

STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Olympia, Washington 98504

RE: Victoria L. Harris, MD

Master Case No.: M2020-225

Document: Stipulation to Informal Disposition

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 WASHINGTON MEDICAL COMMISSION

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

VICTORIA L. HARRIS, MD License No. MD.MD.00028715 No. M2020-225

STIPULATION TO INFORMAL DISPOSITION

Respondent.

Pursuant to the Uniform Disciplinary Act, Chapter 18.130 RCW, the Washington Medical Commission (Commission) issued a Statement of Allegations and Summary of Evidence (Statement of Allegations) alleging the conduct described below. Respondent does not admit any of the allegations. This Stipulation to Informal Disposition (Stipulation) is not formal disciplinary action and shall not be construed as a finding of unprofessional conduct or inability to practice.

1. ALLEGATIONS

- 1.1 On July 1, 1991, the state of Washington issued Respondent a license to practice as a physician and surgeon. Respondent is board certified in psychiatry and forensic psychiatry. Respondent's license is currently active.
- 1.2 Respondent suffers from a condition that prevents her from being able to practice as a physician and surgeon with reasonable skill and safety.

2. STIPULATION

- 2.1 The Commission alleges that the conduct described above, if proven, would constitute a violation of RCW 18.130.170(1).
- 2.2 The parties wish to resolve this matter by means of a Stipulation pursuant to RCW 18.130.172(1).
- 2.3 Respondent agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions of this Stipulation.
- 2.4 This Stipulation is of no force and effect and is not binding on the parties unless and until it is accepted by the Commission.

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- 2.5 If the Commission accepts the Stipulation it will be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank (45 CFR Part 60), the Federation of State Medical Boards' Physician Data Center and elsewhere as required by law.
- 2.6 The Statement of Allegations and this Stipulation are public documents. They will be placed on the Department of Health web site, disseminated via the Commission's electronic mailing list, and disseminated according to the Uniform Disciplinary Act (Chapter 18.130 RCW). They are subject to disclosure under the Public Records Act, Chapter 42.56 RCW, and shall remain part of Respondent's file according to the state's records retention law and cannot be expunged.
- 2.7 The Commission agrees to forgo further disciplinary proceedings concerning the allegations.
- 2.8 Respondent agrees to successfully complete the terms and conditions of this informal disposition.
- 2.9 A violation of the provisions of Section 3 of this Stipulation, if proved, would constitute grounds for discipline under RCW 18.130.180 and the imposition of sanctions under RCW 18.130.160.

3. INFORMAL DISPOSITION

The Commission and Respondent stipulate to the following terms:

- 3.1 <u>Voluntary Surrender</u>. Respondent hereby permanently retires from the practice of medicine, and surrenders her license to practice as a physician and surgeon in the state of Washington. Respondent agrees never to resume any practice of medicine, including temporary, emergency, and volunteer practice in the state of Washington. Respondent agrees never to seek reinstatement of her license, nor submit an application for a license to practice medicine in the state of Washington.
- 3.2 <u>Return of license</u>. Respondent agrees, upon receiving a copy of this Stipulation to Informal Disposition, to immediately return her wallet license card and wall license certificate, (if they exist), to:

Compliance Officer
Washington Medical Commission
Department of Health
P. O. Box 47866
Olympia, WA 98504-7866



3.3 **Effective Date.** The effective date of this Stipulation to Informal Disposition is the date the Adjudicative Clerk Office places the signed Stipulation into the U.S. mail.

4. COMPLIANCE WITH SANCTION RULES

4.1 The Commission applies WAC 246-16-180, et. seq., to determine appropriate sanctions. WAC 246-16-800(2)(b)(iii) provides that surrender of a license may be imposed when a Respondent is at the end of effective practice and surrender alone is enough to protect the public. Due to a condition, Respondent is at the end of her effective practice. Respondent understands and agrees that on the effective date of this Stipulation, she will no longer practice medicine in any capacity within the state of Washington. Respondent's surrender of her medical license is enough to protect the public and no other sanctions are necessary.

5. RESPONDENT'S ACCEPTANCE

I, VICTORIA L. HARRIS, MD, Respondent, certify that I have read this Stipulation in its entirety; that my counsel of record, ERIC BYRD, has fully explained the legal significance and consequence of it; that I fully understand and agree to all of it; and that it may be presented to the Commission without my appearance. If the Commission accepts the Stipulation, I understand that I will receive a signed copy.

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ERIC BYRD, WSBA NO. 39668	DATE
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6. COMMISSION'S ACCEPTANCE

The Commission accepts this Stipulation. All parties shall be bound by its terms and conditions.

DATED:	April 8	, 2021.
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PRESENTED BY:		

MICHAEL L. FARRELL, WSBA NO. 16022

COMMISSION STAFF ATTORNEY