STATE OF VERMONT BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE

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In re: Eike Blohm, MD

Docket No. MPS 040-0420

CESSATION OF PRACTICE AGREEMENT

NOW COME Eike Blohm MD, and the State of Vermont, by and through Vermont Attorney General Thomas J. Donovan, Jr., and the undersigned Assistant Attorney General, Megan Campbell, and agree and stipulate as follows:

- Eike Blohm MD ("Respondent") holds Vermont medical license number 042.0013721 first issued by the Vermont Board of Medical Practice on March 15, 2017. Respondent is a Physician.
- Jurisdiction in this matter vests with the Vermont Board of Medical Practice ("the Board"), pursuant to 26 V.S.A. §§ 1353-1361, 3 V.S.A. §§ 809-814, and other authority.

Background

- 3. Respondent is presently being investigated by law enforcement authorities for possible violations of Vermont law. Respondent has voluntarily determined that he shall temporarily and immediately cease and desist at this time from the practice of medicine.
- 4. Based on the above concerns, and for the welfare of his patients, Respondent has determined that he shall voluntarily enter into this Cessation of Practice Agreement ("Agreement") with the Board and shall immediately refrain temporarily from any and all practice of medicine until further order of the Board. Respondent agrees that the instant

Agreement with the Board sets forth in writing the terms for such cessation of medical practice by him.

- 5. Respondent acknowledges that he has been offered the opportunity to obtain and receive legal advice and counsel regarding this matter. Respondent agrees and understands that by executing this Agreement he is waiving at this time such rights as he may possess to challenge the jurisdiction and continuing jurisdiction of the Board in this matter, and to a public hearing on any motion that the State might have filed pursuant to 3 V.S.A. §§ 809 & 814. He agrees and fully understands that by executing this document he is waiving the necessity of any proceedings, findings and order by the Board, pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 814(c), so as to achieve disposition of this matter. Thus, Respondent voluntarily and knowingly agrees to the terms and conditions therein.
- 6. Respondent has indicated his desire to continue to cooperate fully with the Board. Thus, the parties have agreed to enter into the instant Agreement, which is intended to serve as an interim means of affording Respondent the best possible opportunity to focus upon his personal circumstances while providing for the protection of the health and welfare of his patients.

Cessation of Practice

- <u>It is agreed by the parties that Respondent shall cease and desist immediately and hereafter, following his execution of this Agreement, from any and all practice of medicine in the State of Vermont.</u>
- Respondent shall neither prescribe nor dispense any drugs to patients, associates, himself, family members or others after execution of this Agreement.

- 9. Respondent shall execute and submit a Voluntary Surrender of Controlled Substances Privileges document with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency ("DEA"). Respondent acknowledges that by executing this document, he agrees to voluntarily surrender his DEA Certificate of Registration. He further acknowledges that execution and submission of this document to the DEA will result in the immediate termination of his DEA registration. Respondent agrees that he will not seek to renew his DEA license while this Cessation of Practice Agreement is in effect.
- 10. Respondent agrees that the Board, in its sole discretion, may consider and approve a petition from Respondent at a later date for modification or relief, when Respondent's personal circumstances so warrant. Respondent understands that if he desires to seek modification of relief, he must first present a written petition to the South Investigative Committee ("the Committee") of the Board requesting such modification or relief. Respondent agrees and understands that the Committee will make a recommendation to the Board as to whether Respondent's petition for modification or relief should be granted. Respondent understands and agrees that in order for a petition for relief or modification to be granted, the Board must approve his request for relief or modification and issue an Order to that effect.

Express Provisions

- 11. Respondent agrees, pending further proceedings or order of the Board to:
 - a. Cooperate fully and in good faith with all further investigations of these matters by the Board;

- b. Sign such authorizations and/or waivers of confidentiality as may be presented to him by the Board as to his medical records, treatment records, evaluations or assessments, legal matters, and court proceedings. The parties hereby agree that the Board will not seek information about Respondent's confidential attorney client communications or attorney work product. The Board will also not require the Respondent to submit to interviews with Board investigators or attorneys about this matter, submit a written response to the complaint, or appear before the Investigative Committee or the Board for questioning about the subject of this complaint, until such time as there is a resolution of his criminal case by conviction, the imposition of a deferred sentence, or dismissal with prejudice. Respondent may voluntarily appear before the Investigative Committee or the Board during the pendency of his criminal case. If he chooses to do so, this agreement imposes no limitation on the Committee or the Board's ability to seek information from Respondent.
- c. Cease and desist, effective immediately, pursuant to this order of the Board, from any and all practice of medicine, including any and all prescribing of any kind for patients, associates, himself, family members or others; office visits; consultations; examinations; treatment; and surgery; and
- d. Adhere to all terms and conditions set forth above and herein until relieved of such obligation by further order of the Board.

General Provisions

- 12. Respondent recognizes the Board's obligation in all cases to investigate as required and to act expeditiously to protect the public health, safety and welfare. Respondent makes no statement or admission here other than to assure his continued cooperation with the Board and its statutory responsibilities. Respondent acknowledges that no promises have been made to him regarding the final disposition of any matter or other action of the Board.
- 13. Respondent agrees that he has read and carefully considered all terms and conditions herein and agrees that these may be adopted as an enforceable order of the Board, pursuant to 3 V.S.A. §§ 129(a)(3), 809(d) and 26 V.S.A. §§1353, 1737 and agrees to accept and be bound by these until such time as he may be expressly relieved of these or they are modified, in writing, by the Board.
- 14. The parties agree that this Agreement does not constitute disciplinary action. However, the parties acknowledge that this Agreement shall be a public document, shall be made part of Respondent's licensing file, and may be reported to other licensing authorities. Respondent's license status will be changed to "Cessation of Practice" upon approval by the Board.
- 15. This Cessation of Practice Agreement is subject to review and acceptance by the Board and shall not become fully and finally effective until presented to and approved by the Board. However, this in no way limits Respondent's obligation to cease and desist from the practice of medicine as stated in Paragraph 7 above. If the Board rejects any part of this Agreement, the entire Agreement shall be void. The parties agree and request that the Board enter a binding order adopting the terms and conditions set forth herein.

16. Respondent agrees that the Board shall retain jurisdiction in this matter and may enforce as necessary the terms set forth herein, pursuant to 26 V.S.A. §1354(25) or other statutory provisions.

SIGNATURES

DATED at Montpelier, Vermont, this 30 day 2020.

STATE OF VERMONT THOMAS J. DONOVAN, JR. ATTORNEY GENERAL

By:

Megan Campbell Assistant Attorney General Office of the Attorney General 109 State Street Montpelier, VT 05609

Vermont, this 30th day of April 2020. DATED at Burlingen

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Respondent

Vermont, this 3° day of A, 2020. DATED at

Robert Kaplan, Esq. Kaplan and Kaplan 95 St. Paul Street, Suite 405 Burlington, VT 05401 Counsel for Respondent

AS TO EIKE BLOHM, MD APPROVED AND ORDERED VERMONT BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE

Signed on Behalf of the Vermont Board of Medical Practice

By

Richard Bernstein, MD Chair Vermont Board of Medical Practice

Vote documented in the Vermont Board of Medical Practice meeting minutes, dated May 6, 2020.

20 Dated: