

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, SS.

Board of Registration in Medicine

Adjudicatory Case No. 2015-023

In the Matter of)
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G. REES COSGROVE, M.D.)
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STATEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS

The Board of Registration in Medicine (Board) has determined that good cause exists to believe the following acts occurred and constitute a violation for which a licensee may be sanctioned by the Board. The Board therefore alleges that G. Rees Cosgrove, M.D. (Respondent) has practiced medicine in violation of law, regulation, and/or good and accepted medical practice, as set forth herein. The investigative docket number associated with this order to show cause is Docket No. 14-414.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Respondent was born on September 22, 1956. He graduated from the Faculty of Medicine, Queens University, Montreal in 1980, and is certified by the American Board of Neurological Surgery. The Respondent practiced in Massachusetts beginning in 1986 under certificate number 56191. His license lapsed in September of 2011. The Respondent practiced in Rhode Island from 2010 until January of 2014, when he resigned his position.

2. During the summer of 2014, the Respondent began the process of reviving his Massachusetts license after receiving a job offer from a Massachusetts hospital. On his lapsed license application he disclosed that: 1) while on vacation in August of 2013, he had been stopped for speeding in Vermont and refused to take a breath test; and 2) had a history of alcohol dependency treatment. The Respondent subsequently pleaded guilty in Vermont to grossly negligent operation of a motor vehicle.

When he informed Rhode Island Hospital of his Vermont conviction and the circumstances surrounding it, the hospital requested his resignation.

Legal Basis for Proposed Relief

Pursuant to Sugarman v. Board of Registration in Medicine, 422 Mass. 338 (1996), the Board may discipline a physician upon proof satisfactory to a majority of the Board that said physician lacks good moral character and has engaged in conduct that undermines the public confidence in the integrity of the medical profession.

The Board has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to G.L. c. 112, §§ 5, 61 and 62. This adjudicatory proceeding will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c. 30A and 801 CMR 1.01.

Nature of Relief Sought

The Board is authorized and empowered to order appropriate disciplinary action, which may include revocation or suspension of the Respondent's license to practice medicine. The Board may also order, in addition to or instead of revocation or suspension, one or more of the following: admonishment, censure, reprimand, fine, the performance of uncompensated public service, a course of education or training, or other restrictions upon the Respondent's practice of medicine.

Order

Wherefore, it is hereby **ORDERED** that the Respondent show cause why the Board should not discipline the Respondent for the conduct described herein.

By the Board of Registration in Medicine,



Kathleen Sullivan Meyer
Board Vice Chair

Date: July 2, 2015

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