IN THE MATTER OF

BEFORE THE MARYLAND

STEPHEN C. SCHELLHASE, M.D.

STATE BOARD OF

RESPONDENT

PHYSICIANS

LICENSE NO.: D56490

**CASE NUMBER: 2004-0762** 

## ORDER TERMINATING SUSPENSION

## **ORDER OF PROBATION**

WHEREAS, the Board of Physicians (the "Board") issued a Consent Order<sup>1</sup> regarding, Stephen C. Schellhase, M.D., (the "Respondent") on June 27, 2007;

WHEREAS, the Consent Order ordered that the Respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of Maryland be suspended for a minimum of six (6) months and until certain conditions were satisfactorily met; and

WHEREAS, the Order ordered that if the Respondent satisfactorily complied with all of the terms and conditions set forth in the Order, the Respondent may petition in person (through the Reinstatement Inquiry Panel) for a termination of the suspension at the end of the six month period;

WHEREAS, as required, the Respondent appeared before the Reinstatement Inquiry
Panel of the Board and demonstrated his compliance with the terms and conditions of the
Consent Order for which successful completion was required as a condition precedent to
a termination of the ACTIVE SUSPENSION;

## IT IS THEREFORE:

ORDERED that the active suspension of the Respondent's medical license is

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Consent Order dated June 27, 2007, is incorporated by reference into this Order, and available upon request.

TERMINATED effective  $\frac{23/68}{}$ , and it is further

**ORDERED** the Respondent shall be placed on **PROBATION** beginning on the effective date of this Order for a minimum of **THREE** (3) **YEARS** subject to the following terms and conditions:

- 1. The Respondent's employment shall be supervised by a Board-approved psychiatrist during the Respondent's entire period of probation. The Respondent shall not commence practicing medicine unless and until a supervisor has been approved by the Board. The Respondent shall ensure that the supervisor submits quarterly reports to the Probation Unit of the Board regarding the Respondent's progress and ability to safely practice;
- 2. The Respondent shall continue in therapy for two more years from the effective date of this Order;
- 3. The Respondent's medical practice shall be limited to male patients for a minimum of two (2) years from the effective date of this Order;
- 4. Within sixty (60) days of the potential end of the two (2) year restriction on female patients, the Respondent may petition the Board for permission to resume the medical care of female patients at the end of the two (2) year period. Prior to petitioning the Board, the Respondent shall provide documentation to the Board that he can safely resume the medical care of

female patients, including providing the Board with a psychiatric evaluation by a Board-approved psychiatrist to be conducted within three (3) months of the potential end of the restriction on female patients; and be it further

**ORDERED** that the Respondent is responsible for all costs incurred in fulfilling the terms and conditions of this Order Terminating Suspension/Order of Probation; and it is further

ORDERED that after the conclusion of the entire THREE (3) year period of PROBATION, the Respondent may file a written petition for the termination of his probationary status without further conditions or restrictions, but only if the Respondent has satisfactorily complied with all conditions of this Order Terminating Suspension/Order of Probation, including the expiration of the three (3) year period of probation, and if there are no pending complaints regarding the Respondent before the Board; and it is further

**ORDERED** that if the Respondent violates any of the terms and conditions of this Order Terminating Suspension/Order of Probation, the Board may, after notice and an opportunity for a hearing, impose any sanction that the Board may have imposed based on the substantive offenses in this case including probation, a reprimand, suspension, revocation and/or monetary fine; and it is further

**ORDERED** that this Order Staying Suspension/Order of Probation is a

## PUBLIC DOCUMENT pursuant to MD. CODE ANN. STATE GOV'T §§ 10-611 $\underline{\text{et}}$

seq. (2004)

Date

C. Irving Pinder, Jr., Executive Director Maryland State Board of Physicians