In the Matter of

AXEL F. K. GROTHEY, M.D.

Holder of License No. 55963

In the State of Arizona.

For the Practice of Allopathic Medicine

Case No. MD-20-0314A

## ORDER FOR LETTER OF REPRIMAND; AND CONSENT TO THE SAME

Axel F. K. Grothey, M.D. ("Respondent") elects to permanently waive any right to a hearing and appeal with respect to this Order for a Letter of Reprimand; admits the jurisdiction of the Arizona Medical Board ("Board"); and consents to the entry of this Order by the Board.

#### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 1. The Board is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.
- 2. Respondent is the holder of license number 55963 for the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.
- 3. The Board initiated case number MD-20-0314A after receiving a Disciplinary Alert Report (DAR) regarding disciplinary action taken against Respondent's Minnesota medical license by the Minnesota Board of Medical Practice ("Minnesota Medical Board").
- 4. On March 14, 2020, the Minnesota Medical Board issued a Stipulation and Order imposing and Reprimand and requiring Respondent to complete a professional boundaries and professional ethics course. Respondent was also ordered to pay a Civil Penalty in the amount of \$10,316.90 for the cost of the investigation after the Minnesota Medical Board received complaints that Respondent engaged in unethical sexual relationships with colleagues.

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5. As required by the Stipulation and Order, Respondent completed a three day professional development course entitled Maintaining Proper Boundaries on May 13, 2020 to May 15, 2020.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- The Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over a. Respondent.
- b. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute unprofessional conduct pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1401(27)(p)("Action that is taken against a doctor of medicine by another licensing or regulatory jurisdiction due to that doctor's mental or physical inability to engage safely in the practice of medicine, the doctor's medical incompetence or for unprofessional conduct as defined by that jurisdiction and that corresponds directly or indirectly to an act of unprofessional conduct prescribed by this paragraph. The action taken may include refusing, denying, revoking or suspending a license by that jurisdiction or a surrendering of a license to that jurisdiction, otherwise limiting, restricting or monitoring a licensee by that jurisdiction or placing a licensee on probation by that jurisdiction.").

#### **ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

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ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

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**Executive Director** 

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#### **CONSENT TO ENTRY OF ORDER**

- 1. Respondent has read and understands this Consent Agreement and the stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order ("Order"). Respondent acknowledges he has the right to consult with legal counsel regarding this matter.
- 2. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that this Order is entered into freely and voluntarily and that no promise was made or coercion used to induce such entry.
- 3. By consenting to this Order, Respondent voluntarily relinquishes any rights to a hearing or judicial review in state or federal court on the matters alleged, or to challenge this Order in its entirety as issued by the Board, and waives any other cause of action related thereto or arising from said Order.
- 4. The Order is not effective until approved by the Board and signed by its Executive Director.
- 5. All admissions made by Respondent in this Order are solely for final disposition of this matter and any subsequent related administrative proceedings or civil litigation involving the Board and Respondent. Therefore, said admissions by Respondent are not intended or made for any other use, such as in the context of another state or federal government regulatory agency proceeding, civil or criminal court proceeding, in the State of Arizona or any other state or federal court.
- 6. Notwithstanding any language in this Order, this Order does not preclude in any way any other State agency or officer or political subdivision of this state from instituting proceedings, investigating claims, or taking legal action as may be appropriate now or in the future relating to this matter or other matters concerning Respondent, including but not limited to, violations of Arizona's Consumer Fraud Act. Respondent acknowledges that, other than with respect to the Board, this Order makes no representations, implied or otherwise, about the views or intended actions of any other

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state agency or officer or political subdivisions of the State relating to this matter or other matters concerning Respondent.

- 7. Upon signing this agreement, and returning this document (or a copy thereof) to the Board's Executive Director, Respondent may not revoke the consent to the entry of the Order. Respondent may not make any modifications to the document. Any modifications to this original document are ineffective and void unless mutually approved by the parties.
- 8. This Order is a public record that will be publicly disseminated as a formal disciplinary action of the Board and will be reported to the National Practitioner's Data Bank and on the Board's web site as a disciplinary action.
- If the Board does not adopt this Order, Respondent will not assert as a 9. defense that the Board's consideration of the Order constitutes bias, prejudice, prejudgment or other similar defense.
  - Respondent has read and understands the terms of this agreement. 10.

DATED: 03 NOV 2020

EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing mailed this Unday of Illumber, 2020 to:

Axel F. K. Grothey, M.D. Address of Record

ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed this Uthday of Lecember, 2020 with:

Arizona Medical Board 1740 West Adams, Suite 4000 Phoenix, Arizona 85007

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