STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND DISCIPLINARY ORDER			
14	Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate				
15	No. G78053				
16	Respondent.				
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19	IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AG	REED by and between the parties to the above-			
20	entitled proceedings that the following matters a	re true:			
21	PARTIES				
22	Kimberly Kirchmeyer (Complainant	t) is the Executive Director of the Medical Board			
23	of California (Board). She brought this action solely in her official capacity and is represented in				
24	this matter by Kamala D. Harris, Attorney General of the State of California, by Joshua M.				
25	Templet, Deputy Attorney General.				
26	2. Respondent Charlotte Bobo Standefer, M.D. (Respondent) is represented in this				
27	proceeding by attorney Brian H. Getz, 201 California Street, Ste. 450, San Francisco, CA 94104.				
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STIPULATED SETTLEMENT (800-2016-025481)

3. On December 1, 1993, the Medical Board of California (Board) issued Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate Number No. G78053 to Respondent. The certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on November 30, 2017, unless renewed.

DISCIPLINARY HISTORY

- 4. In a previous disciplinary action titled "In the Matter of the Accusation Against Charlotte Standefer, MD," Case No. 12-2012-225170, the Board issued a Decision and Order, effective April 7, 2016, in which Respondent's Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate was revoked. However, the revocation was stayed and Respondent's physician's and surgeon's certificate was placed on probation for a period of three (3) years with certain terms and conditions.
- 5. On September 2, 2016, the Board issued and served a Cease Practice Order, prohibiting Respondent from practicing medicine pending a final decision on this Accusation and Petition to Revoke Probation. The Cease Practice Order was based on Respondent's failure to comply with the requirement that she abstain from use of alcohol, Probationary Condition No. 1 of the Board's Decision and Order in Case No. 12-2012-225170.

JURISDICTION

- 6. Accusation and Petition to Revoke Probation No. 800-2016-025481 was filed before the Board, and is currently pending against Respondent. The Accusation and Petition to Revoke Probation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on September 14, 2016. Respondent timely filed a Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation and Petition to Revoke Probation.
- 7. A copy of Accusation and Petition to Revoke Probation No. 800-2016-025481 is attached as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

8. Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the charges and allegations in Accusation and Petition to Revoke Probation No. 800-2016-025481.

Respondent has also carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.

- 9. 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 and Petition to Revoke Probation; 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.
- 10. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

CULPABILITY

- 11. Respondent understands and agrees that the charges and allegations in Accusation and Petition to Revoke Probation No. 800-2016-025481, if proven at a hearing, constitute cause for imposing discipline upon her physician's and surgeon's certificate.
- 12. For the purpose of resolving the Accusation and Petition to Revoke Probation 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 Petition to Revoke Probation, and that Respondent hereby gives up her right to contest those charges.
- 13. Respondent agrees that her physician's and surgeon's certificate is subject to discipline and she agrees to be bound by the Board's probationary terms as set forth in the Disciplinary Order below.

CONTINGENCY

14. 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 falls 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.

- 15. 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.
- 16. 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 Disciplinary Order:

DISCIPLINARY ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G78053 issued to Respondent Charlotte Bobo Standefer, M.D. is revoked. However, the revocation is stayed and Respondent is placed on probation for two (2) years, which term shall be consecutive to the probation remaining on the Decision and Order in Medical Board Case No. 12-2012-225170, and subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. CLINICAL DIAGNOSTIC EVALUATION/PSYCHIATRIC EVALUATION.

Within thirty (30) calendar days of the effective date of this Decision, and on whatever periodic basis thereafter as may be required by the Board or its designee, Respondent shall undergo and complete a clinical diagnostic evaluation, including any and all testing deemed necessary, by a Board-appointed board certified physician and surgeon. The examiner shall consider any information provided by the Board or its designee and any other information he or she deems relevant, and shall furnish a written evaluation report to the Board or its designee.

The clinical diagnostic evaluation shall be conducted by a licensed physician and surgeon who holds a valid, unrestricted license, has three (3) years' experience in providing evaluations of physicians and surgeons with substance abuse disorders, and is approved by the Board or its designee. The clinical diagnostic evaluation shall be conducted in accordance with acceptable

professional standards for conducting substance abuse clinical diagnostic evaluations. The evaluator shall not have a current or former financial, personal, or business relationship with Respondent within the last five (5) years. The evaluator shall provide an objective, unbiased, and independent evaluation. The clinical diagnostic evaluation report shall set forth, in the evaluator's opinion, whether Respondent has a substance abuse problem, whether Respondent is a threat to himself or herself or others, and recommendations for substance abuse treatment, practice restrictions, or other recommendations related to Respondent's rehabilitation and ability to practice safely. If the evaluator determines during the evaluation process that Respondent is a threat to himself or herself or others, the evaluator shall notify the Board within twenty-four (24) hours of such a determination.

In formulating his or her opinion as to whether Respondent is safe to return to either parttime or full-time practice and what restrictions or recommendations should be imposed, including
participation in an inpatient or outpatient treatment program, the evaluator shall consider the
following factors: Respondent's license type; Respondent's history; Respondent's documented
length of sobriety (i.e., length of time that has elapsed since Respondent's last substance use);
Respondent's scope and pattern of substance abuse; Respondent's treatment history, medical
history and current medical condition; the nature, duration and severity of Respondent's
substance abuse problem or problems; and whether Respondent is a threat to himself or herself or
the public.

For all clinical diagnostic evaluations, a final written report shall be provided to the Board no later than ten (10) days from the date the evaluator is assigned the matter. If the evaluator requests additional information or time to complete the evaluation and report, an extension may be granted, but shall not exceed thirty (30) days from the date the evaluator was originally assigned the matter.

The Board shall review the clinical diagnostic evaluation report within five (5) business days of receipt to determine whether Respondent is safe to return to either part-time or full-time practice and what restrictions or recommendations shall be imposed on Respondent based on the recommendations made by the evaluator. Respondent shall not be returned to practice until he or

she has at least thirty (30) days of negative biological fluid tests or biological fluid tests indicating that he or she has not used, consumed, ingested, or administered to himself or herself a prohibited substance, as defined in section 1361.51, subdivision (e), of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations. Respondent has satisfied the aforementioned 30-days of negative test results provision, provided that there is no new positive biological fluid test result following the signatory date of this Settlement Agreement.

Clinical diagnostic evaluations conducted prior to the effective date of this Decision shall not be accepted toward the fulfillment of this requirement. The cost of the clinical diagnostic evaluation, including any and all testing deemed necessary by the examiner, the Board or its designee, shall be borne by the licensee.

Respondent shall not engage in the practice of medicine until notified by the Board or its designee that he or she is fit to practice medicine safely. The period of time that Respondent is not practicing medicine shall not be counted toward completion of the term of probation. Respondent shall undergo biological fluid testing as required in this Decision at least two (2) times per week while awaiting the notification from the Board if he or she is fit to practice medicine safely.

Respondent shall comply with all restrictions or conditions recommended by the examiner conducting the clinical diagnostic evaluation within fifteen (15) calendar days after being notified by the Board or its designee, and shall cooperate fully and completely with the evaluation and the evaluator.

Over the course of probation, at the request of the Board or its designee, Respondent shall undergo and complete a psychiatric and/or substance abuse evaluation (and psychological testing, if deemed necessary) by a Board-appointed evaluator, who shall consider any information provided by the Board or designee and any other information the psychiatrist deems relevant, and shall furnish a written evaluation report to the Board or its designee. Psychiatric evaluations conducted prior to the effective date of the Decision shall not be accepted towards the fulfillment of this requirement. Respondent shall pay the cost of all psychiatric evaluations and psychological testing, and shall cooperate fully with the evaluation and the evaluator.

Respondent shall comply with all restrictions or conditions recommended by the evaluator

within 15 calendar days after being notified by the Board or its designee.

2. <u>ALCOHOL - ABSTAIN FROM USE</u>. Respondent shall abstain completely from the use of products or beverages containing alcohol.

If Respondent has a confirmed positive biological fluid test for alcohol, Respondent shall receive a notification from the Board or its designee to immediately cease the practice of medicine. The Respondent shall not resume the practice of medicine until final decision on an accusation and/or a petition to revoke probation. An accusation and/or petition to revoke probation shall be filed by the Board within 15 days of the notification to cease practice. If the Respondent requests a hearing on the accusation and/or petition to revoke probation, the Board shall provide the Respondent with a hearing within 30 days of the request, unless the Respondent stipulates to a later hearing. A decision shall be received from the Administrative Law Judge or the Board within 15 days unless good cause can be shown for the delay. The cessation of practice shall not apply to the reduction of the probationary time period.

If the Board does not file an accusation or petition to revoke probation within 15 days of the issuance of the notification to cease practice or does not provide Respondent with a hearing within 30 days of such a request, the notification of cease practice shall be dissolved.

3. <u>BIOLOGICAL FLUID TESTING</u>. Respondent shall immediately submit to biological fluid testing, at Respondent's expense, upon request of the Board or its designee. "Biological fluid testing" may include, but is not limited to, urine, blood, breathalyzer, hair follicle testing, or similar drug screening approved by the Board or its designee. Respondent shall make daily contact with the Board or its designee to determine whether biological fluid testing is required. Respondent shall be tested on the date of the notification as directed by the Board or its designee. The Board may order a Respondent to undergo a biological fluid test on any day, at any time, including weekends and holidays. Except when testing on a specific date as ordered by the Board or its designee, the scheduling of biological fluid testing shall be done on a random basis. The cost of biological fluid testing shall be borne by the Respondent.

During the first year of probation, Respondent shall be subject to 52 to 104 random tests.

During the second year of probation and for the duration of the probationary term, up to five (5)

years, Respondent shall be subject to 36 to 104 random tests per year. Only if there has been no positive biological fluid tests in the previous five (5) consecutive years of probation, may testing be reduced to one (1) time per month. Nothing precludes the Board from increasing the number of random tests to the first-year level of frequency for any reason.

Prior to practicing medicine, Respondent shall contract with a laboratory or service, approved in advance by the Board or its designee, that will conduct random, unannounced, observed, biological fluid testing and meets all the following standards:

- (a) Its specimen collectors are either certified by the Drug and Alcohol Testing Industry
 Association or have completed the training required to serve as a collector for the United States
 Department of Transportation.
- (b) Its specimen collectors conform to the current United States Department of Transportation Specimen Collection Guidelines.
- (c) Its testing locations comply with the Urine Specimen Collection Guidelines published by the United States Department of Transportation without regard to the type of test administered.
 - (d) Its specimen collectors observe the collection of testing specimens.
- (e) Its laboratories are certified and accredited by the United States Department of Health and Human Services.
- (f) Its testing locations shall submit a specimen to a laboratory within one (1) business day of receipt and all specimens collected shall be handled pursuant to chain of custody procedures. The laboratory shall process and analyze the specimens and provide legally defensible test results to the Board within seven (7) business days of receipt of the specimen. The Board will be notified of non-negative results within one (1) business day and will be notified of negative test results within seven (7) business days.
- (g) Its testing locations possess all the materials, equipment, and technical expertise necessary in order to test Respondent on any day of the week.
- (h) Its testing locations are able to scientifically test for urine, blood, and hair specimens for the detection of alcohol and illegal and controlled substances.
 - (i) It maintains testing sites located throughout California,

- (j) It maintains an automated 24-hour toll-free telephone system and/or a secure on-line computer database that allows the Respondent to check in daily for testing.
- (k) It maintains a secure, HIPAA-compliant website or computer system that allows staff access to drug test results and compliance reporting information that is available 24 hours a day.
- (I) It employs or contracts with toxicologists that are licensed physicians and have knowledge of substance abuse disorders and the appropriate medical training to interpret and evaluate laboratory biological fluid test results, medical histories, and any other information relevant to biomedical information.
- (m) It will not consider a toxicology screen to be negative if a positive result is obtained while practicing, even if the Respondent holds a valid prescription for the substance.

Prior to changing testing locations for any reason, including during vacation or other travel, alternative testing locations must be approved by the Board and meet the requirements above.

The contract shall require that the laboratory directly notify the Board or its designee of non-negative results within one (1) business day and negative test results within seven (7) business days of the results becoming available. Respondent shall maintain this laboratory or service contract during the period of probation.

A certified copy of any laboratory test result may be received in evidence in any proceedings between the Board and Respondent.

If a biological fluid test result indicates Respondent has used, consumed, ingested, or administered to himself or herself a prohibited substance, the Board shall order Respondent to cease practice and instruct Respondent to leave any place of work where Respondent is practicing medicine or providing medical services. The Board shall immediately notify all of Respondent's employers, supervisors and work monitors, if any, that Respondent may not practice medicine or provide medical services while the cease-practice order is in effect.

A biological fluid test will not be considered negative if a positive result is obtained while practicing, even if the practitioner holds a valid prescription for the substance. If no prohibited substance use exists, the Board shall lift the cease-practice order within one (1) business day.

After the Issuance of a cease-practice order, the Board shall determine whether the positive

biological fluid test is in fact evidence of prohibited substance use by consulting with the specimen collector and the laboratory, communicating with the licensee, his or her treating physician(s), other health care provider, or group facilitator, as applicable.

For purposes of this condition, the terms "biological fluid testing" and "testing" mean the acquisition and chemical analysis of a Respondent's urine, blood, breath, or hair.

For purposes of this condition, the term "prohibited substance" means an illegal drug, a lawful drug not prescribed or ordered by an appropriately licensed health care provider for use by Respondent and approved by the Board, alcohol, or any other substance the Respondent has been instructed by the Board not to use, consume, lingest, or administer to himself or herself.

If the Board confirms that a positive biological fluid test is evidence of use of a prohibited substance, Respondent has committed a major violation, as defined in section 1361.52(a), and the Board shall impose any or all of the consequences set forth in section 1361.52(b), in addition to any other terms or conditions the Board determines are necessary for public protection or to enhance Respondent's rehabilitation.

4. NOTICE OF EMPLOYER OR SUPERVISOR INFORMATION. Within seven (7) days of the effective date of this Decision, Respondent shall provide to the Board the names, physical addresses, mailing addresses, and telephone numbers of any and all employers and supervisors. Respondent shall also provide specific, written consent for the Board, Respondent's worksite monitor, and Respondent's employers and supervisors to communicate regarding Respondent's work status, performance, and monitoring.

For purposes of this section, "supervisors" shall include the Chief of Staff and Health or Well Being Committee Chair, or equivalent, if applicable, when the Respondent has medical staff privileges.

5. WORKSITE MONITOR. Within thirty (30) calendar days of the effective date of this Decision, Respondent shall submit to the Board or its designee for prior approval as a worksite monitor, the name and qualifications of one or more licensed physician and surgeon, other licensed health care professional if no physician and surgeon is available, or, as approved by the Board or its designee, a person in a position of authority who is capable of monitoring the

Respondent at work.

The worksite monitor shall not have a current or former financial, personal, or familial relationship with Respondent, or any other relationship that could reasonably be expected to compromise the ability of the monitor to render impartial and unbiased reports to the Board or its designee. If it is impractical for anyone but Respondent's employer to serve as the worksite monitor, this requirement may be waived by the Board or its designee, however, under no circumstances shall Respondent's worksite monitor be an employee or supervisee of the licensee.

The worksite monitor shall have an active unrestricted license with no disciplinary action within the last five (5) years, and shall sign an affirmation that he or she has reviewed the terms and conditions of Respondent's disciplinary order and agrees to monitor Respondent as set forth by the Board or its designee.

Respondent shall pay all worksite monitoring costs.

The worksite monitor shall have face-to-face contact with Respondent in the work environment on as frequent a basis as determined by the Board or its designee, but not less than once per week; interview other staff in the office regarding Respondent's behavior, if requested by the Board or its designee; and review Respondent's work attendance.

The worksite monitor shall verbally report any suspected substance abuse to the Board and Respondent's employer or supervisor within one (1) business day of occurrence. If the suspected substance abuse does not occur during the Board's normal business hours, the verbal report shall be made to the Board or its designee within one (1) hour of the next business day. A written report that includes the date, time, and location of the suspected abuse; Respondent's actions; and any other information deemed important by the worksite monitor shall be submitted to the Board or its designee within 48 hours of the occurrence.

The worksite monitor shall complete and submit a written report monthly or as directed by the Board or its designee which shall include the following: (1) Respondent's name and Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate number; (2) the worksite monitor's name and signature; (3) the worksite monitor's license number, if applicable; (4) the location or location(s) of the worksite; (5) the dates Respondent had face-to-face contact with the worksite monitor; (6) the

names of worksite staff interviewed, if applicable; (7) a report of Respondent's work attendance; (8) any change in Respondent's behavior and/or personal habits; and (9) any indicators that can lead to suspected substance abuse by Respondent. Respondent shall complete any required consent forms and execute agreements with the approved worksite monitor and the Board, or its designee, authorizing the Board, or its designee, and worksite monitor to exchange information.

If the worksite monitor resigns or is no longer available, Respondent shall, within five (5) calendar days of such resignation or unavailability, submit to the Board or its designee, for prior approval, the name and qualifications of a replacement monitor who will be assuming that responsibility within fifteen (15) calendar days. If Respondent fails to obtain approval of a replacement monitor within sixty (60) calendar days of the resignation or unavailability of the monitor, Respondent shall receive a notification from the Board or its designee to cease the practice of medicine within three (3) calendar days after being so notified. Respondent shall cease the practice of medicine until a replacement monitor is approved and assumes monitoring responsibility.

Respondent shall provide a true copy of this Decision and Accusation to the Chief of Staff or the Chief Executive Officer at every hospital where privileges or membership are extended to Respondent, at any other facility where Respondent engages in the practice of medicine, including all physician and locum tenens registries or other similar agencies, and to the Chief Executive Officer at every insurance carrier which extends malpractice insurance coverage to Respondent. Respondent shall submit proof of compliance to the Board or its designee within 15 calendar days.

This condition shall apply to any change(s) in hospitals, other facilities or insurance carrier.

- 7. <u>SUPERVISION OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS</u>. During probation, Respondent is prohibited from supervising physician assistants.
- 8. <u>OBEY ALL LAWS</u>. Respondent shall obey all federal, state and local laws, all rules governing the practice of medicine in California and remain in full compliance with any court ordered criminal probation, payments, and other orders.

9. <u>OUARTERLY DECLARATIONS</u>. Respondent shall submit quarterly declarations under penalty of perjury on forms provided by the Board, stating whether there has been compliance with all the conditions of probation.

Respondent shall submit quarterly declarations not later than 10 calendar days after the end of the preceding quarter.

10. GENERAL PROBATION REQUIREMENTS.

Compliance with Probation Unit

Respondent shall comply with the Board's probation unit and all terms and conditions of this Decision.

Address Changes

Respondent shall, at all times, keep the Board informed of Respondent's business and residence addresses, email address (if available), and telephone number. Changes of such addresses shall be immediately communicated in writing to the Board or its designee. Under no circumstances shall a post office box serve as an address of record, except as allowed by Business and Professions Code section 2021(b).

Place of Practice

Respondent shall not engage in the practice of medicine in Respondent's or patient's place of residence, unless the patient resides in a skilled nursing facility or other similar licensed facility.

License Renewal

Respondent shall maintain a current and renewed California physician's and surgeon's license.

Travel or Residence Outside California

Respondent shall immediately inform the Board or its designee, in writing, of travel to any areas outside the jurisdiction of California which lasts, or is contemplated to last, more than thirty (30) calendar days.

In the event Respondent should leave the State of California to reside or to practice

Respondent shall notify the Board or its designee in writing 30 calendar days prior to the dates of

departure and return.

- 11. <u>INTERVIEW WITH THE BOARD OR ITS DESIGNEE</u>. Respondent shall be available in person upon request for interviews either at Respondent's place of business or at the probation unit office, with or without prior notice throughout the term of probation.
- 12. NON-PRACTICE WHILE ON PROBATION. Respondent shall notify the Board or its designee in writing within 15 calendar days of any periods of non-practice lasting more than 30 calendar days and within 15 calendar days of Respondent's return to practice. Non-practice is defined as any period of time Respondent is not practicing medicine in California as defined in Business and Professions Code sections 2051 and 2052 for at least 40 hours in a calendar month in direct patient care, clinical activity or teaching, or other activity as approved by the Board. All time spent in an intensive training program which has been approved by the Board or its designee shall not be considered non-practice. Practicing medicine in another state of the United States or Federal jurisdiction while on probation with the medical licensing authority of that state or jurisdiction shall not be considered non-practice. A Board-ordered suspension of practice shall not be considered as a period of non-practice.

In the event Respondent's period of non-practice while on probation exceeds 18 calendar months, Respondent shall successfully complete a clinical training program that meets the criteria of Condition 18 of the current version of the Board's "Manual of Model Disciplinary Orders and Disciplinary Guidelines" prior to resuming the practice of medicine.

Respondent's period of non-practice while on probation shall not exceed two (2) years. Periods of non-practice will not apply to the reduction of the probationary term.

Periods of non-practice will relieve Respondent of the responsibility to comply with the probationary terms and conditions with the exception of this condition and the following terms and conditions of probation: Obey All Laws; and General Probation Requirements.

13. <u>COMPLETION OF PROBATION</u>. Respondent shall comply with all financial obligations (e.g., restitution, probation costs) not later than 120 calendar days prior to the completion of probation. Upon successful completion of probation, Respondent's certificate shall be fully restored.

14. VIOLATION OF PROBATION CONDITION.

Failure to fully comply with any term or condition of probation is a violation of probation.

- A. If Respondent commits a major violation of probation as defined by section 1361.52, subdivision (a), of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, the Board shall take one or more of the following actions:
 - (1) Issue an immediate cease-practice order and order Respondent to undergo a clinical diagnostic evaluation to be conducted in accordance with section 1361.5, subdivision (c)(1), of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, at Respondent's expense. The cease-practice order issued by the Board or its designee shall state that Respondent must test negative for at least a month of continuous biological fluid testing before being allowed to resume practice. For purposes of the determining the length of time a Respondent must test negative while undergoing continuous biological fluid testing following issuance of a cease-practice order, a month is defined as thirty calendar (30) days. Respondent may not resume the practice of medicine until notified in writing by the Board or its designee that he or she may do so.
 - (2) Increase the frequency of biological fluid testing.
 - (3) Refer Respondent for further disciplinary action, such as suspension, revocation, or other action as determined by the Board or its designee. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 16, § 1361,52, subd. (b).)
- B. If Respondent commits a minor violation of probation as defined by section 1361.52, subdivision (c), of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, the Board shall take one or more of the following actions:
 - (1) Issue a cease-practice order;
 - (2) Order practice limitations;
 - (3) Order or increase supervision of Respondent;
 - (4) Order increased documentation;
 - (5) Issue a citation and fine, or a warning letter;
 - (6) Order Respondent to undergo a clinical diagnostic evaluation to be conducted in

accordance with section 1361.5, subdivision (c)(1), of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, at Respondent's expense;

- (7) Take any other action as determined by the Board or its designee. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 16, § 1361.52, subd. (d).)
- C. Nothing in this Decision shall be considered a limitation on the Board's authority to revoke Respondent's probation if he or she has violated any term or condition of probation. (See Cal. Code Regs., tit. 16, § 1361.52, subd. (e).) If Respondent violates probation in any respect, the Board, after giving Respondent notice and the opportunity to be heard, may revoke probation and carry out the disciplinary order that was stayed. If an Accusation, or Petition to Revoke Probation, or an Interim Suspension Order is filed against Respondent during probation, the Board shall have continuing jurisdiction until the matter is final, and the period of probation shall be extended until the matter is final.
- 15. LICENSE SURRENDER. Following the effective date of this Decision, if
 Respondent ceases practicing due to retirement or health reasons or is otherwise unable to satisfy
 the terms and conditions of probation, Respondent may request to surrender his or her license.
 The Board reserves the right to evaluate Respondent's request and to exercise its discretion in
 determining whether or not to grant the request, or to take any other action deemed appropriate
 and reasonable under the circumstances. Upon formal acceptance of the surrender, Respondent
 shall within 15 calendar days deliver Respondent's wallet and wall certificate to the Board or its
 designee and Respondent shall no longer practice medicine. Respondent will no longer be subject
 to the terms and conditions of probation. If Respondent re-applies for a medical license, the
 application shall be treated as a petition for reinstatement of a revoked certificate.
- 16. PROBATION MONITORING COSTS. Respondent shall pay the costs associated with probation monitoring each and every year of probation, as designated by the Board, which may be adjusted on an annual basis. Such costs shall be payable to the Medical Board of California and delivered to the Board or its designee no later than January 31 of each calendar year.

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ACCEPTANCE I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and have fully 2 discussed it with my attorney, Brian H. Getz. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will 3 have on my physician's and surgeon's certificate. I enter into this Stipulated Settlement and 4 Disciplinary Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the 5 Decision and Order of the Medical Board of California. 6 7 8 9 Respondent I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Charlotte Bobo Standefer, M.D. the terms 10 and conditions and other matters contained in the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary 11 Order. I approve its form and content. 12 13 14 Attorney for Respondent 15 **ENDORSEMENT** 16 The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully 17 submitted for consideration by the Medical Board of California. 18 19 Respectfully submitted, 10/12/2016 Dated: 20 KAMALA D. HARRIS Attorney General of California 21 JANE ZÁCK SIMON Supervising Deputy Attorney General 22 23 JOSHUA M. TEMPLET 24 Deputy Attorney General Attorneys for Complainant 25 26 27 SF2016201585