



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Olympia, Washington 98504

RE: Said Farzad, M.D.,
Master Case No.: M2014-191
Document: Summary Action Order

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**STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
MEDICAL QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMISSION**

In the Matter of :

SAID FARZAD, M.D.,
License No. MD.MD.00044681

Respondent.

Master Case No. M2014-191

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SUMMARY ACTION

PRESIDING OFFICER: Frank Lockhart, Health Law Judge

COMMISSION PANEL: William Gotthold, M.D., Panel Chair
Mike Concannon, J.D., Public Member
Thomas Green, M.D.

This matter came before the Medical Quality Assurance Commission (Commission) on May 9, 2014, on an Ex Parte Motion for Order of Summary Action (Ex Parte Motion) brought by the Office of the Attorney General. The Commission issued a Statement of Charges alleging that Respondent violated RCW 18.130.170(1). After reviewing the Statement of Charges, Ex Parte Motion, and supporting evidence, the Commission grants the Ex Parte Motion. Respondent's license to practice as a physician and surgeon is Suspended pending further action.

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

1.1 Said Farzad, M.D. (Respondent) is a physician, licensed by the state of Washington at all times applicable to this matter.

1.2 The Commission issued a Statement of Charges alleging Respondent violated RCW 18.130.170(1). The Statement of Charges was accompanied by all other documents required by WAC 246-11-250.

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1.3 The Statement of Charges and Ex Parte Motion allege that Respondent is unable to practice as a physician and surgeon with reasonable skill and safety by reason of a mental condition. These allegations are based on several factual allegations¹ including Respondent's arrest on May 6, 2014, on four counts of Telephone Harassment – Threat to Kill (class C felony) and one count of Threat to Bomb (class B felony). The allegation underlying the arrests is that Respondent made numerous calls to the Molina HealthCare (Molina) Prior Authorization Department and threatened to kill employees and bomb the office building. The type of repeated threats alleged in the police reports put the lives of people in danger.

1.4 The Ex Part Motion was accompanied by a sworn Declaration by Larry Berg, Staff Attorney for the Washington Department of Health Medical Quality Assurance Commission along with 14 exhibits and supporting documents including affidavits from the Bothell Police Department.

1.5 If these allegations in the Statement of Charges and Ex Parte Motion were proven at hearing, they would indicate irrational and dangerous behavior and an inability to practice with reasonable skill and safety by reason of a mental condition, which presents an immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare requiring immediate agency action. Respondent has posted bond on his arrests and, without action by the Commission, would be free to treat patients. No lesser restriction than summary suspension would protect public safety.

¹ The other allegations in the Statement of Charges and Ex Parte Motion allege an increasing number of incidents of boundary issues with patients. Those allegations, in and of themselves, would not necessarily trigger summary action by the Commission, but when combined with the very recent arrests for dangerous behavior, require the Commission to take immediate action.

II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

2.1 The Commission has jurisdiction over Respondent's credential to practice as a physician and surgeon. RCW 18.130.040.

2.2 The Commission has authority to take emergency adjudicative action to address an immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare. RCW 34.05.422(4); RCW 34.05.479; RCW 18.130.050(8); and WAC 246-11-300.

2.3 The Findings of Fact establish the existence of an immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare if Respondent has an unrestricted credential. The Findings of Fact establish that the requested summary action is necessary and adequately addresses the danger to the public health, safety, or welfare.

III. ORDER

3.1 Based on the Findings of Fact and the Conclusions of Law, it is ORDERED that Respondent's license to practice as a physician and surgeon is SUMMARILY SUSPENDED pending further disciplinary proceedings by the Commission. Respondent shall immediately deliver all licenses, (including wall, display, and/or wallet, if any), to the Commission.

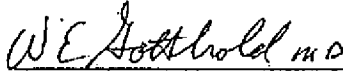
3.2 It is HEREBY ORDERED that a protective order in this case is GRANTED. RCW 34.05.446(1) and WAC 246-10-405(2) and (5). This Protective Order prohibits the release of health care information outside of these proceedings. Unless required by law, anyone involved in these proceedings must keep confidential and not disclose health care information obtained through these proceedings. Health care information includes information in any form "that identifies or can readily be associated with the

identity of a patient and directly relates to the patient's health care." RCW 70.02.010.

The parties may share the information with their attorney, if any.

Dated this ___ day of May, 2014.

Medical Quality Assurance Commission



WILLIAM GOTTHOLD, M.D.

Panel Chair

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