

BEFORE THE
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of

ROBERTA ASHLEY EKHOM, DO
LICENSE NO. DO12667

STIPULATED ORDER

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9 The Board of Medical Examiners (Board) is the state agency responsible for licensing,
10 regulating and disciplining certain health care providers, including physicians, in the state of
11 Oregon. Roberta Ashley Ekholm, DO (Licensee) is a licensed osteopathic physician (inactive) in
12 the state of Oregon.

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14 The Board proposed to take disciplinary action pursuant to ORS 677.205 against
15 Licensee for violations of the Medical Practice Act, to wit: ORS 677.190(1)(a) unprofessional or
16 dishonorable conduct, as defined in ORS 677.188(4)(a) and ORS 677.190(18) willfully violating
17 any rule adopted by the Board or Board order.

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19 Based upon its investigation, the Board concludes that Licensee engaged in the following
20 conduct that is in violation of the Medical Practice Act:

21 3.1 On December 4, 2003, the Board issued a Stipulated Order in which Licensee and
22 the Board agreed to resolve matters under investigation and to place Licensee on probation,
23 subject to various terms, to include the following:

24 5.14 Licensee shall establish and maintain a relationship with a psychiatrist
25 approved by the Board's Medical Director. Licensee will comply with
26 the treatment recommendations from this physician.

5.15 Licensee will ensure that the approved psychiatrist provides quarterly reports to the Board regarding Licensee's status in treatment and ability to practice medicine safely.

5.16 Licensee will obey all federal and state laws concerning the practice of medicine.

5.17 Licensee stipulates and agrees that any deviation from the terms of this Order shall be grounds for discipline pursuant to ORS 677.190.

3.2 Licensee failed to continue to see her psychiatrist after she moved to California in

9 2004, and failed to ensure that her psychiatrist provided the Board with quarterly reports
10 regarding her status in treatment and her ability to safely practice medicine. The last psychiatric
11 quarterly report received by the Board was on July 28, 2004. Licensee failed to comply with
12 paragraph's 5.14, 5.15 and 5.16 of the December 4, 2003 Stipulated Order. Licensee presently
13 practices medicine in California.

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Licensee and the Board desire to settle this matter by the entry of this Stipulated Order.

16 Licensee understands that she has the right to a contested case hearing under the Administrative
17 Procedures Act (chapter 183), Oregon Revised Statutes, and fully and finally waives the right to
18 a contested case hearing and any appeal therefrom by the signing of and entry of this Order in the
19 Board's records. Licensee stipulates that she engaged in the conduct described in paragraph 3
20 and that this conduct violated ORS 677.190(1)(a) unprofessional or dishonorable conduct, as
21 defined in ORS 677.188(4)(a) and ORS 677.190(18) willfully violating any rule adopted by the
22 Board or Board order.

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24 Licensee and the Board agree to resolve this matter by the entry of this Stipulated Order,
25 subject to the following terms:

26 5.1 Licensee is reprimanded.

5.2 Licensee shall pay a fine of \$3000, to be paid in three equal installments of \$1,000, with the first installment to be paid in full within 60 days from the date this Order is signed by the Board Chair. The second and third installments of \$1,000 each are to be paid 120 days and 180 days from the date this Order is signed by the Board Chair, respectively.

5.3 Licensee's Stipulated Order, dated December 4, 2003, remains in effect with its terms held in abeyance while Licensee is not engaged in the practice of medicine in any capacity in the state of Oregon. The terms of the Stipulated Order, dated December 4, 2003, will automatically reactivate upon this Board activating or granting any form of a license to Licensee to practice medicine in Oregon.

5.4 Licensee will inform the Board in writing of her current practice location and mailing address as well as any subsequent change within ten days of any change.

5.5 Licensee will obey all federal and state laws concerning the practice of medicine.

5.6 Licensee stipulates and agrees that any deviation from the terms of this Order shall be grounds for discipline pursuant to ORS 677.190.

IT IS SO STIPULATED this 13 day of JULY, 2007.

Roberta A. Ekholm, DO
ROBERTA ASHLEY EKHOLM, DO

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IT IS SO ORDERED this 12th day of July, 2007.

**BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
State of Oregon**

David R. Grube
DAVID R. GRUBE, MD
Board Chair