



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Olympia, Washington 98504

RE: John Pappenheim, MD
Master Case No.: M2018-75
Document: Statement of Charges

Regarding your request for information about the above-named practitioner; attached is a true and correct copy of the document on file with the State of Washington, Department of Health, Adjudicative Clerk Office. These records are considered Certified by the Department of Health.

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STATE OF WASHINGTON
MEDICAL QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of the License to Practice
as a Physician and Surgeon of:

No. M2018-75

JOHN E PAPPENHEIM, MD
License No. MD60621748

STATEMENT OF CHARGES

Respondent.

The Executive Director of the Medical Quality Assurance Commission (Commission), on designation by the Commission, makes the allegations below, which are supported by evidence contained in Commission file number 2017-10031.

1. ALLEGATIONS

1.1 On February 23, 2016, the state of Washington issued Respondent a license to practice as a physician and surgeon. Respondent is board certified in psychiatry and neurology. Respondent's license status is currently expired, but subject to renewal.

1.2 Effective August 3, 2017, the Alaska State Medical Board (Alaska Board) adopted the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order (Alaska Consent Agreement) publicly reprimanding Respondent for unlicensed practice and failing to notify the Alaska State Medical Board of a change in hospital privileges. In the Alaska Consent Agreement, Respondent admitted to the following facts:

1.2.1 On October 16, 2015, Respondent was a locums tenens physician at a psychiatric institute and was asked to leave for misrepresenting his hours by claiming more hours (for billing purposes) than he was in the hospital. Respondent's employer took action to revoke, suspend, or limit Respondent's privileges for disciplinary reasons. Respondent did not report his change in hospital privileges to the Alaska Board within thirty (30) days, as required by Alaska regulation.

1.2.2 On December 31, 2016, Respondent's Alaska license expired. Respondent continued to practice medicine from January 1, 2017, through February 24, 2017, without a license.

1.2.3 On February 1, 2017, Respondent was charged with a Driving Under the Influence misdemeanor charge.

1.2.4 On April 19, 2017, Respondent received a substance use assessment. Respondent was diagnosed with a substance use disorder. The assessment recommended weekly counseling, and participation in substance use programs and groups.

1.3 The terms of the Alaska Consent Agreement include:

1.3.1 Probation for a duration of five (5) years.

1.3.2 Periodic interviews with the Alaska Board.

1.3.3 A civil fine of four thousand dollars (\$4000.00).

1.3.4 Psychotherapy counseling and quarterly reports by the psychotherapist.

1.3.5 Prohibition on consumption of impairing substances.

1.3.6 Substance use support group attendance at least three (3) times per week.

1.3.7 Health care provider support group participation.

1.3.8 Quarterly self-evaluation reports regarding his method of handling stress, mental and physical health, professional responsibilities and activities, and personal activities.

1.3.9 Random substance use testing.

1.3.10 Care by an Alaska Board-approved health care provider and primary pharmacist.

1.3.11 Restriction on Remote Employment.

1.3.12 Quarterly employer and hospital administrator reports.

2. ALLEGED VIOLATIONS

2.1 Based on the Alleged Facts, Respondent has committed unprofessional conduct in violation of RCW 18.130.180(5) which provides:

RCW 18.130.180 Unprofessional conduct. The following conduct, acts, or conditions constitute unprofessional conduct for any license holder under the jurisdiction of this chapter:

...

(5) Suspension, revocation, or restriction of the individual's license to practice any health care profession by competent authority in any state, federal, or foreign jurisdiction, a certified copy of the order, stipulation, or agreement being conclusive evidence of the revocation, suspension, or restriction;

...

2.2 The above violation provides grounds for imposing sanctions under RCW 18.130.160.

3. NOTICE TO RESPONDENT

The charges in this document affect the public health and safety. The Executive Director of the Commission directs that a notice be issued and served on Respondent as provided by law, giving Respondent the opportunity to defend against these charges. If Respondent fails to defend against these charges, Respondent shall be subject to discipline and the imposition of sanctions under Chapter 18.130 RCW.

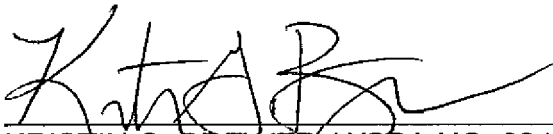
DATED: October 10, 2018

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