# COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, SS.

Board of Registration in Medicine

Adjudicatory Case No. 2022-015

In the Matter of )
PETER YERACARIS, M.D. )

## CONSENT ORDER

Pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, § 10, Peter Yeracaris, M.D. (the "Respondent") and the Board of Registration in Medicine (the "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. 21-212.

#### Findings of Fact

- 1. The Respondent graduated from the School of Medicine at the State University of New York at Buffalo in 1981. He is certified in Family Medicine by the American Board of Medical Specialties. He has been licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts under certificate number 157285 since August 5, 1998.
- On June 13, 2020, the Respondent was arrested by officers of the Brookline
   Police Department following a domestic dispute with his estranged spouse (the "Wife") in which

it was alleged that he forcefully grabbed the Wife's arms and bent her fingers backwards while trying to remove her from his vehicle.

- The Respondent was arraigned in Brookline District Court on June 15, 2020 for a misdemeanor criminal charge of Assault and Battery on a Family Member in violation of Mass.
   Gen. Laws c. 265 § 13M (Brookline District Court Docket No. 2009CR000199).
- 4. On April 8, 2021, the Respondent resolved Docket No. 2009CR000199 by admitting to sufficient facts to warrant a finding of guilty on the aforementioned misdemeanor criminal charge and receiving a Continuance Without a Finding pursuant to Mass. Gen. Laws c. 276 § 87 for three (3) months pending his compliance with the terms of his probation, which included that he continue with therapeutic treatment that he had begun prior to the June 13, 2020 incident, and to stay away from the Wife and not otherwise abuse her. Upon finding good cause, the Court ordered that the Respondent would not be required to complete the certified batterer's intervention program pursuant to Mass. Gen. Laws c. 265 § 13M (d).
- The Respondent successfully completed his probation on July 8, 2021 and his criminal case was then dismissed.

#### Conclusion of Law

A. Pursuant to Levy v. Board of Registration in Medicine, 378 Mass. 519 (1979); Raymond v. Board of Registration in Medicine, 387 Mass. 708 (1982), the Board may discipline a physician upon proof satisfactory to a majority of the Board, that said physician has engaged in conduct that undermines the public confidence in the integrity of the medical profession.

#### Sanction and Order

The Respondent's license is hereby Reprimanded. The Respondent waives any right of appeal that he may have resulting from the Board's acceptance of this Consent Order.

### Execution of this Consent Order

The Respondent shall provide a complete copy of this Consent Order with any and 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 in the year following the date of imposition of this reprimand. 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.

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| Peter Yeracaris, M.D.                             | Date                  |
| Licensee  |                       |
| Vincent A. Tofani, Esq. Attorney for the Licensee | 2 4 22<br>Date        |
| Lawrence R. Perchick, Esq. Complaint Counsel      | <u>2/4/22</u><br>Date |

So ORDERED by the Board of Registration in Medicine this  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{L}}^{\mathsf{T}}$  day of  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{L}}^{\mathsf{T}}$ , 2022.

Julian N. Robinson, M.D.

Board Chair

Woody Giessmann, LADC-I, CADC, CIP AIS Acting Board Chair