

BEFORE THE
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of

ROBERTA ASHLEY EKHOM, DO
LICENSE NO. DO12667

STIPULATED ORDER

1.

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

2.

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

3.

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

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

5.14 Licensee shall establish and maintain a relationship with a psychiatrist approved by the Board's Medical Director. Licensee will comply with 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 2004, and failed to ensure that her psychiatrist provided the Board with quarterly reports regarding her status in treatment and her ability to safely practice medicine. The last psychiatric quarterly report received by the Board was on July 28, 2004. Licensee failed to comply with paragraph's 5.14, 5.15 and 5.16 of the December 4, 2003 Stipulated Order. Licensee presently practices medicine in California.

4.

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

5.

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

5.1 Licensee is reprimanded.

