COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, SS.

Board of Registration in Medicine

Adjudicatory Case No. 2016-049

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In the Matter of)
CHRISTIN PRICE, 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 Christin Price, 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 – 449.

Biographical Information

 The Respondent was born on May 17, 1975. She has been licensed in Massachusetts under registration number 259147 since May 2014.

Factual Allegations

- 2. In August 2013, Patient A came under the Respondent's care at an HIV clinic associated with Brigham and Women's Hospital (BWH).
- 3. The Respondent acted as Patient A's primary care physician. The Respondent coordinated his care including referrals to a clinical psychiatrist and the Violence Prevention Program at BWH.

- 4. The Respondent and Patient A became close as the Respondent sought to serve as Patient A's advocate.
 - 5. In July 2014, the Respondent began her Chief Residency.
- 6. In July 2014, Patient A was unable to find transportation to the hospital for an urgent test. The Respondent went to Patient A's home and transported him to the hospital. Patient A revealed that he had personal feelings for the Respondent.
 - 7. In July 2014, the Respondent began an intimate relationship with Patient A.
 - 8. On November 15, 2014, Patient A assaulted the Respondent.
- 9. On December 17, 2014, the Respondent self-reported her intimate relationship with Patient A to the Board. The Respondent also self-reported the relationship to BWH.
- 10. On December 17, 2014, the Respondent entered a Voluntary Agreement Not to Practice.

Legal Basis for Proposed Relief

- A. Pursuant to 243 CMR 1.03(5)(a)18, the Board may discipline a physician upon proof satisfactory to a majority of the Board, that said physician committed misconduct in the practice of medicine.
- B. 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.

<u>Order</u>

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,

Michael E. Henry, M.D

Board Secretary

Date: December 8, 2016