

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, SS.

Board of Registration in Medicine

Adjudicatory Case No. 2015-029

In the Matter of)
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PAULA MCEVOY, 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 Paula McEvoy, M.D. (Respondent) has 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. 14-438

Biographical Information

1. The Respondent was born on December 16, 1965. She graduated from University of Massachusetts Medical School in 1994. She has been licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts under certificate number 152936 since 1997. She is board certified in pediatrics.
2. On September 19, 2013, the Board's Chair accepted the Respondent's Voluntary Agreement Not to Practice Medicine (VANP). The VANP was ratified by the full Board on September 25, 2013.

3. On September 13, 2013, the Respondent reported to her office where she saw a full schedule of patients. Throughout her nine hour work day she drank two half pint bottles of vodka mixed with juice.

4. On Monday September 16, 2013, a parent of a patient reported to the practice that the Respondent seemed “a bit off” during her child’s office visit on the previous Friday.

5. The Respondent, upon learning of the complaint, immediately left work and began making arrangements to enter into in-patient substance abuse treatment.

6. The Respondent resigned from her practice shortly after entering into treatment.

7. The Respondent entered into treatment on September 23, 2013. She completed her program on January 18, 2014. She participated in many individual and group therapy sessions.

8. The Respondent has been monitored by Physician Health Services (PHS) since September 23, 2013. She is still being monitored by PHS. She is in compliance with her monitoring contract.

Legal Basis for Proposed Relief

A. Pursuant to G.L. c. 112, §5, ninth par. (h) and 243 CMR 1.03(5)(a)11, the Board may discipline a physician upon proof satisfactory to a majority of the Board, that said physician has violated of a rule or regulation of the Board.

B. 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.

C. 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.

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: September 24, 2015