

**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE**

**Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,
Bureau of Professional and Occupational
Affairs**

File No.: 20-49-008369

vs.

**Katie Louise Hoeveler, M.D.,
Respondent.**

CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER

PARTIES

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of State, Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs ("Commonwealth") and **Katie Louise Hoeveler, M.D.** ("Respondent") stipulate as follows in settlement of the above-captioned case.

APPLICABLE LAW

1. This matter is before the State Board of Medicine ("Board") pursuant to the Medical Practice Act, Act of December 20, 1985, P.L. 457, No. 112, ("Act"), *as amended*, 63 P.S. §§ 422.1-422.53; the Medical Care Availability and Reduction of Error ("Mcare") Act, Act of March 20, 2002, P.L. 154, No. 13, *as amended*, 40 P.S. §§ 1303.101-1303.910; the Criminal History Record Information Act, Act of July 16, 1979, P.L. 116, No. 47, *as amended* ("CHRIA"), 18 Pa. C.S. §§ 9101 - 9183; and/or the Act of July 1, 2020, P.L. 575, No. 53 ("ACT 53"), *as amended*, 63 Pa.C.S. §§ 3101-3118.

LICENSURE STATUS

2. At all relevant and material times, Respondent held the following license to practice as a medical physician and surgeon in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania: license no. MD448326, which was originally issued on April 10, 2013, and which was set to expire on December 31, 2020.

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a. Respondent's license to practice as a medical physician and surgeon is currently suspended by virtue of an Order filed on or about November 17, 2020, issued as a result of a Petition for Appropriate Relief at this case number: 20-49-08369. This consent agreement is in contemplation of settlement of said matter.

STIPULATED FACTS

3. Respondent admits that the following allegations are true:

a. Absent further Board action, Respondent's license may be continually renewed, reactivated, or reinstated upon the filing of the appropriate documentation and payment of the necessary fees.

b. Respondent's address on file with the Board is: 632 Argyle Road, Wynnewood, PA 19096.

c. Respondent last practiced in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

d. On or about July 25, 2017, the Board entered an Order at file number 17-49-05037; docket number 1330-49-17, approving a Consent Agreement and Order (hereinafter "CAO") between the Commonwealth and Respondent that placed Respondent on stayed suspension (probation), for a period not less than three years, due to the Board's finding that Respondent could not practice the profession with reasonable skill and safety due to patients by reason of illness, addiction to drugs or alcohol, or mental incompetence, due to Respondent's acknowledgement that she was suffering from a substance use disorder, and this Order imposed other terms and conditions of supervision.

e. Respondent had three previous extensions of her monitoring agreement based on positive PEth tests (alcohol tests), which extensions were dated as follows:

- (1) April 12, 2018,
- (2) August 30, 2019.
- (3) January 24, 2020.

f. The terms and conditions of probationary supervision on Respondent's medical physician and surgeon license, as set forth above, included, but were not limited to:

(1) Respondent shall fully and completely comply and cooperate with PHMP and its agents ... in their monitoring of Respondent's impairment under this Agreement. (CAO ¶5.c.(2)).

(2) Respondent shall at all times cooperate and comply with the PHMP and its agents and employees in the monitoring, supervision, and investigation of Respondent's compliance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Respondent shall cooperate and comply with any request for written reports, records, verification of actions that may be required by the PHMP; the requested shall be obtained and submitted at Respondent's expense. (CAO ¶5.c.(4)).

(3) Respondent shall enroll in a peer assistance program...and fully and completely comply [with that program]...(CAO ¶5.c.(6)).

g. Respondent violated the terms and conditions of the July 25, 2017, Consent Agreement and Order as follows:

(1) Respondent submitted a positive drug screen on May 18, 2020;

(2) Respondent failed to provide an explanation for the positive May 18, 2020, test as requested and/or failed to provide a valid script within the allotted timeframe;

(3) Respondent tested positive for alcohol on May 8, 2020;

(4) Respondent refused to undergo the PHMP staff recommended evaluation;

(5) Respondent missed multiple drug tests;

(6) Respondent did not pay for services at Providence Treatment as required;

(7) Respondent did not follow monitoring staff recommendations related to the positive drug screen as required.

h. Respondent's license has been suspended since on or about November 17, 2020, due to the Petition for Appropriate Relief filed in this matter.

ALLEGED VIOLATION OF ACT

4. The Commonwealth alleges that, based upon the factual allegations in paragraph 3 above, the Board is authorized to suspend, revoke, or otherwise restrict Respondent's license under Sections 41 and 42 of the Act, 63 P.S. §§ 422.41 & 422.42; and/or impose a civil penalty upon Respondent under Sections 39 through 42 of the Act, 63 P.S. §§ 422.39-422.42, and/or ACT 53, 63 Pa.C.S. § 3108(b)(1); and or ACT 53, 63 Pa.C.S. § 3108(b)(4); and/or impose the

costs of investigation upon Respondent under ACT 53, 63 Pa.C.S. § 3108(b)(5), because Respondent violated the Act at Section 41(5), 63 P.S. § 422.41(5) because Respondent is unable to practice the profession with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness, addiction to drugs or alcohol, or mental incompetence; and/or because Respondent violated the Act at Section 41(6), 63 P.S. § 422.41(6), because Respondent violated a lawful disciplinary order of the Board.

PROPOSED ORDER

5. The parties, intending to be legally bound, consent to the issuance of the following Order in settlement of this matter:

a. The Board is authorized to suspend, revoke, or otherwise restrict Respondent's license under Sections 41 and 42 of the Act, 63 P.S. §§ 422.41 & 422.42; and/or impose a civil penalty upon Respondent under Sections 39 through 42 of the Act, 63 P.S. §§ 422.39-422.42, and/or ACT 53, 63 Pa.C.S. § 3108(b)(4); and/or impose the costs of investigation upon Respondent under ACT 53, 63 Pa.C.S. § 3108(b)(5), because Respondent violated the Act at Section 41(5), 63 P.S. § 422.41(5) because Respondent is unable to practice the profession with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness, addiction to drugs or alcohol, or mental incompetence.

b. The Board is authorized to suspend, revoke, or otherwise restrict Respondent's license under Sections 41 and 42 of the Act, 63 P.S. §§ 422.41 & 422.42; and/or impose a civil penalty upon Respondent under Sections 39 through 42 of the Act, 63 P.S. §§ 422.39-422.42, and/or ACT 53, 63 Pa.C.S. § 3108(b)(4); and/or impose the costs of investigation upon Respondent under ACT 53, 63

Pa.C.S. § 3108(b)(5), because Respondent violated Section 41(6), 63 P.S. § 422.41(6) because Respondent violated a lawful disciplinary order of the Board.

c. For purposes of this Agreement and Order, the terms "*practice*", "*practice of the profession*," and "*practice the profession*" shall include any and all activities requiring a license, registration, certificate, approval, authorization, or permit from the Board to perform. It also includes attendance at any educational program/course that includes a clinical practice component with patients and/or requires a current license to practice the profession.

d. Respondent's license to practice the profession may be reinstated to active, immediately suspended, with said suspension stayed in favor of probation only upon notification to the Board that Respondent has completed an evaluation approved by Professional Health Monitoring Program (PHMP) staff and (re)enrolled in the Disciplinary Monitoring Unit (DMU).

c. Once the conditions of paragraph 5.d. are met, Respondent's license, No.: MD448326, along with any other authorizations to practice the profession held by Respondent at the time this Agreement is adopted by the Board, shall be indefinitely **SUSPENDED** for no less than three (3) years, such suspension to be immediately **STAYED** in favor of no less than three (3) years of **PROBATION**, unless that period of probation is extended or modified for cause by mutual agreement of the Respondent and the Professional Health Monitoring Program ("PHMP"), Disciplinary Monitoring Unit ("DMU") case manager, said probation to be subject to the following terms and conditions::

GENERAL

(1) Within ten (10) days of the approval of this Agreement by the Board, Respondent shall contact the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs, Professional Health Monitoring Programs ("PHMP"), Disciplinary Monitoring Unit ("DMU") to begin monitoring. PHMP's DMU contact information is:

Professional Health Monitoring Programs
Disciplinary Monitoring Unit
P.O. Box 10569
Harrisburg, PA 17105-0569
Tele (717)783-4857 or in PA (800)554-3428

(2) Respondent shall fully and completely comply and cooperate with the PHMP and its agents and employees in their monitoring of Respondent's impairment under this Agreement.

(3) Respondent shall abide by and obey all laws of the United States, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and its political subdivisions and all rules and regulations and laws pertaining to the practice of the profession in this Commonwealth or any other state or jurisdiction in which Respondent holds an authorization to practice the profession. Summary traffic violations shall not constitute a violation of this Agreement; however, a violation of any conditions of a criminal probation and/or parole is a violation of this Agreement.

(4) Respondent shall at all times cooperate and comply with the PHMP and its agents and employees in the monitoring.

supervision and investigation of Respondent's compliance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Respondent shall cooperate and comply with any requests for written reports, records or verifications of actions that may be required by the PHMP; the requested shall be obtained and submitted at Respondent's expense.

(5) Respondent's failure to fully cooperate and comply with the PHMP shall be deemed a violation of this Agreement.

(6) Upon request of the PHMP case manager, Respondent shall enroll in a peer assistance program, when available, including, but not limited to, Physician's Health Program ("PHP"), Secundum Artem Reaching Pharmacists with Help ("SARPH"), and Pennsylvania Nurse Peer Assistance Program ("PNAP"), and shall fully and completely comply with all of the terms and conditions of Respondent's agreement with the peer assistance program. Respondent's failure to fully and completely comply with Respondent's agreement with the peer assistance program shall constitute a violation of this Agreement.

(7) Respondent shall not falsify, misrepresent or make material omission of any information submitted pursuant to this Agreement.

(8) Respondent may not be absent from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for any period exceeding twenty

(20) days unless Respondent seeks and receives prior written permission from the PHMP subject to any additional terms and conditions required by the PHMP.

(9) Respondent may not engage in the practice of the profession in any other state or jurisdiction without first obtaining written permission from the PHMP. Once written permission is granted by the PHMP, Respondent shall notify the licensing Board of the other state or jurisdiction that Respondent suffers from an impairment and is enrolled in the DMU prior to engaging in the practice of the profession in the other state or jurisdiction.

(10) In the event Respondent relocates to another jurisdiction, within five (5) days of relocating, Respondent shall either enroll in the other jurisdiction's impaired professional program and have the reports required under this Agreement sent to the Pennsylvania PHMP, or if the other jurisdiction has no impaired professional program, notify the licensing board of the other jurisdiction that Respondent is impaired and enrolled in this Program. In the event Respondent fails to do so, in addition to being in violation of this Agreement, the periods of suspension and probation herein shall be tolled. It is a violation of this Agreement if Respondent violates and/or fails to fully and completely comply with the impaired professional program in another jurisdiction.

(11) Respondent shall notify the PHMP by telephone within forty-eight (48) hours and in writing within five (5) days of the filing of any criminal charges against Respondent; the final disposition of any criminal charges against Respondent; the violation of any terms and conditions of a criminal probation or parole; the initiation of any legal action pertaining to Respondent's practice of the profession; the initiation of charges, action, restriction or limitation related to Respondent's practice of the profession by a professional licensing authority of any state or jurisdiction or the Drug Enforcement Agency of the United States Department of Justice; or any investigation, action, restriction or limitation related to Respondent's privileges to practice the profession at any health care facility.

(12) Respondent shall notify the PHMP by telephone within forty-eight (48) hours and in writing within five (5) days of any change of Respondent's home address, phone number, employment status, employer and/or change in practice at a health care facility. Failure to timely advise the PHMP under this subsection due to the PHMP office being closed is not an excuse for not leaving a voice mail message with this information.

(13) Respondent shall cease or limit Respondent's practice of the profession if the PHMP case manager directs that Respondent do so.

EVALUATION - TREATMENT

(14) As requested by the PHMP, Respondent shall have forwarded to the PHMP, a written mental and/or physical evaluation by a provider approved by the PHMP (hereinafter "treatment provider") assessing Respondent's fitness to actively practice the profession. Unless otherwise directed by PHMP, the evaluation shall be forwarded to:

Professional Health Monitoring Programs
Disciplinary Monitoring Unit
P.O. Box 10569
Harrisburg, PA 17105-0569
Tele (717)783-4857 or in PA (800)554-3428

If the treatment provider determines that Respondent is not fit to practice, Respondent shall immediately cease practicing the profession and not practice until the treatment provider and the PHMP case manager determine that Respondent is fit to resume practice with reasonable skill and safety to patients.

(15) The evaluation described in the previous paragraph is in addition to any other evaluation already provided.

(16) Respondent shall provide copies of any prior evaluations and counseling records and a copy of this agreement to the treatment provider.

(17) Respondent shall authorize, in writing, the PHMP to receive and maintain copies of the written evaluation reports of the treatment provider(s).

(18) If a treatment provider recommends that Respondent obtain treatment, Respondent must fully comply with those recommendations as part of these probationary requirements.

(19) Respondent shall arrange and ensure that written treatment reports from all treatment providers approved by the PHMP are submitted to the PHMP upon request or at least every ninety (90) days after the effective date of this Agreement. The reports shall contain at least the following information:

(i) Verification that the treatment provider has received a copy of this Agreement and understands the conditions of this probation;

(ii) A treatment plan, if developed;

(iii) Progress reports, including information regarding compliance with the treatment plan;

(iv) Physical evaluations, if applicable;

(v) The results of any testing including any testing for therapeutic levels of prescribed medications when deemed appropriate by the treatment provider;

(vi) Modifications in treatment plan, if applicable;

(vii) Administration or prescription of any drugs to Respondent; and

(viii) Discharge summary and continuing care plan at discharge.

(ix) Any change in the treatment provider's assessment of the Respondent's fitness to actively practice the profession.

(20) Respondent shall identify a primary care physician who shall send written notification to the Respondent's PHMP case manager certifying Respondent's health status as requested.

SUPPORT GROUP ATTENDANCE

(21) Respondent shall attend and actively participate in any support group programs recommended by the treatment provider or the PHMP case manager at the frequency recommended by the treatment provider; however, Respondents with a chemical dependency or abuse diagnosis shall attend no less than twice a week.

(22) Respondent shall provide written verification of any and all support group attendance to the PHMP on at least a monthly basis or as otherwise directed by the PHMP.

ABSTENTION

(23) Respondent shall completely abstain from the use of controlled substances, caution legend (prescription) drugs, mood altering drugs or drugs of abuse **including alcohol in any form**, except under the following conditions:

(i) Respondent is a bona fide patient of a licensed health care practitioner who is aware of Respondent's impairment and participation in the PHMP;

(ii) Such medications are lawfully prescribed by Respondent's treating practitioner and approved by the PHMP case manager;

(iii) **Upon receiving the medication,** Respondent must provide to the PHMP, **within forty-eight (48) hours by telephone and within five (5) days in writing,** the name of the practitioner prescribing the drug, the illness or medical condition diagnosed, the type, strength, amount and dosage of the medication and a signed statement consenting to the release of medical information from the prescribing practitioner to the PHMP or its designated representative for the purpose of verification; and

(iv) **Upon refilling a medication,** Respondent must provide to the PHMP, **within forty-eight (48) hours by telephone and within five (5) days in writing,** the name of the practitioner prescribing the drug, the illness or medical condition diagnosed, the type, strength, amount and dosage of the medication and a signed statement consenting to the release of medical information from the

prescribing practitioner to the PHMP or its designated representative for the purpose of verification.

DRUG TESTING

(24) Respondent shall submit to random unannounced and observed drug and alcohol tests (drug testing), inclusive of bodily fluid, breath analysis, hair analysis, or another procedure as selected by the PHMP, for the detection of substances prohibited under this Agreement as recommended by the treatment provider and as directed by the PHMP. A positive, adulterated or substituted result on a drug test shall constitute an irrefutable violation of this Agreement unless Respondent has complied with the provisions of this Agreement pertaining to the use of drugs. Failure to provide a specimen or a specimen of sufficient quantity for testing when requested will be considered a violation of this Agreement.

(25) Respondent shall avoid all foods that contain poppy seeds. Ingestion of poppy seeds will not be accepted as a valid explanation for a positive screen.

(26) Respondent shall avoid all substances containing alcohol, including alcohol in food or beverages, medications, chemical solutions, cleaning solutions, gasoline, hand sanitizers, or other skin preparations. Incidental use of alcohol will not be accepted as a valid explanation for a positive drug test unless

Respondent has complied with the provisions of this Agreement pertaining to the use of drugs as set forth in the Abstention Section above.

MONITORED PRACTICE

(27) Respondent shall not practice the profession unless a provider approved by the PHMP approves the practice in writing and the PHMP Case Manager gives written permission to practice.

(28) Respondent shall not work in any practice setting without workplace monitoring as required by the PHMP.

(29) Workplace monitoring shall require control and personal direction exercised by the monitor over the services provided by Respondent. Constant physical presence of the monitor is not required so long as the monitor and the Respondent are, or can easily be, in contact with one another by radio, telephone, or telecommunications. Monitoring requires the availability of the monitor to the Respondent. An appropriate degree of monitoring includes:

(i) Active and continuing overview of the Respondent's activities to determine that the monitor's directions are being implemented.

(ii) Immediate availability of the monitor to the Respondent for necessary consultations.

(iii) Personal and regular, on an at least weekly basis, review by the monitor of the patient records upon which entries are made by the Respondent.

(30) If Respondent is practicing or attending any educational program/course that includes a clinical practice component with patients and/or requires a current license to practice the profession, Respondent shall give any employer, supervisor, preceptor, or instructor (hereinafter referred to collectively as "supervisor") a copy of this Agreement within five (5) days of the effective date of this Agreement.

(31) Respondent shall give any prospective employer and supervisor a copy of this Agreement when applying for employment in the practice of the profession and to any prospective school/program when applying for any educational program/course that includes a clinical practice component with patients and/or requires a current license to practice the profession.

(32) Within five (5) days of the effective date of this Agreement, and by telephone within forty-eight (48) hours and in writing within five (5) days upon obtaining employment, or entering an educational program/course that includes a clinical practice component with patients and/or requires a current license to practice, Respondent shall provide the following to PHMP:

(i) Name and address of the supervisor responsible for Respondent's practice;

(ii) The name(s) and address(es) of the place(s) at which Respondent will practice the profession and a description of Respondent's duties and responsibilities at such places of practice; and

(iii) Any restrictions on Respondent's practice.

(33) Respondent shall ensure that Respondent's supervisor submits to the PHMP the following information in writing:

(i) Verification that the supervisor has received a copy of this Agreement and understand the conditions of this probation;

(ii) An evaluation of Respondent's work performance on a ninety (90) day or more frequent basis as requested by the PHMP; and

(iii) Immediate notification of any suspected violation of this probation by Respondent.

REPORTING/RELEASES

(34) Respondent, Respondent's treatment providers, supervisors, employers or other persons required to submit reports under this Agreement shall cause such reports, data or other

information to be filed with the PHMP, unless otherwise directed,

at:

Professional Health Monitoring Programs
Disciplinary Monitoring Unit
P.O. Box 10569
Harrisburg, PA 17105-0569
Tele (717)783-4857 or in PA (800)554-3428

(35) Respondent consents to the release by the PHMP of any information or data produced as a result of this probation, including written treatment provider evaluations, to any treatment provider, supervisor, Commonwealth's attorney, hearing examiner and Board members in the administration and enforcement of this Agreement.

(36) Respondent shall sign any required waivers or release forms requested by the PHMP for any and all records, including medical or other health related and psychological records, pertaining to treatment and monitoring rendered to Respondent during this probation and any corresponding criminal probation, and any employment, personnel, peer review or review records pertaining to Respondent's practice of the profession during this probation to be released to the PHMP, the Commonwealth's attorney, hearing examiner and Board members in the administration and enforcement of this Agreement.

COSTS

(37) Respondent shall be responsible for all costs incurred in complying with the terms of this Agreement, including but not limited to psychiatric or psychotherapy treatments, and reproduction of treatment or other records. Respondent shall pay the costs for any drug testing and any subsequent reanalysis of specimens required by the PHMP. Failure of Respondent to pay any of these costs in a timely manner shall constitute a violation of this Agreement.

BUREAU/PHMP EVALUATIONS

(38) Upon request of the PHMP, Respondent shall submit to mental or physical evaluations, examinations or interviews by a treatment provider approved by the PHMP or the PHMP. Respondent's failure to submit to such an examination, evaluation or interview when directed shall constitute a violation of this Agreement.

VIOLATION OF THIS ORDER

f. Notification of a violation of the terms or conditions of this Agreement shall result in the **IMMEDIATE VACATING** of the stay order, **TERMINATION** of the period of probation, and **ACTIVATION** of the suspension in paragraph 5.c above of Respondent's authorizations to practice the profession in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as follows:

(1) The prosecuting attorney for the Commonwealth shall present to the Board's Probable Cause Screening Committee ("Committee") a Petition that indicates Respondent has violated any terms or conditions of this Agreement.

(2) Upon a probable cause determination by the Committee that Respondent has violated any of the terms or conditions of this Agreement, the Committee shall, without holding a formal hearing, issue a preliminary order vacating the stay of the within suspension, terminating this probation and activating the suspension of Respondent's authorization(s) to practice the profession.

(3) Respondent shall be notified of the Committee's preliminary order within three (3) business days of its issuance by certified mail and first class mail, postage prepaid, sent to the Respondent's last registered address on file with the Board, or by personal service if necessary.

(4) Within twenty (20) days of mailing of the preliminary order, Respondent may submit a written answer to the Commonwealth's Petition and request that a formal hearing be held concerning Respondent's violation of probation, in which Respondent may seek relief from the preliminary order activating the suspension. The answer shall be set forth in numbered paragraphs corresponding to the numbered paragraphs of the

Petition. Respondent shall admit or deny each of the allegations set forth in the paragraphs in the Petition.

Respondent shall mail the original answer and request for hearing, as well as all subsequent filings in the matter, to:

Prothonotary 2601 North Third Street P.O. Box 2649 Harrisburg, PA 17105-2649

Respondent shall also mail a copy of all filings to the prosecuting attorney for the Commonwealth.

(5) If the Respondent submits a timely answer and request for a formal hearing, the Board or a designated hearing examiner shall convene a formal hearing within forty-five (45) days from the date of the Prothonotary's receipt of Respondent's request for a formal hearing.

(6) Respondent's submission of a timely answer and request for a hearing shall not stay the suspension of Respondent's license under the preliminary order. The suspension shall remain in effect unless the Board or the hearing examiner issues an order after the formal hearing staying the suspension again and reactivating the probation.

(7) The facts and averments in this Agreement shall be deemed admitted and uncontested at this hearing.

(8) If the Board or hearing examiner after the formal hearing makes a determination against Respondent, a final order will be issued sustaining the suspension of Respondent's license and imposing any additional disciplinary measures deemed appropriate.

(9) If Respondent fails to timely file an answer and request for a hearing, the Board, upon motion of the prosecuting attorney, shall issue a final order affirming the suspension of Respondent's license.

(10) If Respondent does not make a timely answer and request for a formal hearing and a final order affirming the suspension is issued, or the Board or the hearing examiner makes a determination against Respondent sustaining the suspension of Respondent's license, after at least **three (3)** years of active suspension and any additional imposed discipline, Respondent may petition the Board for reinstatement based upon an affirmative showing that Respondent has at least **thirty-six (36)** months of sustained documented recovery, an evaluation by a treatment provider approved by the PHMP that Respondent is fit to safely practice the profession, and verification that Respondent has abided by and obeyed all laws of the United States, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and its political subdivisions, and

all rules and regulations pertaining to the practice of the profession in this Commonwealth.

(11) If the Board issues a Preliminary Order terminating the stay of the suspension and actively suspending Respondent's license to practice the profession in accordance with the procedure set forth above, Respondent shall immediately cease the practice of the profession. Respondent shall continue to comply with all of the terms and conditions of probation in this Consent Agreement and Order during the active suspension until the Board issues a Final Order. Continued failure by Respondent to comply with the unaffected terms and conditions of probation while awaiting the issuance of a Final Order by the Board may result in further disciplinary action against Respondent.

g. Respondent's failure to fully comply with any terms of this Agreement may also constitute grounds for additional disciplinary action.

h. Nothing in this Agreement shall preclude the prosecuting attorney for the Commonwealth from filing charges or the Board from imposing disciplinary or corrective measures for violations or facts not contained in this Agreement.

COMPLETION OF PROBATION

i. After successful completion of the minimum period of probation, Respondent may petition the Board, upon a form provided by the PHMP, to reinstate Respondent's authorizations to practice the profession to unrestricted, non-probationary status upon an affirmative showing that Respondent has

complied with all terms and conditions of this Agreement and that Respondent's resumption of unsupervised practice does not present a threat to the public health and safety. **Respondent is required to remain in compliance with all terms and conditions of this Agreement until the Board issues the order terminating Respondent's probationary status.**

j. This Order constitutes disciplinary action by the Board and shall be reported to other licensing authorities and any applicable national licensing databank as a disciplinary action by the Board.

k. This case shall be deemed settled and discontinued upon the Board issuing an Order adopting this Consent Agreement and, if applicable, Respondent's successful completion of any ordered Probation and/or Remedial Education terms.

ADMISSIBILITY OF CONSENT AGREEMENT IN FUTURE PROCEEDINGS

6. Respondent agrees that if Respondent is charged with a violation of an Act enforced by the Board in the future, this Consent Agreement and Order shall be admitted into evidence without objection in that proceeding.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF NOTICE AND WAIVER OF HEARING

7. Respondent waives the filing and receipt of an Order to Show Cause in this matter. Respondent knowingly and voluntarily waives the right to an administrative hearing in this matter, and knowingly and voluntarily waives the following rights related to that hearing: to be represented by counsel at the hearing; to present witnesses and testimony in defense or in mitigation of any sanction that may be imposed for a violation; to cross-examine witnesses and

to challenge evidence presented by the Commonwealth; to present legal arguments by means of a brief; and to take an appeal from any final adverse decision.

WAIVER OF CLAIM OF COMMINGLING AND OTHER CONSTITUTIONAL CLAIMS

8. Respondent expressly waives any constitutional rights and issues, such as commingling of prosecutorial and adjudicative functions by the Board or its counsel, which may arise or have arisen during the negotiation, preparation and/or presentation of this Consent Agreement. Respondent specifically agrees that if the Board rejects this agreement, it may assume that the facts and averments as alleged in this Consent Agreement are true and correct for the limited purpose of recommending a sanction, based on those assumed facts, that would be acceptable to the Board before hearing the case. In the event that the Board does assume the facts and averments as alleged in this Consent Agreement are true for purposes of making a recommendation as to an acceptable sanction, such action shall not constitute commingling of prosecutorial and adjudicative functions by the Board or its counsel, and the Respondent expressly waives any constitutional rights and issues related to alleged commingling, bias, or violation of due process rights to have an unbiased and impartial adjudicator in any subsequent hearing. If a hearing is subsequently held, neither this Consent Agreement nor the proposed terms of settlement may be admitted into evidence and any facts, averments, and allegations contained in the Consent Agreement must be proven at hearing unless otherwise separately stipulated. This paragraph is binding on the participants even if the Board does not approve this Consent Agreement.

NO MODIFICATION OF ORDER

9. Respondent agrees, as a condition of entering into this Agreement, not to seek modification of it at a later date without first obtaining the express written concurrence of the Prosecution Division of the Department of State.

AGREEMENT NOT BINDING ON OTHER PARTIES

10. The Office of General Counsel has approved this Consent Agreement as to form and legality; however, this Consent Agreement shall have no legal effect unless and until the Board issues the stipulated Order.

EFFECT OF BOARD'S REJECTION OF CONSENT AGREEMENT

11. Should the Board not approve this Agreement, presentation to and consideration of it by the Board shall not prejudice the Board or any of its members from further participation in the adjudication of this matter. This paragraph is binding on the participants even if the Board does not approve this Agreement.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RIGHT TO ATTORNEY

12. Respondent acknowledges that she is aware that she has the right to consult with, and/or be represented by, private legal counsel of Respondent's choosing and at Respondent's expense when reviewing, considering and accepting the terms of this Consent Agreement. To the extent that Respondent is not represented by legal counsel, Respondent knowingly, voluntarily, intelligently and freely waives the right to be represented by an attorney in the negotiation and settlement of this matter by this Agreement. Respondent has consulted with and is represented in this matter by Attorney Peter M. Good, Esq.

ENTIRE AGREEMENT

13. This agreement contains the whole agreement between the participants; provided however, that the captions printed in the various provisions of this agreement are for ease of

reading only and are not to be interpreted as forming any part of this agreement. There are no other terms, obligations, covenants, representations, statements or conditions, or otherwise, of any kind whatsoever concerning this agreement.

AGREEMENT DOES NOT PRECLUDE DISCIPLINE FOR OTHER VIOLATIONS

14. Nothing in this Order shall preclude the Prosecution Division for the Commonwealth from filing charges or the Board from imposing disciplinary or corrective measures for violations or facts not contained in this Consent Agreement;

EFFECTIVE UPON BOARD APPROVAL

15. This Agreement shall take effect immediately upon its approval and adoption by the Board.

VERIFICATION OF FACTS AND STATEMENTS

16. Respondent verifies that the facts and statements set forth in this Agreement are true and correct to the best of Respondent's knowledge, information and belief. Respondent understands that statements in this Consent Agreement are made subject to the criminal penalties of 18 Pa.C.S.A. § 4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

/s/ Adam L. Morris

Adam L. Morris, Esq.
Prosecuting Attorney

DATED:



Katie Louise Hoeveler, M.D.
Respondent

DATED: 1/13/21



Peter M. Good, Esq.
Attorney for Respondent

DATED: 1/13/21

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ORDER

AND NOW, this 3rd day of February 2021, the State Board of Medicine approves and adopts the foregoing Consent Agreement and incorporates the terms of paragraph 5 above, which shall constitute the Board's Order and is now issued in resolution of this matter.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

BY ORDER:

**BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL AND
OCCUPATIONAL AFFAIRS**



**K. Kalonji Johnson, Esq.
Commissioner**

For the Commonwealth:

For Respondent:

Date of Mailing:

STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE



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