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BEFORE THE MINNESOTA

BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE

In the Matter of the Medical License of Steven E. Clarke, M.D. Year of Birth: 1949 License Number: 27,116

STIPULATION TO CEASE PRACTICING MEDICINE

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Board of Medical Practice ("Board") received complaints related to alleged activities that would affect the license to practice medicine of Steven Elliot Clarke, M.D. ("Respondent");

WHEREAS, the complaints included allegations that Respondent engaged in unethical or improper conduct, conduct that failed to conform to the minimum standard of care, and conduct with a patient that was sexual, or may reasonably be interpreted by the patient as sexual;

WHEREAS, the Board initiated an investigation relating to alleged activities that could affect the license of Respondent to practice medicine; and

WHEREAS, the report alleged that Respondent has engaged in conduct that is in violation of Minnesota Statutes section 147.091, subdivision 1(g), (k), and (t) (2019).

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and between Respondent and the Board, that:

- During all times herein, Respondent has been and now is subject to the jurisdiction of the Board from which he holds a license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Minnesota.
- 2. Respondent agrees to CEASE AND DESIST from practicing medicine in any manner in the State of Minnesota and shall neither offer nor provide any medical services of any

nature within the State until such time as the Board has resolved any allegations pending against him.

- 3. This Stipulation shall be in effect until: (a) the Board issues a final order, which may occur after a contested case proceeding held pursuant to Minnesota Statutes chapter 14; (b) the Board adopts a final stipulation between the parties; or (c) the Board dismisses the proceedings against Respondent or determines that disciplinary action is not warranted.
- 4. Respondent's violation of this Stipulation shall be considered a violation of Minnesota Statutes chapter 147 and constitute grounds for further disciplinary action.
- 5. Respondent agrees that, should he violate the terms of this Stipulation, the following actions may be taken:
- a. The Board may, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes chapter 14 (2019) and Minnesota Rules 1400.5100-.8400 (2019), refer any alleged violation of this agreement to the Office of Administrative Hearings.
- b. Should a violation be alleged, Respondent agrees that the issue before the administrative law judge may be limited as to whether a violation did in fact occur and whether there is sufficient or reasonable cause to excuse such violation. If the administrative law judge finds that there has been a violation and there is not sufficient or reasonable cause to excuse such, he or she may make a recommendation of discipline.
- c. Respondent agrees that in the event the Board receives findings of the administrative law judge that there has been a violation of this Stipulation, the Board may order a suspension or revocation of Respondent's license to practice medicine or such lesser action or remedy as the Board deems appropriate.

- d. Upon application of the Board, any appropriate court may enter a decree enforcing the terms of this Stipulation and prohibiting Respondent's practice of medicine until and unless the conditions of this Stipulation are fulfilled.
 - 6. This Stipulation shall be classified as public data for purposes of Minnesota law.
- 7. Respondent has been advised that he may choose to be represented by legal counsel in this matter. Respondent knowingly waived the right to be represented.
- 8. This Stipulation contains the entire agreement between the Board and Respondent, there being no agreement of any kind, verbal or otherwise, which varies this Stipulation.

MINNESOTA BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE

Ruth M. Martinez
Executive Director

Dated: June 24, 2020

Steven E. Clarke, M.D.

Dated: June 15 ,20