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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE  
CASE NO. 1845

IN RE: THE LICENSE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF  
KENTUCKY HELD BY PETER M. STEINER, M.D., LICENSE NO. 32156,  
105 CRESCENT AVENUE, LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY 40206

**AGREED ORDER OF PERMANENT SURRENDER**

Come now the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure (“the Board”), acting by and through its Hearing Panel A, and Peter M. Steiner, M.D., (“the licensee”), and, based upon their mutual desire to fully and finally resolve the complaint without an evidentiary hearing, hereby ENTER INTO the following **AGREED ORDER OF PERMANENT SURRENDER**:

**STIPULATIONS OF FACT**

The parties stipulate the following facts, which serve as the factual bases for this Agreed Order of Permanent Surrender:

1. At all relevant times, Peter M. Steiner, M.D. (“the licensee”), was licensed by the Board to practice medicine in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
2. The licensee’s medical specialty is psychiatry.
3. On or about June 8, 2017, an FBI agent and DEA Diversion Investigator executed a search warrant on the licensee at his practice address, 6500 Glenridge Park Place, Louisville, Kentucky. Upon their arrival and contact with the licensee, the licensee was observed holding a McDonald’s bag and placing the bag into a trash can next to his chair. After the licensee removed two “thick” white envelopes from the credenza, they were immediately recovered from his hand and discovered to contain an undetermined amount of US currency, a list of patient names and amounts and checks.

The McDonald's bag was recovered from the licensee's trash can and found to contain a double bagged ziplock bag of marijuana.

4. On or about February 28, 2018, the licensee was indicted on one (1) count of tampering with physical evidence, when, believing that an official proceeding may be pending or instituted against himself, he destroyed, mutilated, concealed, removed or altered the physical evidence which he believed was about to be produced or used in such official proceeding, with the intent to impair its verity or availability in the official proceeding, in violation of KRS 524.100, a Class D felony.
5. On or about February 28, 2018, the licensee was indicted on one (1) count of illegal possession of a controlled substance, by knowingly and unlawfully having in his possession an amount of a controlled substance classified as a Schedule I hallucinogen known as marijuana, in violation of KRS 218A.1422, 502.020, a Class B misdemeanor.
6. On or about June 25, 2018, the licensee was indicted in United States District Court, Western District of Kentucky, Case No. 3:18-CR-84-JHM, on one (1) felony count of conspiracy to distribute Schedule II, III, and IV controlled substances without a legitimate medical purpose and outside the usual course of professional medical practice, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(C), 841(b)(1)(E)(i), 841(b)(2) and 846.
7. On or about June 25, 2018, the licensee was indicted in United States District Court, Western District of Kentucky, Case No. 3:18-CR-84-JHM, on thirteen (13) felony counts of unlawful distribution of Schedule II controlled substances without a legitimate medical purpose and outside the usual course of professional medical practice, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(C).

8. On or about June 25, 2018, the licensee was indicted in United States District Court, Western District of Kentucky, Case No. 3:18-CR-84-JHM, on twelve (12) felony counts of unlawful distribution of Schedule III controlled substances without a legitimate medical purpose and outside the usual course of professional medical practice, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(E)(i).
9. The licensee did not renew his medical license after February 2020.
10. In or around February 2021, the licensee pled guilty to charges of knowingly and intentionally distributing and dispensing Schedule II, Schedule III and Schedule IV controlled substances without any legitimate medical purpose and outside the course of professional medical practice. All other charges were dropped. In his plea, the licensee admitted that he prescribed high dosages and large quantities of controlled substances, prescribed early refills for controlled substances, continued to prescribe controlled substances to patients even though he knew they were addicted, continued to prescribe controlled substances to patients even though he knew they tested negative for those substances, prescribed controlled substances in return for sexually graphic photos and videos, prescribed controlled substances that were contraindicated for patient medical concerns, prescribed controlled substances not typically associated with psychiatric complaints, and prescribed dangerous combinations of controlled substances.
11. The licensee was sentenced to sixty (60) months imprisonment, to be followed by three (3) years of supervised release.

STIPULATED CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The parties stipulate the following Conclusions of Law, which serve as the legal bases for this Agreed Order of Permanent Surrender:

1. The licensee's Kentucky medical license is subject to regulation and discipline by the Board.
2. Based upon the Stipulations of Fact, the licensee has engaged in conduct which violates the provisions of KRS 311.595(4), (9) - as illustrated by KRS 311.597(1)(a) and (4). Accordingly, there are legal grounds for the parties to enter into this Agreed Order of Permanent Surrender.
3. Pursuant to KRS 311.591(6) and 201 KAR 9:082, the parties may fully and finally resolve the complaint without an evidentiary hearing by entering into an informal resolution such as this Agreed Order of Permanent Surrender.

AGREED ORDER OF PERMANENT SURRENDER

Based upon the foregoing Stipulations of Fact and Stipulated Conclusions of Law, and, based upon their mutual desire to fully and finally resolve the complaint, the parties hereby ENTER INTO the following **AGREED ORDER OF PERMANENT SURRENDER:**

1. The licensee, Peter M. Steiner, M.D., hereby SURRENDERS his Kentucky medical license INDEFINITELY AND PERMANENTLY, effective immediately upon the filing of this Agreed Order of Permanent Surrender;
  - a. From the date of filing of this Agreed Order of Permanent Surrender forward, the licensee SHALL never perform any act which would constitute the "practice of medicine," as that term is defined in KRS 311.550(10) - the diagnosis, treatment, or correction of any and all human conditions, ailments, diseases, injuries, or infirmities by any and all means, methods, devices, or instrumentalities – within the Commonwealth of Kentucky;

- b. The licensee understands and agrees that any violation of the terms of this Agreed Order of Permanent Surrender may provide a legal basis for additional disciplinary action and a legal basis for criminal prosecution for practicing medicine without a license. If the Board should receive information that, after the date of filing of this Agreed Order of Permanent Surrender, the licensee has performed an act which would constitute the “practice of medicine” within the Commonwealth of Kentucky, it will aggressively pursue the criminal prosecution of the licensee for such acts, to the full extent of the law; and
    - c. As an express condition for the entry of this Agreed Order of Permanent Surrender, each party understands and agrees that neither Panel of the Board will ever consider any petition for reinstatement of license, any motion or request for modification or change of the terms of this Agreed Order or special request for consideration for relief filed by the licensee. This Agreed Order of Permanent Surrender is expressly designed to serve as the complete and final termination of the legal relationship between this Board and this licensee. It is further understood and agreed by the licensee that any communication by the licensee and/or his agents to the Board attempting to revive that legal relationship will be returned to him or his agent without being provided or forwarded to any Board member.
2. Pursuant to KRS 311.565(1)(v), the licensee SHALL submit to the Board reimbursement of its costs in the amount of \$875.00 within six (6) months of the date of entry of this Agreed Order of Permanent Surrender.
3. The licensee expressly agrees that if he should violate any term or condition of this Agreed Order of Permanent Surrender, the licensee’s practice shall constitute an immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare, as provided in KRS 311.592 and 13B.125. The parties further agree that if the Board should receive information that he has violated any term or condition of this Agreed Order of Permanent Surrender, the Panel Chair is authorized by law to enter an Emergency Order of Suspension or Restriction immediately upon a finding of probable cause that a violation has occurred, after an *ex parte* presentation of the relevant facts by the Board’s General Counsel or Assistant General Counsel. If the Panel Chair

should issue such an Emergency Order, the parties agree and stipulate that a violation of any term or condition of this Order would render the licensee's practice an immediate danger to the health, welfare and safety of patients and the general public, pursuant to KRS 311.592 and 13B.125; accordingly, the only relevant question for any emergency hearing conducted pursuant to KRS 13B.125 would be whether the licensee violated a term or condition of this Agreed Order of Permanent Surrender.

4. The licensee understands and agrees that any violation of the terms of this Agreed Order of Permanent Surrender may provide a legal basis for additional disciplinary action or criminal prosecution.

SO AGREED on this 9 day of March, 2021.

FOR THE LICENSEE:



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WAIVER OF RIGHTS

I, Peter M. Steiner, M.D., am presently the Respondent in Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure Case No. 1845. I understand that, under 201 KAR 9:082, I must waive certain rights if I wish to resolve this matter by informal dispensation. Accordingly, I WAIVE my right to raise any constitutional, statutory or common law objection(s) I may have to the Hearing Panel rejecting the proposed informal dispensation or to the curtailment of such a settlement by the Board's General Counsel or Assistant General Counsel.

Furthermore, if the Hearing Panel accepts the proposed Agreed Order of Permanent Surrender as submitted, I WAIVE my right to demand an evidentiary hearing or to raise additional constitutional or statutory objections in this matter. However, if the Hearing Panel should reject the proposed Agreed Order of Permanent Surrender, I understand that further proceedings will be conducted in accordance with KRS 311.530 *et seq*, and I will have the right to raise any objections normally available in such proceedings.

Executed this 9 day of March, 2021.

  
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PETER M. STEINER, M.D.  
RESPONDENT

  
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COUNSEL FOR THE RESPONDENT