

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, SS.

Board of Registration in Medicine

Adjudicatory Case No. 2022-015

In the Matter of)
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PETER YERACARIS, M.D.)
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STATEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS

The Board of Registration in Medicine (the "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 Peter Yeracaris, M.D. (the "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. 21-212.

Factual Allegations

1. The Respondent graduated from the School of Medicine at the State University of New York at Buffalo in 1981. He is certified in Family Medicine by the American Board of Medical Specialties. He has been licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts under certificate number 157285 since August 5, 1998.

2. On June 13, 2020, the Respondent was arrested by officers of the Brookline Police Department following a domestic dispute with his estranged spouse (the "Wife") in which it was alleged that he forcefully grabbed the Wife's arms and bent her fingers backwards while trying to remove her from his vehicle.

3. The Respondent was arraigned in Brookline District Court on June 15, 2020 for a misdemeanor criminal charge of Assault and Battery on a Family Member in violation of Mass. Gen. Laws c. 265 § 13M (Brookline District Court Docket No. 2009CR000199).

4. On April 8, 2021, the Respondent resolved Docket No. 2009CR000199 by admitting to sufficient facts to warrant a finding of guilty on the aforementioned misdemeanor criminal charge and receiving a Continuance Without a Finding pursuant to Mass. Gen. Laws c. 276 § 87 for three (3) months pending his compliance with the terms of his probation, which included that he continue with therapeutic treatment that he had begun prior to the June 13, 2020 incident, and to stay away from the Wife and not otherwise abuse her. Upon finding good cause, the Court ordered that the Respondent would not be required to complete the certified batterer's intervention program pursuant to Mass. Gen. Laws c. 265 § 13M (d).

5. The Respondent successfully completed his probation on July 8, 2021 and his criminal case was then dismissed.

Legal Basis for Proposed Relief

A. 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 (1) 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,



Woody Giessmann LADC-I, CADC, CIP, AIS
Acting Board Chair

Date: April 14, 2022