

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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CONSENT ORDER

Pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, § 10, Susana C. Aniceto, M.D. (Respondent) and the Board of Registration in Medicine (Board) (hereinafter referred to jointly as the "Parties") agree that the Board may issue this Consent Order to resolve the above-captioned adjudicatory proceeding. The Parties further agree that this Consent Order will have all the force and effect of a Final Decision within the meaning of 801 CMR 1.01(11)(d). The Respondent admits to the findings of fact specified below and agrees that the Board may make the conclusions of law and impose the sanction set forth below in resolution of investigative Docket No. 14-133.

Findings of Fact

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.

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.

Conclusion of Law

A. The Respondent has violated G.L. c. 112, § 5, ninth par. (d) and 243 CMR 1.03(5)(a)4 by practicing medicine while her ability to do so was impaired by alcohol.

B. The Respondent has engaged in conduct that undermines the public confidence in the integrity of the medical profession. *See Levy v. Board of Registration in Medicine*, 378 Mass. 519 (1979); *Raymond v. Board of Registration in Medicine*, 387 Mass. 708 (1982).

Sanction and Order

The Respondent's limited license is hereby revoked, retroactive to June 19, 2013. This sanction is imposed for each violation of law listed in the Conclusion section and not a combination of any or all of them.

Execution of this Consent Order

The Respondent shall provide a complete copy of this Consent Order with all exhibits and attachments within ten (10) days by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by hand delivery to the following designated entities: any in- or out-of-state hospital, nursing home, clinic, other licensed facility, or municipal, state, or federal facility at which the Respondent practices medicine; any in- or out-of-state health maintenance organization with whom the Respondent has privileges or any other kind of association; any state agency, in- or out-of-state, with which the Respondent has a provider contract; any in- or out-of-state medical employer, whether or not the Respondent practices medicine there; the state licensing boards of all states in which the Respondent has any kind of license to practice medicine; the Drug Enforcement Administration Boston Diversion Group; and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Drug Control Program. The Respondent shall also provide this notification to any such designated entities with which the Respondent becomes associated for the duration of this revocation. The Respondent is further directed to certify to the Board within ten (10) days that the Respondent has complied with this directive.

The Board expressly reserves the authority to independently notify, at any time, any of

the entities designated above, or any other affected entity, of any action it has taken.

Susana Aniceto
Susana C. Aniceto, M.D.
Licensee

8/24/14
Date

Pamela J. Meister
Pamela J. Meister
Complaint Counsel

8/27/14
Date

So ORDERED by the Board of Registration in Medicine this 19th day of November,
2014.

Candace Lapidus Sloane, MD
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Board Chair