

STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING
MEDICAL DISCIPLINARY BOARD

PN 41275

In the Matter of the)	
Disciplinary Action)	
Concerning:)	FINDINGS OF FACT,
)	CONCLUSIONS OF LAW
)	AND ORDER
WILLIAM A. EHLERS, M.D.,)	
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THIS MATTER having come before the State of Washington Medical Disciplinary Board for hearing on the Statement of Charges, dated July 23, 1987; respondent William A. Ehlers, M.D., appearing personally without counsel and the State of Washington Department of Licensing, Business and Professions Administration, Medical Unit, appearing by and through its attorney, Nancy Day, Assistant Attorney General; the board, having heard the testimony and reviewed the record and and file herein, makes the following:

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

1.1 That respondent, William A. Ehlers, M.D., is licensed to practice medicine and surgery in the state of Washington and was so licensed at all times material hereto.

1.2 That on or about January 19, 1982, respondent entered a voluntary request for limitations on his license to practice medicine and surgery in the state of Oregon.

1.3 That the request for voluntary limitation referenced in Paragraph 1.2 above included an agreement to remain under the care and guidance of a psychiatrist.

1.4 That on or about November 20, 1985, a portion of respondent's clinical privileges at Southwest Washington

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Hospitals, Vancouver, Washington were summarily suspended and respondent was placed on probation, which included the requirement of a psychological and psychiatric assessment and ongoing therapy with a psychiatrist.

1.5 That on or about February 25, 1986, respondent surrendered his license to practice medicine and surgery in the state of Oregon in lieu of disciplinary action.

1.6 That on or about August, 1986, respondent terminated his relationship with Southwest Washington Hospitals and began employment at Western State Hospital, Steilacoom, Washington.

1.7 That since relocating to Western State Hospital, respondent has not obtained psychiatric or psychological counseling.

1.8 That respondent's history and demeanor at the hearing raises concern about respondent's ability to practice medicine without limitation with reasonable skill and safety to consumers.

II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

From the foregoing Findings of Fact, the board makes the following Conclusions of Law:

2.1 That the board has jurisdiction over the respondent, William A. Ehlers, M.D., and over the subject matter of this proceeding.

2.2 That grounds exist to place limitations on respondent's license to practice medicine and surgery in the state of Washington pursuant to RCW 18.130.170.

III. ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is hereby ORDERED that William A. Ehlers' license to practice medicine and surgery in the state of Washington shall be and is RESTRICTED to his current employment at Western State Hospital until otherwise authorized by the board, and William A. Ehlers must petition the board for authorization prior to changing his practice mode; it is further

ORDERED that William A. Ehlers shall practice only within the supervision and monitoring by the appropriate staff supervisor(s) at Western State Hospital and William A. Ehlers shall ensure that a copy of this Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order is provided to each of his staff supervisor(s) at Western State Hospital and he shall ensure that the supervisor designated by the appropriate staff at Western State Hospital submits written reports every six months from the date of this order directly to the board concerning respondent's practice at the hospital, however, any incidents involving a problem with patient care shall be immediately reported to the board by the supervisor; it is further

ORDERED that William A. Ehlers shall personally appear before the board when requested by the board; it is further

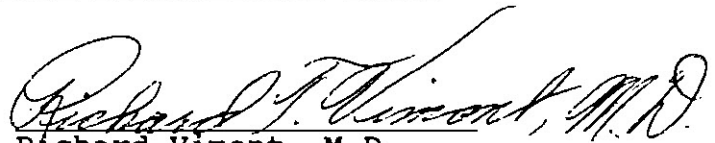
ORDERED that William A. Ehlers may petition for modification of the conditions contained in this order, with the exception of the petition to change practice mode, no earlier than five years from the date of this order; it is further

ORDERED that the responsibility of ensuring compliance with this order rests upon the respondent, William A. Ehlers, and any failure to comply with the terms of this order shall constitute grounds for further disciplinary action, which may include the suspension or revocation of William A. Ehlers' license to practice medicine and surgery in the state of Washington.

DATED this 20th day of April, 1989.

STATE OF WASHINGTON
MEDICAL DISCIPLINARY BOARD

By:


Richard Vimont, M.D.
Acting Chairman

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WILLIAM A. EHLERS, M.D.,)	STATEMENT OF CHARGES
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Respondent.)	
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MICHAEL J. MURPHY, Secretary of the Washington State Medical Disciplinary Board, and acting in that capacity, states and alleges as follows:

I.

The respondent has been issued a license to practice medicine by the state of Washington.

II.

The Respondent is unable to practice medicine and surgery with reasonable skill and safety to consumers by reason of respondent's mental condition, as provided in RCW 18.130.170.

WHEREFORE, Michael J. Murphy, alleges that the conduct referred to in this statement of charges affects the public health, safety and welfare, that a notice be issued and served as provided by law to the respondent giving him the opportunity to defend against the accusations of this statement of charges, and provided that if he shall fail to defend against these accusations, that he shall be subject to such discipline as is appropriate under RCW 18.130.160.

DATED this 23rd day of July, 1987.

Michael J. Murphy
Secretary, Washington State
Medical Disciplinary Board

By: *Gloria Westerfield*
GLORIA WESTERFIELD
Executive Secretary

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0 Privilege / Exemption reason used:

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