

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, SS.

Board of Registration in Medicine

Adjudicatory Case No. 2014-045

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In the Matter of )  
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**SUSANA C. ANICETO, 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 Susana C. Aniceto, 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. 14-133.

Biographical Information

1. The Respondent was born on September 9, 1984. She graduated from Brown University School of Medicine in 2013. She held a limited license to practice medicine from June 19, 2013 through June 2014 under certificate number 256707.

2. From June 2013 until April 9, 2014, the Respondent was enrolled in an internal medicine residency program at Tufts Medical Center.

Factual Allegations

3. Although the Respondent had a history of abusing alcohol before she began her residency program, she was sober when she started her residency.

4. In late August 2013, the Respondent began drinking approximately a six-pack of beer on a nightly basis.

5. The Respondent's drinking led to her being late for work on several occasions in August 2013.

6. When the Respondent told her Residency Program Director that she failed to show up for work because of her drinking, he referred her to a physician health specialist.

7. The Respondent attended an out-of-state rehabilitation program from December 2013 to late January 2014.

8. On February 7, 2014, the Respondent entered into a substance use contract with Physician's Health Services (PHS).

9. On March 14, 2014, the Respondent relapsed.

10. The Respondent did not work between March 18, 2014 and April 9, 2014.

11. On April 9, 2014, the Respondent resigned from her position in the Tufts Medical Center's Internal Medicine Residency Program due to personal reasons and long-standing medical issues.

#### 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 her ability to do so was impaired by alcohol.

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.

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,

*Candace Lapidus Sloane, MD*

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Candace Lapidus Sloane, M.D.  
Board Chair

Date: November 19, 2014