

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, SS.

Board of Registration in Medicine

Adjudicatory Case No.

In the Matter of

SHANA N. COSHAL, M.D.

**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 Shana N. Coshal, M.D., (Respondent) practiced medicine in violation of law, regulations, or good and accepted medical practice as set forth herein. The investigative docket number associated with this order to show cause is Docket No. 19 – 378.

**Biographical Information**

1. The Respondent is a 2018 graduate of Medical University of South Carolina College of Medicine. The Respondent was licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts under certificate number 274274 from May 10, 2018, until October 3, 2019.

**Factual Allegations**

2. In 2019, the Respondent attended a one-year fellowship in public and community psychiatry at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH).

3. In 2019, the Respondent was a contract employee of the Suffolk County Department of Corrections (SCDC) as part of her fellowship at MGH.

4. While a contract employee at SCDC, the Respondent co-led a program designed to help inmates with psychosocial life skills.

5. In November 2018, the Respondent met Inmate A when he was a member of the group, she co-led.

6. In February 2019, the Respondent provided her business card to Inmate A, when he was released to another facility.

7. Inmate A contacted the Respondent through a relative.

8. On March 15, 2019, the Respondent and Inmate A began communicating by telephone.

9. On March 31, 2019, the Respondent visited Inmate A at SCSD.

10. From March 31, 2019, the Respondent visited Inmate A at SCSD twenty (20) times including four (4) contact visits.

11. During the contact visits, the Respondent and Inmate A hugged, kissed and held hands.

12. On June 3, 2019, the Respondent's visitation privileges at SCSD facilities were revoked.

#### Legal Basis for Proposed Relief

A. Pursuant to Levy v. Board of Registration in Medicine, 378 Mass. 519 (1979) and 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 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, the Respondent is hereby **ORDERED** to show cause why the Board should not discipline the Respondent for the conduct described herein.

By the Board of Registration in Medicine,



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Julian N. Robinson, M.D.  
Board Chair, Physician Member

Date:

6/28/23