STATE OF MARYLAND
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF:	*	
KRISTEN SZENDREY, D.V.M.	*	DOCKET NO. 19-17B
LICENSE NO. 7895	*	

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CONSENT ORDER TO STAY BOARD ACTION

The State of Maryland Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners ("SBVME" or "Board") hereby stays the above referenced action in which Kristen Szendrey, D.V.M. ("Dr. Szendrey"), License Number 7895, was charged with violations of the Maryland Veterinary Practice Act, Agriculture Article, Sections 2-301 through 2-316, Annotated Code of Maryland, and related Code of Maryland Regulations ("COMAR").

FINDINGS OF FACT

At all times relevant to the charges, Dr. Szendrey was a veterinarian licensed to practice in the State of Maryland, where she was first licensed in 2017. Dr. Szendrey has no prior disciplinary history with the Board.

On or about December 26, 2019, the Board initiated charges against Dr. Szendrey in Docket No. 19-17B. The case arises from Dr. Szendrey's treatment of Jasper, a 5-year-old Shih Tzu owned by Anne Mudge ("Owner" or "Ms. Mudge"), in August of 2018. At the time of this treatment, Dr. Szendrey was an associate veterinarian at Falls Road Animal Hospital, Inc. ("Hospital"), License No. 03-012, located at 6314 Falls Road, Baltimore, MD 21209.

On February 26, 2020, Dr. Szendrey, through legal counsel, requested a hearing. Thereafter, the parties engaged in discussions regarding a potential resolution of the case. While the parties were not able to reach an agreement to resolve the case, Dr. Szendrey has advised the Board that she is not currently practicing veterinary medicine in Maryland, has not renewed her registration in this state, and has no plans

to return. Dr. Szendrey has moved to the state of New York, where she is currently licensed and practicing. Because she is no longer practicing in Maryland, Dr. Szendrey requested a stay of this case.

Code of Maryland Regulations ("COMAR") 15.14.02.02B(21) defines "stay" as the withholding of Board action against a licensee, which may be subject to conditions imposed by the Board. COMAR 15.14.02.04A(12) provides that a Board action may be resolved or disposed of by way of a stay. Given the facts of this case, including the fact that the veterinarian is no longer practicing in Maryland, the Board's determination that allegations set forth in the charges against Dr. Szendrey do not amount to conduct that poses an imminent threat to the health of animals or to the public, and Dr. Szendrey's lack of prior discipline, the Board concludes that a stay, subject to conditions, is an appropriate disposition of this case. Prior to entry of this Order, a draft was provided to Dr. Szendrey, through counsel, for review and comment. Dr. Szendrey has consented to entry of this Order and to the terms and conditions set forth herein.

ORDER

Based on the Board's findings of fact, including that that Dr. Szendrey is not currently practicing veterinary medicine in Maryland, has not renewed her license registration for Fiscal Years 2020 or 2021, has no plans to renew her registration in future years or to return to Maryland, and because the conducted alleged in the charges does not rise to a level that Dr. Szendrey's continued practice of veterinary medicine poses an imminent risk of harm to animals or the public, the Board concludes that a stay of this pending matter as defined in COMAR 15.14.02.02B(21), is an appropriate action at this time. Therefore, it is this 31st day of August, 2020 by the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, **ORDERED** that:

a. The confidential charging document filed against Dr. Szendrey (License No. 7895) in Docket Number 19-17B is stayed;

b. The stay will remain in effect so long as Dr. Szendrey complies with the following conditions:

   i. Dr. Szendrey shall not practice veterinary medicine in this State without the Board's prior approval and renewal of her registration for the appropriate fiscal year;

   ii. Should Dr. Szendrey plan to resume the practice of veterinary medicine in Maryland, she shall notify the Board at least 30 days in advance of attempting to renew her

registration and obtain written Board approval before she attempts to renew her registration;

iii. If Dr. Szendrey's registration is renewed, the Board will lift the stay of Docket No. 19-17B and proceed to take action on the charges in accordance with its normal process;

iv. If the Board receives any inquiry concerning Dr. Szendrey's standing as a veterinarian in Maryland, the Board may report that Dr. Szendrey's license is not currently registered, and that a pending disciplinary matter is stayed;

v. Except for this Order to Stay, the Board's records in this matter may not be disclosed without Dr. Szendrey's permission, a court order, or a subpoena; and

vi. If new information relevant to this matter or any other matter involving Dr. Szendrey's practice of veterinary medicine come to the Board's attention, the Board may take appropriate action against Dr. Szendrey subject to due process of law, including, but not limited to, lifting entry of this stay.

WITNESS the hand and seal of the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, State of Maryland, this 31st day of August, 2020.

STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY
MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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