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Antonia C. Novello, M.D., M.P.H. Commissioner

Dennis P. Whalen
Executive Deputy Commissioner

April 3, 2000

Mr. Robert Bentley, Director Division of Professional Licensing Services New York State Education Department Cultural Education Center Empire State Plaza Albany, NY 12230

RE:

Tova Li Babad, M.D.

NYS License No. 122726

Dear Mr. Bentley:

Enclosed is a copy of a Commissioner's Order and Notice of Hearing which summarily suspends Dr. Tova Li Babad's right to practice medicine in the State of New York. This Order was issued on March 31, 2000, and is in effect until further notice.

Sincerely,

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Director

Office of Professional Medical Conduct

Enclosure

cc:

Daniel Kelleher

STATE OF NEW YORK : DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CONDUCT

IN THE MATTER OF TOVA LI BABAD, M.D.

COMMISSIONER'S
ORDER AND
NOTICE OF
HEARING

TO: TOVA LI BABAD, M.D. 18432 Gridley Road Artesia, California 90701

> TOVA LI BABAD, M.D. 918 Kenter Way Los Angeles, California 90049

The undersigned, Antonia C. Novello, M.D., M.P.H., Commissioner of the New York State Department of Health, after an investigation, upon the recommendation of a committee on professional medical conduct of the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct, and upon the Statement of Charges attached hereto and made a part hereof, has determined that TOVA LI BABAD, M.D. has been disciplined by a duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of another jurisdiction, namely, the Division of Medical Quality, Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs, for acts which if committed in the state of New York would have constituted the basis for summary action pursuant to New York Public Health Law Section 230(12)(a), and has further determined that the continued practice of medicine in the state of New York by TOVA LI BABAD, M.D., the Respondent, constitutes imminent danger to the health of the people of this state.

It is therefore.

ORDERED, pursuant to N.Y. Public Health Law Section 230(12)(b), that effective immediately, TOVA LI BABAD, M.D., Respondent, shall not practice medicine in the State of New York. Ther Order shall remain in effect unless modified or vacated by the Commissioner of Health pursuant to N.Y. Public Health Law Section 230(12).

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a hearing will be held pursuant to the provisions of N.Y. Public Health Law Section 230, and N.Y. State Admin. Proc. Act Sections 301-307 and 401.

The hearing will be conducted before a committee on professional conduct of the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct on the 17th day of May, 2000 at 10:00 am in the forenoon at the Hedley Park Plaza, 5th Floor, 433 River Street, Troy, New York, 12180, and at such other adjourned dates, times, and places as the committee may direct. The Respondent may file an answer to the Statement of Charges with the below-named attorney for the Department of Health.

At the hearing, evidence will be received concerning the allegations set forth in the Statement of Charges, which is attached. A stenographic record of the hearing will be made and the witnesses at the hearing will be sworn and examined. The Respondent shall appear in person at the hearing and may be represented by counsel. The Respondent has the right to produce witnesses and evidence on her behalf, to issue or have subpoenas issued on her behalf for the production of witnesses and documents, and to cross-examine witnesses and examine evidence produced against her. Such evidence or sworn testimony shall be limited to evidence and testimony relating to the nature and severity of the penalty to be imposed upon the licensee. Where the charges are based on the conviction of state law crimes in other jurisdictions, evidence may be offered which would show that conviction would not be a crime in New York State. The Committee also may limit the number of witnesses whose testimony will be received, as well as the length of time any witness will be permitted to testify. A summary of the Department of Health Hearing Rules is enclosed. Pursuant to Section 301(5) of the State Administrative Procedure Act, the Department, upon reasonable notice, will provide at no charge, a qualified interpreter of the deaf to interpret the proceedings to, and the testimony of, any deaf person.

The hearing will proceed whether or not the Respondent appears at the hearing. Scheduled hearing dates are considered dates certain and, therefore, adjournment requests are not routinely granted. Requests for adjournments must be made in writing to the Administrative Law Judge's Office, Hedley Park Place, 433 River Street, 5th Floor, Troy, New York 12180, (518-402-0751), upon notice to the attorney for the Department of Health whose name appears below, and at least five days prior to the scheduled hearing date. Claims of court engagement

will require detailed affidavits of actual engagement. Claims of illness will require medical documentation.

At the conclusion of the hearing, the committee shall make findings of fact, conclusions concerning the charges sustained or dismissed, and, in the event any of the charges are sustained, a determination of the penalty or sanction to be imposed or appropriate action to be taken. Such determination may be reviewed by the administrative review board for professional medical conduct.

> THESE PROCEEDINGS MAY RESULT IN A DETERMINATION THAT YOUR LICENSE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE IN NEW YORK STATE BE REVOKED OR SUSPENDED, AND/OR THAT YOU MAY BE FINED OR SUBJECT TO OTHER SANCTIONS SET FORTH IN NEW YORK PUBLIC HEALTH LAW SECTION 230-a. YOU ARE URGED TO OBTAIN AN ATTORNEY IN THIS MATTER.

DATED:

Albany, New York MARCH 31,2000

ANTONIA C. NOVELLO, M.D., M.P.H.

Commissioner

Inquiries should be directed to:

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STATE OF NEW YORK : DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CONDUCT

IN THE MATTER

OF.

TOVA LI BABAD, M.D.

STATEMENT
OF
CHARGES

TOVA LI BABAD, M.D., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York state on January 6, 1975, by the issuance of license number 122726 by the New York State Education Department.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- A. On or about November 16, 1999, the Division of Medical Quality, Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs (hereinafter "California Board"), by a Decision (hereinafter "California Order"), revoked the Respondent's physician and surgeon's certificate, stayed the revocation, and placed her on probation for four (4) years with terms and conditions, based on a mental competency examination that found she was unable to practice medicine with safety to the public because she suffers from a debilitating mental illness that has impaired her ability to practice medicine safely.
- B. The conduct resulting in the California Board's disciplinary action against Respondent would constitute misconduct under the laws of New York state, pursuant to the following sections of New York state law:
- 1. New York Education Law §6530(8) (having a psychiatric condition which impairs her ability to practice); and/or

2. New York Education Law §6530(16) (failure to comply with federal, state, or local laws, rules, or regulations governing the practice of medicine).

SPECIFICATION

Respondent violated New York State Education Law §6530(9)(d) by having had her license revoked or having other disciplinary action taken after a disciplinary action was instituted against her by a duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of another state, where the conduct resulting in the revocation or other disciplinary action would, if committed in New York state, constitute professional misconduct under the laws of New York state, in that Petitioner charges:

1. The facts in paragraphs A and/or B.

DATED: 1/61. 3/, 2000 Albany, New York

PETER D. VAN BUREN

Deputy Counsel

Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct