# IN AND BEFORE THE OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND SUPERVISION STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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EX REL. THE OKLAHOMA BOARD	)	AUG - 2 2013
OF MEDICAL LICENSURE	)	
AND SUPERVISION,	)	OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF
	)	MEDICAL LICENSURE & SUPERVISION
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	Case No. 08-10-3593
	)	
KARIS ANN BERNHARDT STEELE, M.D.,	)	
LICENSE NO. 18198	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	

## ORDER MODIFYING TERMS OF PROBATION

This matter came on for hearing before the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision on July 25, 2013, at the Board office, 101 N.E. 51<sup>st</sup> Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, pursuant to notice given as required by law and rules of the Board.

Karis Ann Bernhardt Steele, M.D., Defendant, appeared in person, *pro se*, thereby waiving her right to legal counsel.

The Board *en banc* after hearing testimony and being fully apprised of the premises, entered the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Orders:

### **Findings of Fact**

- 1. Defendant currently holds Oklahoma medical license no. 18198.
- 2. The Board *en banc* has jurisdiction over the subject matter herein, and notice has been given in all respects as required by law and the rules of the Board.
- 3. On July 14, 2011, after due notice and hearing, the Board entered a Final Order of Suspension whereby Defendant was **SUSPENDED** for three (3) months and placed on **PROBATION** for a period of five (5) years.

- 4. The Defendant requests that the term of her probation as currently stated in Paragraph G of the Final Order of Suspension filed herein (which states Defendant will submit to hair sample testing every two (2) months) be modified to require Defendant to submit to hair sample testing every six (6) months.
- 5. The Defendant requests that the term of her probation as currently stated in Paragraph Q of the Final Order of Suspension filed herein (which states Defendant shall obtain psychiatric treatment to be approved by Board Secretary and for Defendant to submit quarterly reports of psychiatric treatment to Board Secretary) be modified to no longer require Defendant to obtain psychiatric treatment or provide Board Secretary or his designee with quarterly reports regarding said treatment.
- 6. The Defendant presented sufficient evidence to support her Motion to Modify Probation.

#### **Conclusions of Law**

- 1. The Board has jurisdiction to hear this matter pursuant to 59 O.S. §480 et seq.
- 2. Defendant has presented sufficient evidence to justify the modification to her probation allowing the following:
  - a. Paragraph G of the Final Order of Suspension filed herein be modified to require Defendant to submit to hair sample testing every six (6) months; and
  - b. Paragraph Q of the Final Order of Suspension filed herein be modified to no longer require Defendant to obtain psychiatric treatment or provide Board Secretary or his designee quarterly reports regarding said treatment.

#### Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision as follows:

- 1. Defendant's probation shall continue for a term of five (5) years as set forth in the Final Order of Suspension filed herein on July 22, 2011.
- 2. Defendant's probation shall be modified as currently stated in the Final Order of Suspension filed herein on July 22, 2011, as follows:
  - a. Paragraph G of the Final Order of Suspension filed herein be modified to require Defendant to submit to hair sample testing every six (6) months; and

- b. Paragraph Q of the Final Order of Suspension filed herein be modified to no longer require Defendant to obtain psychiatric treatment or provide Board Secretary or his designee quarterly reports regarding said treatment.
- 3. During the period of probation, failure to meet any of the terms of probation will constitute cause for the Board to initiate additional proceedings to suspend or revoke Defendant's license, after due notice and hearing.
  - 4. A copy of this written order shall be sent to Defendant as soon as it is processed.
  - 5. This Order shall be effective July 25, 2013.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of August, 2013.

Gerald C. Zumwalt, M.D. Secretary Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision

#### Certificate of Service

On the 20 day of August, 2013, a true and correct copy of this Order was mailed, postage prepaid, to Karis Ann Bernhardt Steele, M.D., 9401 Nawassa Drive, Midwest City, OK 73130.

Barbara J. Smith, Legal Assistant