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BEFORE THE
OREGON MEDICAL BOARD
STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of)
LYNN KARI FRIEDMAN, MD) STIPULATED ORDER
LICENSE NO. MD13860)

1.

The Oregon Medical Board (Board) is the state agency responsible for licensing, regulating and disciplining certain health care providers, including physicians, in the State of Oregon. Lynn Kari Friedman, MD (Licensee) is a licensed physician in the State of Oregon.

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On May 5, 2022, the Board issued a Second Amended Complaint and Notice of Proposed Disciplinary Action (Notice) in which the Board proposed to take disciplinary action against Licensee pursuant to ORS 677.205(2), including: revocation of license; assessment of a civil penalty of \$10,000; and assessing costs of any contested case hearing on the matter not to exceed \$80,000. The Board proposed to take this disciplinary action for violations of the Medical Practice Act, specifically: ORS 677.190(1)(a) unprofessional conduct, as defined in ORS 677.188(4)(a) any conduct or practice which does or might constitute a danger to the health or safety of a patient or the public; ORS 677.190(13) repeated acts of negligence in the practice of medicine; ORS 677.190(13) gross negligence in the practice of medicine; and ORS 677.190(24) prescribing controlled substances without a legitimate medical purpose, or prescribing controlled substances without following accepted procedures for examination of patients or without following accepted procedures for record keeping.

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Licensee and the Board desire to settle this matter by entry of this Stipulated Order. Licensee understands that she has the right to a contested case hearing under the Administrative Procedures Act (chapter 183), Oregon Revised Statutes. Licensee fully and finally waives the

1 right to a contested case hearing and any appeal therefrom by the signing of and entry of this
2 Order in the Board's records. Licensee neither admits nor denies, but the Board finds that
3 Licensee's conduct as described in the May 5, 2020, Amended Complaint and Notice of
4 Proposed Disciplinary Action violated ORS 677.190(1)(a), as defined in ORS 677.188(4)(a);
5 ORS 677.190(13); and ORS 677.190(24). Licensee understands that this Order is a public record
6 and is a disciplinary action that is reportable to the National Practitioner Data Bank and the
7 Federation of State Medical Boards.

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9 Licensee and the Board agree to resolve this matter by the entry of this Stipulated Order
10 subject to the following terms and conditions:

11 4.1 Licensee is reprimanded.

12 4.2 Licensee must pay a civil penalty of \$5,000 within 90 days from the effective date
13 of this Order.

14 4.3 Within six months of the effective date of this Order, Licensee must complete 30
15 hours of Category I CME in diagnostic criteria for and medical management of geriatric mental
16 health that have been preapproved by the Board's Medical Director.

17 4.4 Within six months of the effective date of this Order, Licensee must complete a
18 documentation course that has been preapproved by the Board's Medical Director.

19 4.5 Licensee must, at her own expense, enter into an agreement with a licensed,
20 board-certified psychiatrist who is pre-approved by the Board's Medical Director to serve as her
21 practice mentor. Licensee must meet with the approved mentor at least monthly to review
22 Licensee's full treatment of all patients over age 65 who were seen in the last month. Licensee
23 must document the treatment plan she develops in coordination with her mentor and adhere to
24 that plan. The mentor is to provide quarterly written reports to the Board on Licensee's ability to
25 safely and competently practice medicine with specific reference to appropriate diagnostic
26 workup, appropriate prescribing with special attention to stimulants and benzodiazepines, and
27 other areas of educational need identified in the February 2020 CPEP assessment. After four
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1 quarterly reports, Licensee may request modification of this term with the support and written
2 recommendation of her practice mentor.

3 4.6 Licensee must adhere to current published standards for appropriate prescribing
4 and required monitoring to include risk assessment prior to initiating treatment with opioids,
5 urine drug screens, PDMP checks, and pain contracts when prescribing opiates, for any and all
6 controlled substances.

7 4.7 At the discretion of the Board or its designees, random, no notice chart audits and
8 office visits may be conducted by Board designees.

9 4.8 Licensee must inform the Compliance Section of the Board of any and all practice
10 sites, as well as any changes in practice address(es), employment, or practice status within 10
11 business days. Additionally, Licensee must notify the Compliance Section of any changes in
12 contact information within 10 business days.

13 4.9 Licensee must obey all federal and Oregon state laws and regulations pertaining
14 to the practice of medicine.

15 4.10 Licensee stipulates and agrees that any violation of the terms of this Order shall
16 be grounds for further disciplinary action under ORS 677.190(17).

17 4.11 Licensee stipulates and agrees that this Order becomes effective the date it is
18 signed by the Board Chair.

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20 IT IS SO STIPULATED THIS 10 day of June, 2022.

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LYNN KARI FRIEDMAN, MD

23 IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 7th day of July, 2022.

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25 OREGON MEDICAL BOARD
26 State of Oregon
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28 ROBERT M. CAHN, MD
BOARD CHAIR