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Middlesex, ss.

Division of Administrative Law Appeals

Board of Registration in Medicine, Petitioner Docket No. RM-20-0230

Alejandro Barrocas, M.D., Respondent

ORDER OF DEFAULT RECOMMENDED DECISION

On May 8, 2020, the petitioner, Board of Registration in Medicine, issued a Statement of Allegations ordering the respondent, Alejandro Barrocas, M.D., to show cause why he should not be disciplined for violations of law, regulations, or good and accepted medical practices. 801 CMR 1.01(6)(d) required that an Answer to the Statement of Allegations be filed within 21 days of receipt of it. Dr. Barrocas did not file an Answer.

On May 22, 2020, the Division of Administrative Law Appeals issued to the parties a Notice of Pre-hearing Conference to be held on June 30, 2020. The Notice informed Dr. Barrocas that the Conference would be conducted by phone. The Notice sent to him was not returned to DALA as undeliverable. Dr. Barrocas in fact received the Notice because he sent an email to the Board's Complaint Counsel seeking to reschedule the conference. Complaint Counsel responded that he had to notify the Magistrate. He did not.

On July 6, 2020, I issued an Order to Show Cause to Dr. Barrocas that, while noting his email, required him to explain his failure to participate in the conference or to

request DALA to reschedule it. The Order warned that a failure to respond by July 15, 2020 may result in default or dismissal.

Dr. Barrocas failed to file an Answer, failed to participate in the pre-hearing conference, and failed to respond to the Order to Show Cause. I therefore find Dr. Barrocas in default under G.L. c. 30A, §10(2), and 801 CMR 1.01(7)(a)1. See Bd. of Reg. in Med. v. Owens, RM-17-840 (Div. Admin. Law App. Jan. 9, 2018, adopted Apr. 25, 2018). I recommend that the Board make final this decision and its allegations against Dr. Barrocas, and discipline him as it sees fit.

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Bonney Cashin

Administrative Magistrate

DATED: July 29, 2020