

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, SS.

Board of Registration in Medicine

Adjudicatory Case No. 2016-015

In the Matter of)
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FRANCIS P. COYLE, 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 Francis P. Coyle, M.D. (Respondent) has practiced medicine in violation of law, regulations, or good and accepted medical practice as set forth herein. The investigative docket numbers associated with this order to show cause is Docket No. 13-146.

Biographical Information

1. The Respondent was born on March 14, 1963. He graduated from the Boston University School of Medicine in 1998. He is certified by the American Board of Anesthesiology. He has been licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts under certificate number 214682 since 2002. The Respondent was an active member of the staff of Lowell General Hospital (LGH) from September 2008 to March 15, 2013.

Factual Allegations

2. Over the past several years, because of work-related stress, the Respondent began to drink increasing amounts of alcohol outside of work. The Respondent's drinking of alcohol negatively impacted his demeanor and his interactions with co-workers.

3. In December 2012, the Respondent stopped drinking alcohol.

4. From January 2013 to March 2013, in an effort to diminish his cravings for alcohol, the Respondent took bottles of sevoflurane from LGH. After completing his surgeries, the Respondent would inhale the sevoflurane in his LGH office until he lost consciousness.

5. Sevoflurane is an anesthetic that depresses activity in the central nervous system and causes a loss of consciousness.

Legal Basis for Proposed Relief

A. Pursuant to G.L. c. 112, §5, ninth par. (d) and 243 CMR 1.03(5)(a)4, the Board may discipline a physician upon proof satisfactory to a majority of the Board, that said physician practiced medicine while his ability to do so was impaired by alcohol, drugs, physical disability or mental instability.

B. Pursuant to G.L. c. 112, §5, ninth par. (c) and 243 CMR 1.03(5)(a)3, the Board may discipline a physician upon proof satisfactory to a majority of the Board, that he engaged in conduct that places into question the Respondent's competence to practice medicine.

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.

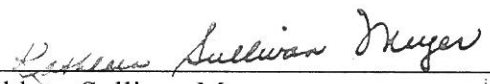
Nature of Relief Sought

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: April 7, 2016