

IN THE MATTER OF
AIMEE L. GRAHE, L.Ac.
Respondent

License Number: U02499

*** BEFORE THE**
*** MARYLAND STATE**
*** ACUPUNCTURE BOARD**
*** Case Number: 18-11**

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ORDER TERMINATING SUSPENSION AND IMPOSING PROBATION

On November 29, 2018, the Maryland State Acupuncture Board (the "Board") and Aimee L. Grahe, L.Ac., license number U02499 entered into a Consent Order. Under the terms of the Consent Order, the Board suspended Ms. Grahe's license and ordered that she undergo an alcohol/substance abuse evaluation by a Board-approved health care provider (the "Evaluator"). The Consent Order further provided that the Evaluator shall submit his written evaluation to the Board and that report shall contain an evaluation regarding whether the Respondent is safe to return to the practice of acupuncture. The Consent Order provided that if the Evaluator determined that Ms. Grahe is safe to return to the practice of Acupuncture and if she has complied with the remaining provisions of the Consent Order, the Board may lift the suspension of Ms. Grahe's license. The Consent Order also provided that if the suspension is terminated, Ms. Grahe shall be placed on probation with any additional terms and conditions recommended by the Evaluator.

On December 12, 2018, the Board received the report from the Evaluator that found that Ms. Grahe is safe to return to the practice of acupuncture so long as she complies with the Consent Order, continues individual psychotherapy, and completes a Board-approved course in professional ethics, including one-on-one meetings with an

expert in the ethics of medical practice including acupuncture. On January 3, 2019, the Board received a letter from Ms. Grahe, petitioning the Board for termination of her suspension. It is, thus, hereby

ORDERED that the suspension imposed under the November 29, 2018, Consent Order is **TERMINATED** and Ms. Grahe's license (license # U02499) is **REINSTATED**; and it is further

ORDERED that Ms. Grahe is placed on **PROBATION** for a minimum period of **TWO YEARS**.¹ During the probationary period, the Respondent shall comply with all of the following probationary terms and conditions:

1. Ms. Grahe shall continue individual psychotherapy as recommended by the Evaluator for the length of probation. Ms. Grahe may petition the Board to terminate this condition prior to the end of probation by submitting a petition with a written report from her psychotherapist explaining why therapy is no longer needed;
2. The Respondent shall sign and update any written release/consent forms requested by the Board, including release/consent forms to authorize the Board to disclose relevant information in a public order. The Respondent shall also sign any written release/consent forms to authorize the Board to exchange with (*i.e.*, disclose to and from) outside entities (including all of the Respondent's current therapists and treatment providers) verbal and written information concerning the Respondent and to ensure that the Board is authorized to receive the medical records of the Respondent, including but not limited to, mental health and drug or alcohol evaluation and treatment records;
3. Within **SIX (6) MONTHS**, the Respondent shall successfully complete a Board-approved course in professional ethics. The course shall include a series of one-on-one meetings with an expert in the ethics of medical practice including acupuncture. It is the Respondent's responsibility to locate, enroll in and obtain the Board's approval of the course before the course is begun. The Board will not accept a course taken over the internet. The course may not be used to fulfill the continuing education credits required

¹ If the Respondent's license expires while the Respondent is on probation the probationary period and any probationary conditions will be tolled.

for license renewal. The Respondent must provide documentation to the Board that she has successfully completed the course. The Respondent is responsible for the cost of the course;

4. Within **ONE (1) YEAR**, the Respondent shall pay a civil fine in the amount five hundred (\$500.00) dollars. The payment shall be by money order or bank certified check made payable to the Maryland State Acupuncture Board, 4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21215. The Board will not renew the Respondent's acupuncture license if the Respondent fails to timely pay the fine to the Board;
5. The Respondent shall immediately notify the Board in writing in the event that she is arrested for committing a criminal or vehicular offense;
6. The Respondent shall not apply for early termination of the probation; and
7. The Respondent shall comply with the Maryland Acupuncture Act, Health Occ. §§ 1A-101 *et seq.*, and all laws and regulation governing the practice of acupuncture in Maryland.

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that after the Respondent has complied with all terms and conditions of probation and the minimum period of probation imposed by the Order has passed, the Respondent may submit a written petition for termination of probation. The Respondent may be required to appear before the Board to discuss her petition for termination. The Board may grant the petition to terminate the probation through an order of the Board if there are no pending complaints relating to the charges; and it is further

ORDERED that if the Board determines, after notice and an opportunity for a hearing before the Board, that Respondent has failed to comply with any term or condition of probation or this Order, the Board may reprimand the Respondent, place the Respondent on probation with appropriate terms and conditions, or suspend or

revoke the Respondent's license to practice acupuncture in Maryland. The Board may, in addition to one or more of the sanctions set forth above, impose a civil monetary fine upon the Respondent; and it is further

ORDERED that unless stated otherwise in the order, any time period prescribed in this order begins when the Order goes into effect. The Order goes into effect when signed by Executive Director, Chair, or other designated Board representative; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent is responsible for all costs incurred in fulfilling the condition of this Order; and it is further

ORDERED that this Order is a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT**. See Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §§ 1-607 and Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. §§ 4-333(b)(6).

Jan 3, 2019
Date


Penny Heisler, Executive Director
Maryland State Acupuncture Board