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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

August 16, 2017

Case No. 2016-5970-A

Tammas F. Kelly, M.D.

Dear Dr. Kelly:

Inquiry Panel A ("Panel") of the Colorado Medical Board ("Board") has concluded its inquiry regarding your care and treatment of patient S.H. It was the Panel's decision not to commence with formal proceedings against your license to practice medicine. However, the Panel did vote to administer disciplinary action to you in the form of this letter of admonition.

As you recall, from approximately February 2007 through 2014, you treated patient S.H. for Bipolar I Disorder and alcohol dependence, using high dose thyroid hormone ("HDT"), Depakote and other medications. You indicated the patient's refractory bipolar disorder necessitated HDT for maximum therapeutic benefits. The patient developed osteopenia and other adverse effects. You did not coordinate the HDT medication with the patient's primary care physician, who had legitimate concerns about the HDT therapy and its adverse effects on the patient, instead choosing to file a complaint with the Board against the physician.

After a review of all the information in this matter, the Panel found that your prescribing practices fell below the generally accepted standards of practice for a physician, constituting a violation of section 12-36-117 of the Colorado Revised Statutes. Specifically, the Panel determined that you failed to prescribe lithium carbonate, electroconvulsive therapy ("ECT") or other evidence based treatments for the patient's refractory bipolar disorder, prior to the off-label use of HDT, did not appropriately



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coordinate your care of the patient with other treatment providers, and failed to adequately document the severity of the patient's bipolar disorder. In addition, you did not meet your own criteria for using HDT.

By this letter, the Panel hereby admonishes you and cautions you that complaints disclosing any repetition of such practice may lead to the commencement of formal disciplinary proceedings against your license to practice medicine, wherein this letter of admonition may be entered into evidence as aggravation.

You are advised that it is your right to have this case reviewed in an administrative proceeding. To do so, you must submit a written request within twenty (20) days after receipt of this letter. In your request, you must clearly ask that formal disciplinary proceedings be initiated against you to adjudicate the propriety of the conduct upon which this letter of admonition is based. If such request is timely made, this letter of admonition will be deemed vacated, and the matter will be processed by means of a formal complaint and hearing in accordance with the provisions of the Medical Practice Act.

Sincerely,

FOR THE COLORADO MEDICAL BOARD
INQUIRY PANEL A



Donna M. Baldwin, D.O.
Chair

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