

STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH Olympia, Washington 98504

RE: Paul Thomas, MD Master Case No.: M2021-378 Document: Interim Order

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 Office. These records are considered Certified by the Department of Health.

Certain information may have been withheld pursuant to Washington state laws. While those laws require that most records be disclosed on request, they also state that certain information should not be disclosed.

The following information has been withheld: NONE

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding the information that was withheld, please contact:

Customer Service Center P.O. Box 47865 Olympia, WA 98504-7865 Phone: (360) 236-4700 Fax: (360) 586-2171

You may appeal the decision to withhold any information by writing to the Privacy Officer, Department of Health, P.O. Box 47890, Olympia, WA 98504-7890.

STATE OF WASHINGTON WASHINGTON MEDICAL COMMISSION

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

No. M2021-378

PAUL THOMAS, MD License No. MD.MD.60353591

INTERIM STIPULATED ORDER

Respondent.

The Washington Medical Commission (Commission), through Colleen Balatbat, Staff Attorney, and Respondent, through his attorney, Troy Bundy, stipulate and agree to the following:

1. STIPULATIONS

1.1 On August 2, 2013, the State of Washington issued Respondent a license to practice as a physician and surgeon. Respondent's license is currently active.

1.2 The Commission has jurisdiction over Respondent and the subject matter of this proceeding.

1.3 The Commission has authority to take summary action against Respondent's license under RCW 34.05.422(4), RCW 34.05.479, RCW 18.130.050(8), and WAC 246-11-300.

1.4 Respondent is informed and understands that the Commission has authorized and issued a Statement of Charges, which sets forth allegations that Respondent violated RCW 18.130.180 (5).

1.5 The parties wish to implement terms and conditions to protect the public without ex parte summary action proceedings, pending the eventual complete adjudication and disposition of the issues.

1.6 This Interim Stipulated Order (Interim Order) shall not be construed or established as a finding of unprofessional conduct or inability to practice medicine. Respondent does not admit any of the allegations in the Statement of Charges. Respondent may file an answer admitting or denying allegations stated in the Statement of Charges. Respondent does not waive any rights he has to contest the allegations in the Statement of Charges, in this or any other legal or administrative proceeding. 1.7 This Interim Order is of no force and effect, and is not binding on the parties, unless and until it is accepted by the Commission.

1.8 If the Commission rejects this Interim Order, Respondent waives any objection to the participation at any hearing of any Commission members who heard the Interim Order presentation.

1.9 This Interim Order will be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank (45 CFR Part 60), the Federation of State Medical Boards' Physician Data Center, and elsewhere as required by law.

1.10 This Interim Order is a public document. It will be placed on the Department of Health's website, disseminated via the Commission's electronic mailing list, and disseminated according to the Uniform Disciplinary Act (Chapter 18.130 RCW). This Interim Order is subject to disclosure under the Public Records Act (Chapter 42.56 RCW), but subject to all applicable exceptions. It shall remain part of Respondent's file according to the state's records retention law and cannot be expunged.

1.11 Respondent must comply with the terms and conditions of this Interim Order until it is superseded by a final order in this proceeding.

1.12 A violation of the provisions of Section 3 of this Interim Order will constitute grounds for disciplinary action against Respondent under RCW 18.130.180(9) and the imposition of sanctions RCW 18.130.160.

2. INTERIM ORDER

Pursuant to RCW 18.130.050, RCW 18.130.090, and RCW 18.130.160, and to protect the public and ensure that licensees are safe to practice medicine, the Commission and Respondent agree to the following terms.

2.1 <u>Agreement to Limit Practice.</u> Respondent shall comply with the following limitations:

2.1.1 Respondent's practice is limited to patients requiring acute care.

2.1.2 Respondent must not engage in consultations with parents or patients relating to vaccination protocols, questions, issues, or recommendations.

2.1.3 Respondent must not perform any research involving patient care.

2.2 <u>Effective Date.</u> The effective date of this Interim Order is the date the Adjudicative Clerk Office places the signed Interim Order into the U.S. mail. Respondent

should not submit any fees or compliance documents until after the effective date of this Interim Order.

2.3 <u>Costs.</u> Respondent must assume all costs of complying with this Interim Order.

2.4 <u>Change of Address.</u> Respondent must inform the Commission and the Adjudicative Clerk Office, in writing, of changes in his residential and/or business address within thirty (30) days of any such change.

2.5 <u>Violations.</u> If Respondent violates any provision of this Interim Order in any respect, the Commission may take further action against Respondent's license. Provided, however, if the Commission believes that such a violation has occurred, it shall first provide reasonable advance notice to Respondent setting forth the alleged violation(s) and provide him with a reasonable opportunity to respond, explain and/or cure same, to the satisfaction of the Commission.

3. RESPONDENT'S ACCEPTANCE

I, PAUL THOMAS, MD, Respondent, certify that I have read, understand, and agree to this Interim Order. This Interim Order may be presented to the Commission without my appearance. I understand I will receive a signed copy if the Commission accepts this Interim Order.

PAUL THOMAS, MD
RESPONDENT
TROVS BUNDY WSBAND 33330

TROY'S. BUNDY, WSBA NO. 33330 ATTORNEY FOR RESPONDENT

H

//

H

II

H

11

APRIL 2677, 2022 DATE 4-26-2022

DATE

INTERIM STIPULATED ORDER NO. M2021-378

4. COMMISSION'S ACCEPTANCE AND ORDER

The Commission accepts and enters this Interim Order. All parties shall be bound by

its terms and conditions.

DATED:

May 11, 2022

STATE OF WASHINGTON WASHINGTON MEDICAL COMMISSION

n MD

PANEL CHAIR

PRESENTED BY:

olleen Balatbar

COLLEEN BALATBAT, WSBA NO. 48084 COMMISSION STAFF ATTORNEY