



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
Olympia, Washington 98504

RE: Kurt Warkenthien, M.D.,  
Master Case No.: M2015-848  
Document: Summary Action Order

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

In the Matter of:

KURT WARKENTHIEN, M.D.,  
License No. MD.MD.60242443,

Respondent.

Master Case No. M2015-848

EX PARTE ORDER OF  
SUMMARY SUSPENSION

COMMISSION PANEL: Warren Howe, M.D., Panel Chair  
Mark Rodgers, PA-C  
Mimi Winslow, JD, Public Member

PRESIDING OFFICER: John F. Kuntz, Review Judge

This matter came before the Medical Quality Assurance Commission (Commission) on August 21, 2015, on an Ex Parte Motion for Summary Action (Ex Parte Motion) brought by the Office of the Attorney General. The Commission issued a Statement of Charges alleging 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 Kurt Warkenthien, M.D. (Respondent), is a physician and surgeon licensed by the state of Washington at all times applicable to this matter.

1.2 The Commission issued a Statement of Charges alleging Respondent is unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety due to a mental or physical condition

pursuant to RCW 18.130.170(1). The Statement of Charges was accompanied by all other documents required by WAC 246-11-250.

1.3 As set forth in the allegations in the Statement of Charges, as well as the Ex Parte Motion and exhibits, Respondent has not complied with a behavioral health agreement he entered into with the Washington Physician Health Program (WPHP). He ceased reporting to his place of employment without prior notice, and he has not responded to reasonable attempts to contact him.

1.4 The above allegations, supported by the Declaration of Health Care Investigator in Support of Motion for Summary Action together with the attached exhibits, justify the determination of immediate danger in this case and a decision to immediately suspend the credential until a hearing on the matter is held.

## **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.

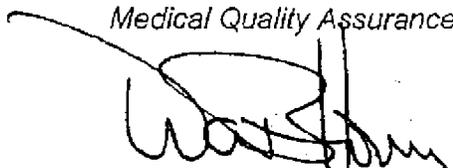
### III. ORDER

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 246-11-400(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(16). The parties may share the information with their attorney, if any.

Dated the 24~~th~~ day of August, 2015.

*Medical Quality Assurance Commission*



WARREN HOWE, M.D.  
Panel Chair

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