

In the Matter of)
) BEFORE THE ALABAMA STATE
) BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
LAURA L. STEELE, M.D.)
) Case No. 2019-29

JOINT PETITION, STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER

COME NOW, the Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners, and LAURA L. STEELE, M.D., and jointly submit the following Stipulation and Consent Order:

STIPULATION

1. LAURA L. STEELE, M.D., was duly licensed to practice medicine in the State of Alabama on August 23, 2006, having been issued license number MD.27660, and she was so licensed at all times relevant to the matters asserted herein.

2. Dr. Steele acknowledges and admits that her Alabama Controlled Substances Certificate, number ACSC.27660, expired by operation of law on December 31, 2018.

3. Dr. Steele acknowledges and admits that she did not renew her Alabama Controlled Substances Certificate until March 11, 2019.

4. Dr. Steele acknowledges and admits that during the period, January 1, 2019, through March 11, 2019, she prescribed controlled substances in the State of Alabama.

5. Dr. Steele acknowledges and admits that the foregoing facts constitute violations of Alabama Board of Medical Examiners Administrative Rule 540-X-4-.01. Further, Dr. Steele acknowledges and admits that the foregoing facts constitute grounds for action against her Alabama Controlled Substances Certificate.


5. Dr. Steele acknowledges the authority of the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners to exercise jurisdiction in this matter, consents and agrees to the entry by the Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners of the Consent Order stated herein, and agrees to be bound by the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and terms and conditions stated therein. Dr. Steele waives any further findings of fact and conclusions of law with respect to the above-styled matter, and waives any right to appeal of the Joint Petition, Stipulation and Consent Order. Dr. Steele waives her right to an administrative hearing before the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners, her right to be represented at such hearing by counsel of her choice, and agrees to waive any and all rights to further notice and formal adjudication of charges arising from the

CONSENT ORDER

This matter is before the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners pursuant to a signed Stipulation entered into by the Board and LAURA L. STEELE, M.D. Based upon the Stipulation of the parties, the Board hereby finds that LAURA L. STEELE, M.D., prescribed controlled substances in the state of Alabama in violation of Board Rule 540-X-4-.01 and is subject to the penalties set out in Ala. Code § 34-24-380.

Based upon the foregoing findings of fact and conclusions of law, it is the ORDER of the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners that an administrative fine in the amount of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) is hereby assessed against LAURA L. STEELE, M.D. This fine is due and payable to the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners on or before thirty (30) days from the date of this Order.

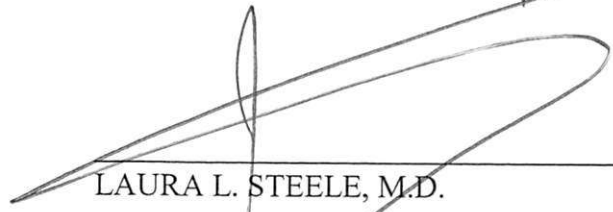
ORDERED this 8th day of July, 2019.


Mark H. LeQuire, M. D., Chairman
Alabama Board of Medical Examiners


facts stated herein. Further, Dr. Steele waives her right to judicial review of the Consent Order agreed to herein under applicable provisions of the Alabama Administrative Procedure Act, Ala. Code § 41-22-1, *et. seq.* Dr. Steele understands and acknowledges that the Stipulation and Consent Order, if approved and executed by the parties, shall constitute a public record under the laws of the State of Alabama.

6. The Alabama Board of Medical Examiners stipulates and agrees that the terms and conditions of the Consent Order stated herein constitute a reasonable disposition of the matter stated herein, and that such disposition adequately protects the public's health and safety.


STIPULATED AND AGREED this 3 day of July, 2019.



LAURA L. STEELE, M.D.



DR. CHARLES GIRKIN
Witness/Attorney for Dr. Steele



E. Wilson Hunter, General Counsel
Alabama Board of Medical Examiners