



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Olympia, Washington 98504

RE: John A. Liebert, MD
Master Case No.: M2023-769
Document: Stipulation to Informal Disposition

Regarding your request for information about the above-named practitioner; attached is a true and correct copy of the document on file with the State of Washington, Department of Health, Adjudicative Clerk's Office. These records are considered Certified by the Department of Health.

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The following information has been withheld: **NONE**

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Public Disclosure Office
PO Box 47808
Tumwater, WA 98504
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**STATE OF WASHINGTON
WASHINGTON MEDICAL COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the License to Practice
as a Physician and Surgeon of:

JOHN A. LIEBERT, MD
License No. MD.MD.00009587

Respondent

No. M2023-769

**STIPULATION TO INFORMAL
DISPOSITION**

Pursuant to the Uniform Disciplinary Act, Chapter 18.130 RCW, the Washington Medical Commission (Commission) issued a Statement of Allegations and Summary of Evidence (Statement of Allegations) alleging the conduct described below. Respondent does not admit any of the allegations. This Stipulation to Informal Disposition (Stipulation) is not formal disciplinary action and shall not be construed as a finding of unprofessional conduct or inability to practice.

1. ALLEGATIONS

1.1 On August 1, 1966, the state of Washington issued Respondent a license to practice as a physician and surgeon. Respondent's license is currently active. Respondent is board-certified in psychiatry.

1.2 On or about April 6, 2023, the Arizona Medical Board (Board) entered an Order for Letter of Reprimand and Probation with Practice Restriction and Consent to the Same (Order) placing Respondent's license in that jurisdiction on probation and restricting Respondent's ability to practice.

1.3 The underlying conduct for the Arizona Medical Board Order included inappropriate prescribing, substandard medication management, and failure to maintain adequate records.

2. STIPULATION

2.1 The Commission alleges that the conduct described above, if proven, would constitute a violation of RCW 18.130.180(5).

2.2 The parties wish to resolve this matter by means of a Stipulation to Informal Disposition (Stipulation) pursuant to RCW 18.130.172(1).

2.3 Respondent agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions of this Stipulation.

2.4 This Stipulation is of no force and effect and is not binding on the parties unless and until it is accepted by the Commission.

2.5 If the Commission accepts the Stipulation, it will be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank (45 CFR Part 60), the Federation of State Medical Board's Physician Data Center and elsewhere as required by law.

2.6 The Statement of Allegations and this Stipulation are public documents. They will be placed on the Department of Health web site, disseminated via the Commission's electronic mailing list, and disseminated according to the Uniform Disciplinary Act (Chapter 18.130 RCW). They are subject to disclosure under the Public Records Act, Chapter 42.56 RCW, and shall remain part of Respondent's file according to the state's records retention law and cannot be expunged.

2.7 The Commission agrees to forgo further disciplinary proceedings concerning the allegations.

2.8 Respondent agrees to successfully complete the terms and conditions of this informal disposition.

2.9 A violation Section 3 of this Stipulation, if proved, would constitute grounds for discipline under RCW 18.130.180 and the imposition of sanctions under RCW 18.130.160.

3. INFORMAL DISPOSITION

The Commission and Respondent stipulate to the following terms:

3.1 **Voluntary Surrender.** Respondent agrees to voluntarily surrender his physician license and agrees not to resume the practice of medicine in the state of Washington, including any temporary, emergency or volunteer practice. In addition, Respondent shall refrain from providing an opinion as to professional practice or its application and from representing that Respondent is eligible to practice medicine. Respondent acknowledges that he is ineligible to renew, reactivate, or to practice subject to a retired active license as a physician in the state of Washington.

3.2 **Return of License.** Within five (5) days of the effective date of the Stipulation, Respondent shall deliver Respondent's original license to practice medicine to Compliance Officer, Washington Medical Commission, P.O. Box 47866, Olympia, Washington 998504-7866.

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3.3 **Practicing medicine without a valid license may result in civil or criminal action.** Under RCW 180.130.190(3), the practice of medicine without a license may result in the issuance of a cease-and-desist order and a civil fine in an amount not exceeding one thousand dollars for each day upon which the person engaged in unlicensed practice of a business or profession for which a license is required. Under RCW 18.130.190(7), the unlicensed practice of a profession is a gross misdemeanor for the first violation, and a Class C felony for each subsequent violation.

3.4 **Effective Date.** The effective date of this Stipulation is the date the Adjudicative Clerk Office places the signed Stipulation into the U.S. mail.

4. COMPLIANCE WITH SANCTION RULES

4.1 The Commission applies WAC 246-16-800, *et seq.*, to determine appropriate sanctions, including stipulations to informal disposition under RCW 18.130.172. WAC 246-16-800(2)(b)(iii) provides for surrender of a credential by a license holder as an alternative to imposing sanctions consistent with the sanction guidelines. Respondent is nearing the end of practice, does not practice medicine in the state of Washington, and does not have plans to return to practice in the state of Washington. Surrender alone is enough to protect the public.

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JOHN A. LIEBERT, MD
RESPONDENT

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BRIAN WATERS, WSBA #36619
ATTORNEY FOR RESPONDENT

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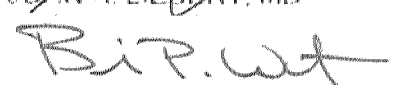
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May 1, 2024

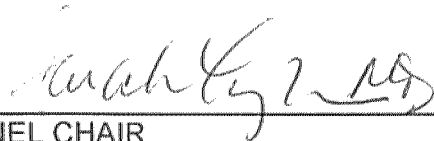
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6. COMMISSION'S ACCEPTANCE

The Commission accepts this Stipulation to Informal Disposition. All parties shall be bound by its terms and conditions.


DATED: June 13, 2024

STATE OF WASHINGTON
WASHINGTON MEDICAL COMMISSION



PANEL CHAIR

PRESENTED BY:



JOEL DeFAZIO, WSBA NO. 48141
COMMISSION STAFF ATTORNEY