

Middlesex, SS.

Adjudicatory Case No. 2016-049

In the Matter of

CHRISTIN PRICE, M.D.

Pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, § 10, Christin Price, M.D. (Respondent) and the Board of Registration in Medicine (Board) (hereinafter referred to jointly as the "Parties") agree that the Board may issue this Consent Order to resolve the above-captioned adjudicatory proceeding. The Parties further agree that this Consent Order will have all the force and effect of a Final Decision within the meaning of 801 CMR 1.01(11)(d). The Respondent admits to the findings of fact specified below and agrees that the Board may make the conclusions of law and impose the sanction set forth below in resolution of investigative Docket No. 14-449.

1. The Respondent was born on May 17, 1975. She has been licensed in Massachusetts under registration number 259147 since May 2014.

2. In August 2013, Patient A came under the Respondent's care at an HIV clinic associated with Brigham and Women's Hospital (BWH).

3. The Respondent acted as Patient A's primary care physician. The Respondent coordinated his care including referrals to a clinical psychiatrist and the Violence Prevention Program at BWH.

4. The Respondent and Patient A became close as the Respondent sought to serve as Patient A's advocate.

5. In July 2014, the Respondent began her Chief Residency.

6. In July 2014, Patient A was unable to find transportation to the hospital for an urgent test. The Respondent went to Patient A's home and transported him to the hospital. Patient A revealed that he had personal feelings for the Respondent.

7. In July 2014, the Respondent began an intimate relationship with Patient A.

8. On November 15, 2014, Patient A assaulted the Respondent.

9. On December 17, 2014, the Respondent self-reported her intimate relationship with Patient A to the Board. The Respondent also self-reported the relationship to BWH.

10. On December 17, 2014, the Respondent entered a Voluntary Agreement Not to Practice.

11. Given the heightened confidentiality protection afforded to HIV patients, neither BWH nor the Respondent were legally permitted to reveal Patient A's identity to the Petitioner.

12. The Respondent cooperated fully with the Board's investigation. The Respondent provided detailed information about her relationship with Patient A that would have remained unknown but for the Respondent's cooperation.

13. The Respondent has expressed deep remorse for her misconduct.

Conclusion of Law

A. The Respondent has violated 243 CMR 1.03(5)(a)18 by committing misconduct in the practice of medicine.

B. The Respondent has engaged in conduct that undermines the public confidence in the integrity of the medical profession. *See Levy v. Board of Registration in Medicine*, 378 Mass. 519 (1979); *Raymond v. Board of Registration in Medicine*, 387 Mass. 708 (1982).

Sanction and Order

The Respondent's inchoate right to renew her license is hereby REVOKED for a period of THREE YEARS retroactive to December 17, 2014, the date she entered the VANP. This sanction is imposed for each violation of law listed in the Conclusion section and not a combination of any or all of them.

Execution of this Consent Order

The Respondent shall provide a complete copy of this Consent Order with all exhibits and attachments within ten (10) days by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by hand delivery to the following designated entities: any in- or out-of-state hospital, nursing home, clinic, other licensed facility, or municipal, state, or federal facility at which the Respondent practices medicine; any in- or out-of-state health maintenance organization with whom the Respondent has privileges or any other kind of association; any state agency, in- or out-of-state, with which the Respondent has a provider contract; any in- or out-of-state medical employer, whether or not the Respondent practices medicine there; the state licensing boards of all states in which the Respondent has any kind of license to practice medicine; the Drug Enforcement Administration Boston Diversion Group; and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Drug Control Program. The Respondent shall also provide this notification to any such designated entities with which the Respondent becomes associated for the duration of this REVOCATION. The Respondent is further directed to certify to the Board within ten (10) days that the Respondent has complied with this directive.

The Board expressly reserves the authority to independently notify, at any time, any of the entities designated above, or any other affected entity, of any action it has taken.

C. Price
Christin Price, M.D.
Licensee

5/9/2016
Date

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5/18/2016
Date

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Complaint Counsel

5/26/16
Date

So ORDERED by the Board of Registration in Medicine this 8th day of December, 2016.

Michael E. Henry
Michael E. Henry, M.D.
Board Secretary