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8 **BEFORE THE**
9 **MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA**
10 **DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**
11 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

12 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 800-2016-020601
13 JOHN THOMAS MORANVILLE, M.D.	DEFAULT DECISION
14 3527 Mt Diablo Blvd, #303	AND ORDER
15 Lafayette, CA 94549	[Gov. Code §11520]
16 Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 45114	
17 Respondent	

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19 1. On or about May 23, 2017, an employee of the Medical Board of California (Board),
20 served by certified mail a copy of Accusation No. 800-2016-020601, Statement to Respondent,
21 Notice of Defense, Request for Discovery, and Government Code sections 11507.5, 11507.6, and
22 11507.7 to John Thomas Moranville, M.D. (Respondent) at his address of record with the Board,
23 which was and is 3527 Mt Diablo Blvd, #303, Lafayette, California 94549. The certified mail
24 was delivered on May 25, 2017. (Exhibit Package, Exhibit A¹: Accusation, related documents,
25 Declaration of Service, Notice of Defense, United States Postal Service Track & Confirm results.)
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27 ¹ The evidence in support of this Default Decision and Order is contained in the "Exhibit
28 Package."

1 psychiatrist Dr. Bobby Singh. The evaluating psychiatrist concluded that Respondent is unable to
2 practice medicine safely at this time. As an initial matter, the psychiatrist diagnosed Respondent
3 with Bipolar Disorder, as defined by the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders,*
4 *Fifth Edition (DSM-5).*

5 With Respondent's consent, the evaluating psychiatrist contacted Respondent's treating
6 psychiatrist who expressed concern regarding Respondent's tendency to "manage his own
7 medications." The evaluating psychiatrist found that this "poor judgment" makes it more likely
8 that Respondent's bipolar disorder may be inadequately controlled in the future, affecting his
9 judgment and compromising his ability to practice medicine safely and that, therefore, in order to
10 practice medicine safely, Respondent should engage in the treatment of his bipolar disorder in an
11 appropriate manner and take his medication as prescribed.

12 With Respondent's consent, the evaluating psychiatrist contacted Respondent's primary
13 care physician who expressed concern that Respondent's opioid dosage could possibly affect his
14 judgment. The evaluating psychiatrist found that because of the potential for the opioid
15 medication to affect Respondent's cognition, in order to practice medicine safely, he should work
16 with his primary care physician to lower the dosage of his opioid medications or use medications
17 with fewer cognitive side effects and have his cognition closely monitored. (Exhibit Package,
18 Exhibit 4: Declaration of Bobby Singh, M.D.)

19 DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

20 I

21 Pursuant to the foregoing Findings of Fact, Respondent's conduct constitutes cause for
22 discipline within the meaning of Business and Professions Code sections 822 and 2227, in that,
23 due to mental illness, he is unable to practice medicine with safety to the public.

24 II

25 Pursuant to its authority under Government Code section 11520, the Board finds
26 Respondent is in default. The Board will take action without further hearing and, based on
27 Respondent's express admissions by way of default and the evidence before it, contained in
28 Exhibits 1-4 finds that the allegations in Accusation No. 800-2016-020601 are true.

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ORDER

IT IS SO ORDERED that Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A45114, heretofore issued to Respondent John Thomas Moranville, M.D., is revoked.

Respondent shall not be deprived of making a request for relief from default as set forth in Government Code section 11520, subdivision (c), for good cause shown. However, such showing must be made in writing by way of a motion to vacate the default decision and directed to the Medical Board of California at 2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 1200, Sacramento, CA 95815 within seven (7) days after service of the Decision on Respondent

This Decision shall become effective on August 18, 2017, at 5 p.m.

It is so ORDERED July 21, 2017



FOR THE MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA
KIMBERLY KIRCHMEYER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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ACCUSATION

Complainant alleges:

PARTIES

1. Kimberly Kirchmeyer (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity as the Executive Director of the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs (Board).
2. On or about August 1, 1988, the Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate Number A45114 to John Thomas Moranville, M.D. (Respondent). The certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on July 31, 2018, unless renewed.

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3. Ordering John Thomas Moranville, M.D., if placed on probation, to pay the Board the costs of probation monitoring; and

4. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: May 23, 2017


KIMBERLY KIRCHMEYER
Executive Director
Medical Board of California
Department of Consumer Affairs
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