



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
Olympia, Washington 98504

RE: Daniel D. Varnell, MD  
Master Case No.: M2024-1010  
Document: Statement of Charges

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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**STATE OF WASHINGTON  
WASHINGTON MEDICAL COMMISSION**

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

**DANIEL D. VARNELL, MD**  
License No. MD.MD.00046806

Respondent.

**No. M2024-1010**

**STATEMENT OF CHARGES**

The Executive Director of the Washington Medical Commission (Commission) is authorized to make the allegations below, which are supported by the evidence contained in Commission file number 2024-5985.

**1. ALLEGED FACTS**

1.1 On July 13, 2006, the state of Washington issued Respondent a license to practice as a physician and surgeon. Respondent's license is currently active.

1.2 On July 17, 2019, Respondent was referred to the Washington Physicians Health Program (WPHP) by Respondent's treatment provider. Respondent underwent a comprehensive diagnostic evaluation and later entered into a monitoring agreement with WPHP.

1.3 On April 22, 2024, Respondent underwent an additional comprehensive diagnostic evaluation at All Points North Lodge which found Respondent is unsafe to practice due to a mental or physical condition.

1.4 On May 7, 2024, WPHP notified the Commission that Respondent was not complying with WPHP's recommendations and has an untreated, unmonitored, impairing health condition.

1.5 In September 2024, Respondent informed the Commission that he was working as a locum tenens in southwest Washington.

1.6 On or about November 4, 2024, Respondent took a position with a locum tenens company in a facility in eastern Washington.

1.7 On or about November 12, 2024, during Respondent's onboarding at the facility, an employee of the facility noted the smell of alcohol on Respondent's breath and that Respondent had hand tremors. The tremors were noted again on November

13, 2024. On November 14 and 15, 2024, it was noted Respondent had difficulty staying focused.

1.8 Respondent called in sick on November 18 and 19, 2024. He did not show up for work or otherwise notify the facility he would not be coming to work on November 20, 2024.

1.9 Concerned for Respondent's safety, an employee of the facility contacted law enforcement for a welfare check on November 20, 2024. The local police department went to the hotel where Respondent was staying and arranged for Respondent to be taken to a local hospital. Police notified the facility employer that they found alcohol and a quantity of pills in Respondent's room.

1.10 Respondent's contract with the facility was terminated on or about November 21, 2024.

1.11 On or about March 13, 2025, a Commission investigator contacted Respondent to request information about the events of November 2024 and obtain a release for Respondent's health care records. Respondent declined to provide the consent and informed the investigator that he was better following health problems in November.

## **2. ALLEGED VIOLATIONS**

2.1 Based on the Alleged Facts, Respondent is unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety pursuant to RCW 18.130.170.

### **RCW 18.130.170 Capacity of license holder to practice—Hearing—Mental or physical examination—Implied consent.**

(1) If the disciplining authority believes a license holder may be unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety to consumers by reason of any mental or physical condition, a statement of charges in the name of the disciplining authority shall be served on the license holder and notice shall also be issued providing an opportunity for a hearing. The hearing shall be limited to the sole issue of the capacity of the license holder to practice with reasonable skill and safety. If the disciplining authority determines that the license holder is unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety for one of the reasons stated in this subsection, the disciplining authority shall impose such sanctions under RCW 18.130.160 as is deemed necessary to protect the public.

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2.2 The above violation provides grounds for imposing sanctions under RCW 18.130.160.

### 3. NOTICE TO RESPONDENT

The charges in this document affect the public health and safety. The Executive Director of the Commission directs that a notice be issued and served on Respondent as provided by law, giving Respondent the opportunity to defend against these charges. If Respondent fails to defend against these charges, Respondent shall be subject to discipline and the imposition of sanctions under Chapter 18.130 RCW.

DATED: March 31, 2025

STATE OF WASHINGTON  
WASHINGTON MEDICAL COMMISSION

*/s/ Kyle S. Karinen*

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