



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Olympia, Washington 98504

RE: Julie Farrington, MD
Docket No.: 00-11-A-1110MD
Document: Statement of Charges

Regarding your request for information about the above-named practitioner, certain information may have been withheld pursuant to Washington state laws. While those laws require that most records be disclosed on request, they also state that certain information should not be disclosed.

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**STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
MEDICAL QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the License to Practice as a Physician and Surgeon of:)	
)	Docket No. 00-11-A-1110MD
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JULIE FARRINGTON, MD)	STATEMENT OF CHARGES
RefNo. MC00011438)	
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Respondent.)	
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The Program Manager of the Commission, on designation by the Commission, makes the allegations below, which are supported by evidence contained in program case file No. 2000-09-0038MD.

Section 1: ALLEGED FACTS

1.1 Julie Farrington, M.D., Respondent, applied for a license to practice as a Physician and Surgeon in the state of Washington in March 2000.

1.2 On her application for license to practice medicine, dated March 23, 2000, the Respondent answered "yes" to personal data questions no's. 8 and 11. These questions are:

(8) Have you ever had any license, certificate, registration or other privilege to practice a health care profession denied, revoked, suspended, or restricted by a state, federal, or foreign authority, or have you ever surrendered such credential to avoid or in connection with action by such authority?

(11) Have you ever been the subject of any informal or formal disciplinary action related to the practice of medicine?"

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1.3 On January 7, 2000, the Respondent entered into a Consent Order with the Composite State Board of Medical Examiners of Georgia ("Consent Order"). By the terms of the Consent Order, the Respondent's license to practice medicine in Georgia is suspended and the suspension shall not be lifted until Respondent satisfies specified conditions. A copy of the Consent Order is attached as Exhibit A and incorporated into these charges by reference.

Section 2: ALLEGED VIOLATIONS

2.1 The violations alleged in this section constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to RCW 18.130.180 (5) and the imposition of sanctions under 18.130.160.

2.2 The facts alleged in paragraphs 1.1 through 1.3 constitute unprofessional conduct in violation of RCW 18.130.180 (5), which provides in part:

"The following conduct, acts, or conditions constitute unprofessional conduct for any ...applicant 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..."

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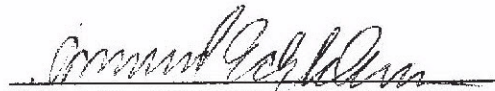
Section 3: NOTICE TO RESPONDENT

The charges in this document affect the public health, safety and welfare. The Program Manager 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 pursuant to RCW 18.130.180 and the imposition of sanctions under 18.130.160.

DATED this 8th day of January, 2001.

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MEDICAL QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMISSION


LISA PIGOTT
Acting Program Manager


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RE: Julie Farrington, MD
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Document: Final Order

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JULIE FARRINGTON, MD)	STIPULATED FINDINGS OF FACT,
Applicant)	CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND
)	AGREED ORDER
Respondent.)	
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The Medical Quality Assurance Commission, (“Commission”) by and through Rosemary J. Irvin, Department of Health Staff Attorney, and Julie Farrington stipulate and agree to the following:

Section 1: PROCEDURAL STIPULATIONS

- 1.1 Julie Farrington, Respondent applied for a license to practice as a Physician and Surgeon in the state of Washington in March 2000.
- 1.2 On or about January 12, 2001, the Commission issued a Statement of Charges against Respondent.
- 1.3 The Statement of Charges alleges that Respondent violated RCW 18.130.180 (5).
- 1.4 Respondent understands that the State is prepared to proceed to a hearing on the allegations in the Statement of Charges.
- 1.5 Respondent understands that she has the right to defend herself against the allegations in the Statement of Charges by presenting evidence at a hearing.
- 1.6 Respondent understands that, should the State prove at a hearing the allegations in the Statement of Charges, the Commission has the power and authority to impose sanctions pursuant to RCW 18.130.160, including a denial to practice as a Physician and Surgeon in Washington State.
- 1.7 Respondent and the Commission agree to expedite the resolution of this matter by means of this Stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Agreed Order (“Agreed Order”).
- 1.8 Respondent waives the opportunity for a hearing on the Statement of Charges contingent upon signature and acceptance of this Agreed Order by the Commission.

1.9 This Agreed Order is not binding unless and until it is signed and accepted by the Commission.

1.10 Should this Agreed Order be signed and accepted it will be subject to the reporting requirements of RCW 18.130.110, Section 1128E of the Social Security Act, and any other applicable interstate/national reporting requirements.

1.11 Should this Agreed Order be rejected, Respondent waives any objection to the participation at hearing of all the Commission members who heard the Agreed Order presentation.

Section 2: STIPULATED FACTS

The State and Respondent stipulate to the following facts:

2.1 Julie Farrington, M.D., Respondent, applied for a license to practice as a physician and surgeon in the state of Washington in March 2000.

2.2 On her Application for License to Practice Medicine dated March 23, 2000, the Respondent answered "yes" to personal data questions nos. 8 and 11. These questions are:

"8. Have you ever had any license, certificate, registration or other privilege to practice a health care profession denied, revoked, suspended, or restricted by a state, federal, or foreign authority, or have you ever surrendered such credential to avoid or in connection with action by such authority?"

11. Have you ever been the subject of any informal or formal disciplinary action related to the practice of medicine?"

2.3 On January 7, 2000, the Respondent entered into a Consent Order with the Composite State Board of Medical Examiners of Georgia ("Consent Order"). By the terms of the Consent Order, the Respondent's license to practice medicine in Georgia was suspended for a minimum of three (3) months and subject to certain conditions. A copy of the Consent Order is attached as Attachment A.

2.4 On June 8, 2001, the Composite State Board of Medical Examiners of Georgia lifted the suspension of Respondent's license and imposed probation subject to the terms and conditions in paragraph 3, page 3 of the Consent Order docketed January 7, 2000. A copy of the Order Lifting Suspension is attached as Attachment B.

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Section 3: CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The State and Respondent agree to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law:

- 3.1 The Commission has jurisdiction over Respondent and over the subject matter of this proceeding.
- 3.2 The above facts constitute unprofessional conduct in violation of RCW 18.130.180(5).
- 3.3 The above violation is grounds for the imposition of sanctions under RCW 18.130.160.

Section 4: AGREED ORDER

Based on the preceding Stipulated Facts and Conclusions of Law, Respondent agrees to entry of the following Order:

- 4.1 The Respondent's application for a license to practice as a Physician and Surgeon in Washington State is hereby granted conditioned upon compliance with the following probationary terms and conditions:

- 4.1.1. Respondent shall maintain appropriate physician-patient boundaries while licensed to practice medicine and surgery in the state of Washington.

- 4.1.2. Respondent shall complete either the PROBE or Vanderbilt medical education course on physician – patient boundary issues and ethics within one year of the effective date of this Agreed Order.

- 4.1.3. Respondent shall have a Practice Monitor while she is engaged in medical practice. The Practice Monitor must be approved by the Commission or its designee prior to Respondent practicing medicine in the state of Washington. The Practice Monitor shall review 5 records a month and shall discuss the review with Respondent. The Practice Monitor will also submit quarterly reports to the Commission. These reports shall include comments on the record reviews as well as comments on the Respondent's maintenance of appropriate physician-patient boundaries.

- 4.1.4. Respondent shall appear before the Medical Quality Assurance Commission every six (6) months or as requested by the Commission to review compliance with the terms of this Agreed Order. Respondent shall be given timely notice of the times and dates for appearances.

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4.1.5. Based upon its review of Respondent's compliance with the terms of probation, the Commission may change the conditions of probation and/or may impose additional conditions, i.e., personal counseling, additional continuing medical education courses, practice reviews, at any time during the period of probation as necessary to protect the public, following notice to the Respondent and the opportunity to be heard.

4.1.6. The terms and conditions of this Agreed Order shall remain in effect for a minimum of one year. This provision shall be tolled for any period during which Respondent is not engaged in the active practice of medicine or resides outside the state of Washington. If Respondent resides outside the state of Washington while this Agreed Order is in effect, Respondent shall advise the Commission in writing as to her current address outside the State and the term of absence outside the State.

4.1.7. After one year, Respondent may request, in writing, for termination or modification of the terms and conditions of this Agreed Order. The Commission may require Respondent's appearance to consider Respondent's request.

4.1.8. No fine shall be imposed.

4.3 This Agreed Order is not binding on Respondent or the Commission unless accepted by the Commission.

4.4 This Agreed Order shall become effective ten (10) days from the date the Order is signed by the Commission chair, or upon service of the Agreed Order on the Respondent, whichever date is sooner.

4.5 Within ten (10) days of the effective date of this Agreed Order, Respondent shall thoroughly complete the attached Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank Reporting Form (Section 1128 of the Social Security Act) and return it to the disciplining authority.

4.6 Respondent shall assume all costs of complying with this Agreed Order.

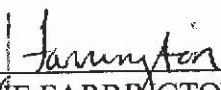
4.7 If Respondent violates any provision of this Agreed Order in any respect, the Commission, may take further action against Respondent's license.

4.8 Respondent shall inform the Commission, and the Adjudicative Clerk Office in writing, of changes in her residential address.

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4.9 Respondent shall obey all federal, state and local laws and all administrative rules governing the practice of the profession in Washington.

I, Julie Farrington, M.D., Respondent, certify that I have read this Stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Agreed Order in its entirety; that my counsel of record, if any, 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 Stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Agreed Order, I understand that I will receive a signed copy.



JULIE FARRINGTON, MD
Respondent, pro se

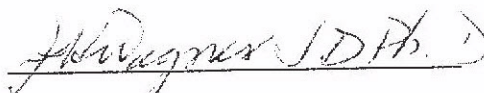
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Section 5: ORDER

The Commission accepts and enters this Stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Agreed Order.

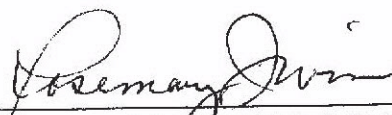
DATED this 15 day of August, 2001.

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MEDICAL QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMISSION



Panel Chair

Presented by:



Rosemary J. Irvin WSBA # 8137
Department of Health Staff Attorney

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In the Matter of the License to Practice) as a Physician and Surgeon of:)	Docket No. 00-11-A-1110MD
JULIE FARRINGTON, M.D.,)	ORDER ON REQUEST FOR
License No. MD00040359,)	RELEASE FROM COMMISSION
Respondent.)	ORDER
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This matter came before the Medical Quality Assurance Commission (the Commission), and Health Law Judge Michael T. Concannon, Presiding Officer for the Commission, on October 10, 2002 at the Hawthorn Suites Hotel in Kent, Washington. Members of the Commission present and considering the matter were: Wendy Hamai, PA-C, Cabell Tennis, Public Member; Rogelio Ruvalcaba, M.D.; Hampton Irwin, M.D., Panel Chair; Sunanda Uberoi, M.D.; and Marilyn Ward, Public Member.

Julie Farrington, M.D. appeared on her own behalf, and was not represented by counsel. Rosemary J. Irvin, Staff Attorney, appeared on behalf of the Department of Health (the Department). The Reviewing Commission Member is Chelle Moat, M.D., who was present at the hearing. The proceedings were recorded by Robert Lewis, certified court reporter.

Based on consideration of the evidence presented at the hearing and the files and records herein, the Commission hereby issues the following:

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I. PROCEDURAL HISTORY

1.1 On January 8, 2001, the Commission issued a Statement of Charges (SOC) alleging that the Respondent, then applying for the first time for a Washington license, had committed unprofessional conduct in her practice as a consequence of discipline agreed upon and imposed by the State of Georgia on her medical license. Subsequently, the Department, the Respondent, and the Commission entered a Stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Agreed Order, dated August 15, 2001 (the Prior Order).

1.2 The Prior Order granted the Respondent's application for a Washington license, and imposed probationary conditions. It required the Respondent to, *inter alia*, maintain appropriate physician-patient boundaries, complete a specified ethics course within one year, have a practice "monitor" reviewing her patient records, and appear before the Commission for compliance reviews. In a March 2002 appearance before the Commission, the Respondent was found in compliance with the Prior Order.

1.3 In a letter petition filed by the Respondent, dated July 6, 2002 (the Reinstatement Request), the Respondent asked the Commission to consider terminating the probationary term of the Prior Order, thereby providing the Respondent a license to practice as a physician and surgeon in Washington without restriction. On September 9, 2002, the Adjudicative Clerk Office issued the Respondent a Notice Of Hearing, setting the hearing on the Reinstatement Request for October 10, 2002.

1.4 At the hearing, the Department and the Respondent set forth their respective arguments, the Respondent testified on her own behalf, and the Commission

considered the Reinstatement Request and her current compliance with the Prior Order.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

2.1 The Respondent is a physician duly licensed to practice as a physician and surgeon in the state of Washington, and her practice has been subject to the continuing discipline of the Prior Order.

2.2 Ms. Irvin, in her opening statement, recited the basic disciplinary history of the Prior Order. The Respondent completed the required ethics course offered by Vanderbilt University.

2.3 The Respondent testified she has been a full-time, contract staff psychiatrist at the Washington State Correctional Center for Women since October 2001, and plans to remain there without regard to the Prior Order or a full reinstatement. She stated she let her Georgia medical license lapse, and has no intention to return to Georgia to practice medicine.

2.4 The record for consideration of this Reinstatement Request consists of the disciplinary packet provided to the Commission members in advance of the hearing (Exhibit A), and the latest one-page evaluation by Dr. Furst, dated October 4, 2002 (Exhibit B).

2.5 The Department and the Reviewing Commission Member endorsed a finding of full compliance, and the granting of the Reinstatement Request. The Commission finds the Respondent has complied with the Prior Order, there is no reason to continue it, and the Reinstatement Request should be granted.

III. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

3.1 The Commission has jurisdiction over Respondent and over the subject matter herein. As provided by RCW 18.71.019, the UDA (Chapter 18.130 RCW) governs the discipline of physician licensees by the Commission.

3.2 RCW 18.130.160 in the UDA permits the Commission to fashion appropriate remedies in disciplining the Respondent including, without limitation, imposing restrictions or limitations on the Respondent's practice. The Prior Order provides for restrictions and/or limitations on the Respondent's practice, and the Commission must consider what is necessary to protect the public in imposing (or continuing) sanctions. RCW 18.130.160.

3.3 Based on the Findings of Fact, the Commission concludes that an order should be entered granting the Reinstatement Request.

3.4 This Order is subject to the reporting requirements of RCW 18.130.110, Section 1128E of the Social Security Act, and any other applicable interstate/national reporting requirements.

IV. ORDER

Based on the foregoing Procedural History, Findings of Fact, and Conclusions of Law, the Commission makes the following order:

4.1 The Reinstatement Request of the Respondent, Julie Farrington, M.D., is GRANTED.

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4.2 The Prior Order is terminated. The effective date of the termination of the discipline imposed by the Prior Order is October 10, 2002.

V. NOTICE TO PARTIES

As provided in RCW 34.05.461(3) and RCW 34.05.470, and WAC 246-11-580 either party may file a petition for reconsideration. The petition must be filed within ten (10) days of service of this Order with the Adjudicative Clerk Office, 1107 Eastside Street, P.O. BOX 47879, Olympia, WA 98504-7879. The petition must state the specific grounds upon which reconsideration is requested and the relief requested. The petition for reconsideration shall not stay the effectiveness of this Order. The petition for reconsideration is deemed to have been denied twenty (20) days after the petition is filed if the Adjudicative Clerk Office has not acted on the petition or served written notice of the date by which action will be taken on the petition.

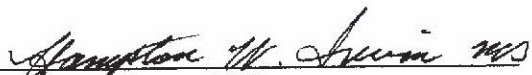
Proceedings for judicial review may be instituted by filing a petition in the Superior Court in accord with the procedures specified in chapter 34.05 RCW, Part V, Judicial Review and Civil Enforcement. The petition for judicial review must be filed within thirty (30) days after service of this Order, as provided in RCW 34.05.542.

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"Filing" means actual receipt of the document by the Adjudicative Clerk Office.
RCW 34.05.010(6). This Order was "served" upon Respondent on the day it was
deposited in the United States mail. RCW 34.05.010(19).

Dated this 25th day of October, 2002.

Medical Quality Assurance Commission


HAMPTON IRWIN, M.D.,
Panel Chair

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